

Sunday Bulletin

December 24th, 2023

4th Sunday of Advent



Fr. Robert's Christmas Message

Today the Church once more experiences the wonder of the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and the shepherds as they contemplate the newborn child in the manger: Jesus the Saviour. On this day, full of light, the prophetic message resounds: "For a child is born, to us a son is given who is the power of love and who bears the name of God, which is mercy."

This power of love and mercy led Jesus into the world uncoerced and willingly as a vulnerable child in solidarity with all people, but especially with those who are in the most precarious positions in society. This reality in which Jesus enters the world gives us hope and helps us recognize that Jesus draws near to us in our brokenness, loneliness, and suffering.

This year, I will be thinking about what it means for us that Christ enters this world in solidarity with the Israelis and Palestinians, with Ukrainians and Afghans, and all people afflicted by war. I will remember the Jewish community, which has been targeted by an exponential rise in antisemitism here in Canada, the United States, Europe and further afield, and I will also keep in my prayers the Muslim community faced with Islamophobia. I will pray for those caught up in violence, and conflicts, and do my best to be in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community that continues to be marginalized, abused and even killed in many parts of the world because of those whom they love.

My dear friends, "For us a child is born, to us a son is given: he is the prince of peace." Let us welcome him. This sobering invitation to hope encourages us not to flee from this imperfect and hurting world but to enter more deeply into it, as we strive to work for social justice and peace after the example of Jesus the Christ.

Robert Laroche, OMI
Pastor

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

PASTORAL

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HOURS & LOCATION

Church & Hall

174 Wilbrod St.

Office Entrance

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Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm

St. Joe's Ministries and Outreach Updates

Poinsettia Dedications

This year's arrangements have been lovingly donated in the memory of...

Gail Ivanco

Dan & Marion O'Shaughnessy

Anne & Herb Lee

John Brossard

Taylor & Choquette Families

Elias Papagiannopoulos

George White

The Wilson Family

The Byrne Family

Patricia Dunnigan

The Adam Family

Paul Diedrich

Kevin Gillen

Pat Ramos

Mary & Mason Johnston

The Nolan Family

The O'Meara Family

Christopher Hughes

Elizabeth Hunter

Thank you all for your contributions!



St. Joe's Ministries and Outreach Updates



Professor Sheila Smith, rscj, invites you to a winter course that examines the Churches' response to Canada's TRC Call to Action #48: to use the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a framework for reconciliation. We will encounter Indigenous and non-Indigenous theological, pastoral, and other voices to resituate our self-understandings and faith-based commitments to live reconciliation.

This course is offered in English and is open to all, including non-degree students and auditors

Where? Online on Zoom or in-person at Saint Paul U.

For more information, please email

Sheila.Smith@ustpaul.ca

The Churches and Indigenous Peoples (THO 4132/WS00)

Winter Session 2024

Thursday evenings: January 11- April 4

5:30-8:30 p.m. (Eastern time)

Library News — Books about HOPE and GRATITUDE include – Miller, J.



Change & possibility: discover hope in life's transitions (BV4435.M56 2005), Chittister, J. *Uncommon gratitude: alleluia for all there is* (BV4647.G8C45 2010) and Leddy, M. J. *Radical gratitude* (BV4647.G8L43 2002).

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.

St. Joe's Supper Table



St. Joe's Supper Table held its Christmas dinner this evening in the Parish Hall. Thank you to all volunteers and donors who made the holidays brighter for our guests in the Ottawa community! Our meal programme and food bank would not exist without your generosity! Merry Christmas!



Our Financial Stewardship

Sunday Offerings for December 17th, 2023: \$17, 010

Parish & Ministry Information

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

Ministry: Wayne Moyle
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Pastoral Visiting Contact

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English Conversation Group for newcomers : Michaelrichard2008@hotmail.com

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2SLGBTQ+ Accompaniment Ministry:

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Funeral Ministry

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Development and Peace — Caritas Canada

Joan O'Connell
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Missing information?

To add or update Ministry info, please contact Front Office at frontdesk@st-josephs.ca or extension 251.

WEEKLY EVENTS AT ST. JOE'S

December 25th — December 31st, 2023

	Monday Dec 25th	Tuesday Dec 26th	Wednesday Dec 27th	Thursday Dec 28th	Friday Dec 29th	Saturday Dec 30th	Sunday Dec 31st
This Week	(1) Mass for the Nativity of the Lord, 11am					(1) Weekend Mass, 5pm	(1) Weekend Mass, 10:30am (2) Weekend Mass, 5pm
Future							

PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FRONT DESK ANNOUNCEMENTS

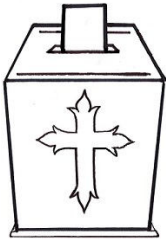
The Front Office will be **CLOSED** from Dec 25th, 2023 until Jan 2nd, 2024.

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!

Equal Sacrifice

Thank you for your financial contributions to our Parish! If you give through auto-debit or Canada Helps, we invite you to collect a donation card at the start of each Sunday Mass and place this in the collection basket as a symbol of your support for the parish's operations and social outreach programs. These cards are available near the entrance. We all come to St. Joe's with different gifts and a different ability to contribute financially to our community. Despite these differences, we offer an equal sacrifice in keeping our parish viable and vibrant.



If you are new to our parish or if you have been here before but would like to discuss donating through auto-debit contributions, we invite you to consider signing up for scheduled automated donations on either the 15th or the 30th of each month, or twice a month. To discuss this option, please contact Chris at cadam@st-josephs.ca.

Left: Logo designed by O. Harvey

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: Marie Bhaneja, Larry Martin, Hilde Ouellette, Carol Green, Frank O'Donnell, Ann Keatings, Justin Graham, Beate Bernhardt.

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