

Sunday Bulletin

December 17th, 2023

3rd Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday



Pastoral Integration for Newcomers

As we entered the season of Advent and are preparing for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Church invites us to reflect on the ways to welcome the Divine Child, to be prepared, and to wait with hope despite all the darkness that may be around us! Being a member of a community is a necessary factor in the growth of the individual in faith and it constitutes a crucial element in the support system of the faithful in tackling the spiritual challenges and those of everyday. The continuity of a community is guaranteed by new members -- not just to grow in numbers but to bring new talents, ideas and shape its character. In many cases, newcomers find themselves in need for support for better pastoral integration and seek in diverse parishes a place to start a new life. It is a place to contribute through what they are gifted for to the growth of their Christian life and that of the community.

Integrating into a community and investing someone's talents in it is not always easy and smooth. Many newcomers land in the closest parish or church regardless of how it responds to their aspirations or spirituality. Furthermore, sometimes a lack of information regarding the existing ministries and groups in it may confuse their integration process and may take more time before they find – or not - the way to invest their talents in the correspondent church service.

What seems obvious for regular and longstanding parish members may seem totally exotic and strange to a newcomer. Therefore, we ask ourselves could our parishes, and in the case of Saint Joseph's Church, where 'All are welcome!' put in place strategies for the sake of newcomers and their integration into Church life and define ways to enrich our pastoral experience by the talents of all its members? Would a **Newcomers Pastoral Orientation Ministry**, for instance, be a seemly response? We welcome your input, speak to any member of PPC. (See the photograph on the bulletin board at the entrance to the Church for members).

-Marwan A. Diwan, Member of St. Joseph's Parish Pastoral Council

Welcome!

New Parishioners and Visitors Welcome! **Registration** Forms can be found through the Front Office (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.

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.

PARISH CONTACTS

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Advent & Christmas

Liturgical Schedule
December 2023 – January 2024
St. Joseph's Parish
Ottawa, ON



First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 2, 2023:

Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, December 3, 2023:

Mass at **10:30am**

Mass at 7:00pm

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 9, 2023:

Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, December 10, 2023:

Mass at **10:30am**

Mass at 7:00pm

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 16, 2023:

Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, December 17, 2023:

Mass at **10:30am**

Festival of Lessons and Carols for Christmas at 3:00pm

Mass at 7:00pm

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23, 2023:

Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, December 24, 2023:

Mass at **10:30am**

Christmas Eve: Nativity of the Lord

Sunday, December 24, 2023:

Mass & Pageant at 5:00pm
Mass at 9:00pm
(Choral Prelude at 8:00pm)

Christmas Day: Nativity of the Lord

Monday, December 25, 2023:

Mass at **11:00am**

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Saturday, December 30, 2023:

Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, December 31, 2023:

Mass at **10:30am**

New Year's Eve: Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Sunday, December 31, 2023:

Mass at 5:00pm

New Year's Day: Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2024:

Mass at **11:00am**

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6, 2024:

Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, January 7, 2024:

Mass at **10:30am**

Mass at 7:00pm

St. Joe's Women's Centre

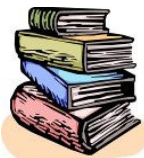
St. Joe's Women's Centre Newsletter December 2023



For a comprehensive update about this season's Women's Centre operations, click the link below!

<https://www.st-josephs.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2023-Newsletter.pdf>

Library News — Library Books on CHRISTMAS include – Lewis, S.M. *Living in joyful hope: Advent & Christmas meditations* (BX2170.A4L495 2005), Monasterio, E. *God's nativity scene* (PZ7.M613 2012), Loder, T. *Tracks in the snow: tales spun from the manger* (PS3562.0296T7 1997).



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.

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 19th, 2023. Thank you!



Our Financial Stewardship

Sunday Offerings for December 10th, 2023: \$7,351

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:

Terry Byrne
tvb1643@gmail.com

Liturgical Environment

Ministry: Wayne Moyle
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Refugee Outreach Committee (ROC): Dona Bowers donabowers22@gmail.com

Pastoral Visiting Contact

Front Desk
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English Conversation Group for newcomers : Michaelrichard2008@hotmail.com

Christian Meditation:

George Martin: (Mon)
george.c.martin377@gmail.com
Beth Smith:
613-563-7091(Fri.)

2SLGBTQ+ Accompaniment Ministry:

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Grocery Card Program (OMRA): Donna Rietschlin
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Funeral Ministry

Dianne Taylor
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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 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 or call or text any questions to 613-867-9035. Space is limited.



St. Joe's Supper Table

CHARITY ALIVE FUND

St Joe's Supper Table has received funding in the amount of \$3,000 through the Charity Alive Fund run by the Sisters of Charity – Halifax. We thank them for their gracious support of our ongoing mission to address food insecurity in the Sandy Hill neighbourhood!



WEEKLY EVENTS AT ST. JOE'S

December 18th — December 24th, 2023

	Monday Dec 18th	Tuesday Dec 19th	Wednesday Dec 20th	Thursday Dec 21st	Friday Dec 22nd	Saturday Dec 23rd	Sunday Dec 24th
This Week	(1) Christian Meditation, 9:30am, Sacristy (2) FUNERAL MASS for Margarita Vaillancourt, 11am (3) Study Hall, Oblate Lounge, 12pm (4) RCIA, Oblate Lounge, 7pm	(1) Faith Formation Bible Study, 7pm, Sacristy Library (2) Study Hall, Oblate Lounge, 12pm (3) Women's Centre Holiday Lunch, 10am, Parish Hall	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm, Chapel (2) Study Hall, Oblate Lounge, 12pm (3) Marriage Preparation, 7pm, Oblate Lounge (4) Willow Legacy Love Letter Wkshp, 7pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm, Chapel (2) Supper Table Guest Dinner, 3pm, Parish Hall (3) Marriage Preparation, 3pm, Oblate Lounge (4) AA Meeting, 7pm, Women's Centre	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm, Chapel (2) Christian Meditation, 7pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Weekend Mass, 5pm	(1) Weekend Mass, 10:30am (2) Evening Masses for the Nativity of the Lord, 5pm and 9pm

Future

PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Your Feedback Requested on Sunday Mass Times for 2024

For the past three weeks, we have been celebrating a single morning Mass at 10:30 a.m. and will continue to do so for the duration of the Christmas season, through Sunday, January 7th, 2024. Our merged Sunday morning Mass have been well-attended, with an average of 300 people present each morning. We served coffee and cookies each Sunday morning as a way to build community. This weekend, we would like your feedback on how we move forward in 2024. You will find brief printed surveys in the welcome area of the church **or an online option here:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JCWJB2J>

We're asking the following questions:

- **What Mass schedule would you prefer for Sunday mornings?**
 - A single morning Mass with regular coffee social hours
 - A return to 9:30 am and 11:30 am Masses
- **Would you be open to a single Mass at 10:00 AM instead of 10:30 AM?**
 - Yes
 - No
- **Would you leave the Parish if a Mass time is chosen other than your preference indicated above?**
 - Yes
 - No

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 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. We pray for those who are listed during the Prayers of the Faithful.

Prayers for those who are ill: Frank O'Donnell, Ann Keatings, Justin Graham, Beate Bernhardt, Mike Lowenger.

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

Wed., Dec 20th, 2023: Archie and Helen McLeod †

Thu., Dec 21st, 2023: Lauraine Gilbeau †

Fri., Dec 22nd, 2023: