

# Sunday Bulletin

December 10th, 2023

2nc Sunday of Advent

## Memorial Flowers for Christmas

Poinsettias are part of our liturgical environment during the Christmas season. At St. Joseph's, poinsettias also serve as an opportunity to remember loved ones whose absence we feel most especially during the holidays. If you would like to donate a poinsettia to our church in memory of a family member or friend, please drop off a flower at the parish office during regular working hours (Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm). Alternatively, you may choose to donate \$20 and we will purchase a poinsettia on your behalf for display in the church. Please provide us with the name of your loved one and we will publish this in the Christmas Bulletin, as well as display it in the church. The deadline for donating a memorial poinsettia is Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Thank you!



## Fr. Robert's Advent Message:

**Come Lord Jesus, show us the light of your face!**

Here we are already at the beginning of a new liturgical year, "Advent is upon us ..." A few more weeks and it will be Christmas, then New Year's Day. At the end of the book of Revelations, among the last words that the Bible leaves us to go through this life, is a word in Aramaic which resounds in our world: **Maranatha!** This is one of the few expressions that has come down to us in the language of Jesus. Some biblical scholars see it as an act of faith: Our Lord has come. Others, more numerous, perceive it as a call, as a prayer stretched towards the future: Come, Lord! Advent is a time of waiting. We are invited to meditate on the texts and words surrounding the birth of Jesus not out of nostalgia for a sweet past, but to draw from it the art of detecting, in the events and encounters of the presence of God today. Advent turns us to the future, this kingdom of God discreetly on the march.

Fr. Robert Laroche, OMI

## Welcome!

**New Parishioners** and Visitors Welcome! **Registration** Forms can be found through the Front Office ([frontdesk@st-josephs.ca](mailto:frontdesk@st-josephs.ca)) or at the back of the Church.

### Donations

Register with the Parish either to receive envelopes, or to sign-up for auto-debit, online through **Canada Helps**.

### MASS TIMES & RECONCILIATION

- *Week Day Mass*: Wed to Fri at 12PM
- *Weekend Masses*: Saturday 5PM  
Sunday 10:30AM (Advent and Christmas)
- *University Mass (Sept-Apr)*: Sunday 7PM
- *Reconciliation*: After weekday Mass or by appt.
- *Adoration*: 1st Friday of the month after the noon Mass

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr. Robert is celebrating all weekday 12pm masses through the winter season in the Chapel, which is located in the Rectory. The Church entry will still be open.

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### MUSIC MINISTRY

Music at the Saturday 5pm Mass and Sunday 7:00pm Masses will be led by cantors.

**NEW MEMBERS** are welcome to join the choir. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7pm. Please email our Music Director at [jamieloback@yahoo.ca](mailto:jamieloback@yahoo.ca).

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## St. Joe's Ministries and Outreach Updates

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the Parish Choir of St. Joseph's Church - Ottawa

# A Festival of Lessons and Carols

3PM Sunday, December 17, 2023

### Lessons and Carols Service

St. Joseph's Parish Choir will be hosting a service to raise money for St. Joe's Supper Table. A Festival of Lessons and Carols will take place at 3pm on Sunday December 17, 2023 at St. Joseph's Parish (174 Wilbrod St, Ottawa, Ontario). A collection will be taken to support the Supper Table.

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### Sunday Mass Time Change for Advent & Christmas Season

From Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023 through Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 2024, we will celebrate one Mass each Sunday morning at 10:30 AM!

Next Sunday, after several weeks of these shared liturgies, we will seek feedback from as many parishioners as possible on their experience. Your feedback will guide our planning when it comes to Mass times in the new year!

Saturday 5:00 PM Mass and Sunday 7:00 PM Mass remain unchanged.



### Step-Up Special Offerings: Monthly Update for November 2023

November 2023: \$675 || Year-to-Date Total: \$16,463

This fall, our church's front entrance reopened to the community following a long, nine-month construction project. This major capital project cost over \$300,000 and we were able to pay for it by using parish reserves – funds accumulated over the years. In the coming months and years, we will have to ensure that these reserves are replenished, in order to meet upcoming capital needs.

“Step-Up” Special Offerings help to ensure that we have a space in which to worship and gather as a community, and to welcome the marginalized who access our on-site social outreach programmes. Step-Up donations help to pay for essential capital repairs and upgrades to the church and rectory that are not covered by regular Sunday offerings. For this parish community to continue gathering, worshipping and serving in the heart of Ottawa in the years to come, we will have to ensure our heritage building remains in a state of good repair. Thank you to all who donated to Step-Up in November. Each month, we will share an update with you on Step-Up donations received in the previous month. If you would like to contribute to Step-Up, an easy and secure way is to donate through the Canada Helps platform – please select “Building Fund” from the menu: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/131771990RR0006-saintjoseph-parish/>. Alternatively, please use the special envelopes in the pews or in your annual box of offering envelopes. We issue official donation receipts for all Step Up -- Building Fund donations!

#### Library News — Additional Library books on ADVENT include – Romb, A.



*Walk with the Lord: sharing the silence* (BX2170.A4R65 1990), Rolheiser, R. *Light for the world: daily Advent reflection & prayer* (BX2170.A4R65 2014), Dues, G. *Catholic customs & traditions: Advent & Christmas* (BT972.J57 2008) & Pennoyer, G. *God for us, rediscovering the meaning of Christmas* (BV40.G58 2014).

New Library hours : Mon, Wed & Thurs 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; Tues & Fri 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Starting Sun, Dec 3 the Library will be open Sundays before and after the 10:30 Mass, that is to say 10:00 am - 10:30 am & 11:30 - 12:00 noon.



#### Thank you to everyone who supported us on Giving Tuesday!

We're very grateful for the monetary support that we received on Giving Tuesday through donations made using the Canada Helps platform by parishioners and non-parishioners alike. In total, we raised \$2,617 for the Church, \$570 for St. Joe's Supper Table and \$720 for St. Joe's Women's Centre. **That amounts to \$3,907 raised in a single day for the Parish as a whole!** Thank you!

#### Our Financial Stewardship

Sunday Offerings for December 3rd, 2023: \$7,665

#### Parking

Parking is free during weekend Mass & 30 mins after. Parking is also available in UofO Lot B **only** on Sundays from 8am-2pm

#### Ministry Contacts

##### History Committee:

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##### Liturgical Environment

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Refugee Outreach Committee (ROC): Dona Bowers [donabowers22@gmail.com](mailto:donabowers22@gmail.com)

##### Pastoral Visiting Contact

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613-233-4095 x251  
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##### Christian Meditation:

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Beth Smith:  
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##### 2SLGBTQ+ Accompaniment Ministry:

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##### Grocery Card Program

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##### Funeral Ministry

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##### Development and Peace — Caritas Canada

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##### Missing information?

To add or update Ministry info, please contact Front Office at [frontdesk@st-josephs.ca](mailto:frontdesk@st-josephs.ca) or extension 251.

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## St. Joe's Ministries and Community Events

### *The 5 Minute Legacy Love Letter:*

#### **A Willow Workshop**

Christmas is a magical time of year. Family, friends, food, fun. Yet for many this season serves as a poignant reminder of loss and grief. If you are struggling this time of year, know you are not alone. Please join us Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00pm in the Oblate Lounge to share in heart centered hope and healing this Christmas season.

With six meaningful prompts, the 5-Minute Legacy Love Letter™ (available for free in the Willow shop) helps you write lasting messages to important people in your life and transform those relationships in the here and now.

In this workshop, you'll be warmed up and guided to write at least one Legacy Love Letter™ to someone in your life. We also discuss how this powerful tool can be used for people supporting or assisting others.

#### **In this workshop you will:**

- Get introduced to and experience using the 5-Minute Legacy Love Letter™.
- Experience how writing a Legacy Love Letter™ creates an opportunity to reflect and connect.
- Discover how writing a lasting message can impact your relationships, here and now.

Please RSVP [tafournier143@gmail.com](mailto:tafournier143@gmail.com) or call or text any questions to 613-867-9035. Space is limited.



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### St. Joe's Supper Table

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#### *STAIT FAMILY FUND*

Thank you to the Stait Family Fund, a donor advised fund at Canada Gives, for your grant of \$5,000. This grant supports our community meal programme and permits us to continue to offer healthy and nutritious dinners Tuesday to Friday as we move towards offering dinner five days a week.

#### *GEORGINA FOUNDATION*

Thank you to the Georgina Foundation for your grant of 1,500\$. This grant supports our community foodbank programme in the purchasing of a new freezer at our Strathcona Heights foodbank location. This freezer will permit use to offer more perishable food items.



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# WEEKLY EVENTS AT ST. JOE'S

December 11th — December 17th, 2023

	Monday Dec 11th	Tuesday Dec 12th	Wednesday Dec 13th	Thursday Dec 14th	Friday Dec 15th	Saturday Dec 16th	Sunday Dec 17th
<b>This Week</b>	(1) Christian Meditation, 9:30am, Sacristy  (2) Study Hall, Oblate Lounge, 12pm  (3) RCIA, Oblate Lounge, 7pm	(1) Faith Formation Bible Study, 7pm, Sacristy Library  (2) Study Hall, Oblate Lounge, 12pm  (3) Feast and Faith, 5:30pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm, Chapel  (2) Study Hall, Oblate Lounge, 12pm  (3) Marriage Preparation, 7pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm, Chapel  (2) Marriage Preparation, 3pm, Oblate Lounge  (3) Study Hall, Oblate Lounge, 12pm  (4) AA Meeting, 7pm, Women's Centre	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm, Chapel  (2) Study Hall, Oblate Lounge, 12pm  (3) Christian Meditation, 7pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Weekend Mass, 5pm  (2) Ottawa Regional Youth Choir Presents <i>Oratorio de Noel</i> , 7pm	(1) Weekend Mass, 10:30am  (2) Festival of Lessons and Carols, 3pm  (3) University Mass, 7pm

Future

## PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FRONT DESK ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023/24 Missals are now ready for purchase for \$5. Please contact Olivia at the Front Desk if you would like to buy one.

2024 Envelopes are also ready for pickup. If you requested an envelopes box, please contact Olivia, and your box will be prepared for you. If you did not request a box but would still like one, please inform the front desk as soon as possible, and a box will be assigned to you. Thank you!

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### Paroisse Sacré-Coeur Benefit Concert for the Supper Table

Paroisse Sacré-Coeur and St.- Joseph's Parish are not only neighbours in downtown Ottawa, they are both part of the Oblate family. Sacré-Coeur is hosting a concert for the benefit of the St. Joe's Supper Table on Saturday, December 16th, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at 591 Cumberland Street, Ottawa, entitled "A Christmas of Love and Peace." The concert features Marguerite Soleil of Montreal, 87 years old, who will perform on the piano, the harp and the harmonica. Tickets are available for \$20 (or \$10 for students).

Mass intentions are available on Wed., Thur., and Fri. during Noon Mass for a \$15.00 donation. Please notify the Front Desk, [frontdesk@st-josephs.ca](mailto:frontdesk@st-josephs.ca) for arrangements. Thank you!



**To add a name to the prayers for sick or those who have died:** Email the Front Office at [frontdesk@st-josephs.ca](mailto:frontdesk@st-josephs.ca). We pray for those who are listed during the Prayers of the Faithful.

**Prayers for those who are ill:** Marie Bhaneja, Larry Martin, Hilde Ouellette, Carol Green, Frank O'Donnell, Ann Keatings, Justin Graham, Beate Bernhardt.

Wed., Dec 13th, 2023: Helen Ayoub †  
Thu., Dec 14th, 2023:  
Fri., Dec 15th, 2023:

**Prayers for those who have died:** Doreen Armbruster, Johanna Horvath, Nancy McCormick, Brigitte Bernhardt, Thelma McGibney