

Sunday Bulletin

January 21st, 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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
- *University Mass (Sept-Apr)*: Sunday 7PM
- *Reconciliation*: After weekday Mass or by appt.
- *Adoration*: 1st Friday of the month after the noon Mass

Word of God Sunday -- The Sunday Missal 2023 – 2024

The Holy Father wants to make it clear how important it is in the daily life of the Church and of our communities to refer to the Word of God made flesh, as well as the reading and praying of Scripture. The “Sunday Missal,” which some of our parishioners use, allows our members to reinvigorate themselves once again to listen and cherish His Word. This simple habit of praying with the Word of God offers the world a witness of hope that will enable them to move beyond the difficulties of the present moment. Indeed, the hope that flows from the Word of God prompts every community not only to proclaim the same faith as always, but above all to communicate it with conviction that brings hope to those who hear and welcome it with a simple heart. Copies of the Sunday Missal are available at Masses this weekend at the Welcome Desk for a contribution of \$5, which assists us with the costs of obtaining copies for the St. Joe’s community each year.

Fr. Robert Laroche, OMI

Lent in Stillness and Silence — Learn more about the tradition of Christian Meditation in our Parish

Christian Meditation is a longstanding tradition at St. Joe’s. In this time of heightened anxiety, meditation within the Christian context reminds us that we are not alone and offers ways and practices to centre ourselves when faced with the difficulties in the world around us. Beth Smith will offer an introduction on Saturday, **February 3rd, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. until noon** in the Oblate Lounge introducing Christian Meditation to those seeking to learn more. As we prepare to enter Lent later that month, Christian Meditation can form a life-giving part of our Lenten discipline. For more information on the upcoming session, contact Beth by email at: bborris59@gmail.com.

Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10)

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.

SUNDAY MASS AT 10:30AM

A single Sunday morning Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 am throughout Ordinary Time. Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 7 pm Masses continue as usual.

PARISH CONTACTS

St. Joe's Ministries and Outreach Updates

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MARCH 2024. Please contact

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HOURS & LOCATION

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Office Entrance

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Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm

Thank you to the Christmas Cheer Ottawa!



St. Joe's Supper Table acknowledges with gratitude the \$2,900 contribution received from the Christmas Cheer Breakfast fundraising event to assist with our community meal service. The 2023 Christmas Cheer Breakfast raised over \$100,000 for 28 charities in Ottawa, one of which was the Supper Table. Christmas Cheer has supported St. Joe's for several years and we are grateful for their generosity!

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Step-Up Special Offerings: Monthly Update for December 2023

November 2023: **\$880** || Year-to-Date Total: **\$17,343**

This past 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 December. 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!

Refreshments at Mass and a Call from the Social Committee

On the 3rd Sunday of each month our Social Committee will offer refreshments as we enjoy socializing. We need helpers to provide this opportunity to connect and build community. If you can help please contact Kathleen Allan (kathleenallan@magma.ca), Colleen Kerr (bckerr@sympatico.ca) or sign up at the back of the church after Mass this weekend.



St. Joe's Ministries and Outreach Updates

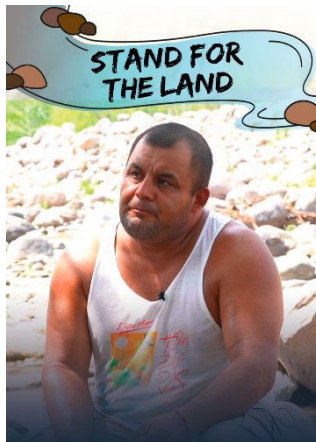
Development and Peace-Caritas Canada – take action next week-end to support the communities of Guapinol and San Pedro in Honduras!

Development and Peace-Caritas Canada is responding to the call from our partner, ER-IC–Radio Progreso, in Honduras to raise awareness of the tragic plight of the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. Since 2015, the communities of Guapinol and San Pedro have been fighting to preserve their rivers and the Carlos Escaleras National Park from mining. Many land defenders have been unjustly arrested and eight were detained for over two years. Since being released, three have been killed. We stand with them as they defend their right to water for survival and struggle to obtain:

- Justice
- Reparations and protection
- The cancellation of irregularly granted mining permits
- The restoration of their national park

“It is urgent to cancel all mining in this area of our park. All the damage caused to our rivers and mountains must be repaired.”

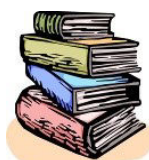
— Daniel Márquez, Guapino defender and former political prisoner



ROC Supports Amnesty International's Write for Rights Campaign

International Human Rights Day is approaching. To mark this day, thousands of people take part in Amnesty International's global Write for Rights campaign. Amnesty International provides information on persons or groups whose rights are being denied and gives direction for actions that can be taken through letter writing and petitions. These efforts have been instrumental in providing protection and support to the vulnerable and in attaining freedom for many who are unjustly imprisoned. Sending cards offers comfort and solidarity by letting recipients know that they have not been forgotten. All the information can be found at <https://amnesty.ca/write-for-rights/>. Write on your own anytime between now and the end of January, or find a group to write with on their website. Amnesty's Canadian head office is just down the street at 312 Laurier Ave.

Any questions? Contact Deborah Dorner at 613-612-3626.



Library News — Library books on HEALING include DeGidio, S. *In God's embrace, prayers for health and healing* (BV4211.3.L68 2014), Maalouf, J. *Healing power of purpose* (BV4509.5.M335 2003), Rovers, M. *Healing the wounds in couple relationships* (HQ801.R873 2005) & Maddix, T. *Journey to wholeness: healing body, mind and soul* (BT732.5.M348 2003).

Our Financial Stewardship

Offerings for January 14, 2024: \$4,162

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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Missing information?

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

**Parish & Ministry
Information**

St. Joe's Ministries and Outreach Updates

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00am—1:00pm

Tuesday, Friday
9:00am—4:00pm

Saturday
CLOSED

Sunday
10:00am—10:30am,
11:30am—12:00pm

Library Committee
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Sanctuary Public Access
Tu-Thu: 9am-1pm

Office Entrance
151 Laurier Ave. E.

Office Hours
Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm

Faith Formation + Young Adult Ministry and Community Events

Sacramental Preparation: First Reconciliation & First Communion


For any children roughly Grade 2 (7 years-old) who are ready to prepare for reception of the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, please contact Paul, Coordinator of Faith Formation at pdansereau@st-josephs.ca.

Bible Study

The Great Story of Israel Bible Study will resume **Tuesday, January 16th at 7pm** in the parish library. Please feel free to join us as we work our way through the Old Testament, reading it in light of the New Testament and how it pertains to Christ.

St. Joseph's Parish Young Adult Ministry Presents:

Finding the Centre



**Biblical Wisdom for Discovering
God's Plan for Your Life**
Young Adult Retreat Feb. 19th-21st

Location: Shalom House, Alexandria, ON
Cost: \$110 for registered parishioners.
Contact: Paul at pdansereau@st-josephs.ca for more information.

Finding the Centre:

*Biblical Wisdom for
Discovering God's Plan for
Your Life*

A Youth Retreat presented by
St. Joseph's Young Adult
Ministry

Dates: Feb 19th-21st
Location: Shalom House
170 McCormick
Road
Alexandria, ON

Cost: \$110 for all
registered
Parishioners

Please contact Paul by email,
at pdansereau@st-josephs.ca
for more information!

1946: A Mistranslation that Shifted Culture

February 8, 2024 at 7pm: Come and watch the award-winning film, *1946: A Mistranslation that Shifted Culture*. Learn more about Bible translation and the effects of a mistranslation that was later recognized as a mistake. This is a learning opportunity related to how we interpret the Bible today.

Kanata Community CRC, 46 Castlefrank Road. Advance tickets on-line. If cost is a barrier for anyone, assistance is available. Visit https://bit.ly/1946_The_Movie for more details.

WEEKLY EVENTS AT ST. JOE'S

January 8th — January 14th, 2024

	Monday Jan 22nd	Tuesday Jan 23rd	Wednesday Jan 24th	Thursday Jan 25th	Friday Jan 26th	Saturday Jan 27th	Sunday Jan 28th
This Week	(1) Christian Meditation, 9:30am, Sacristy (2) RCIA, Oblate Lounge, 7pm	(1) Campus Chaplaincy, 6pm, Oblate Lounge (3) Faith Formation Bible Study, 7pm, Sacristy Library	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm, Chapel (2) PPC Meeting, 5:30pm, Chapel	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm, Chapel	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm, Chapel (2) Christian Meditation, 7pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Weekend Mass, 5pm	(1) Weekend Mass, 10:30am (2) First Reconciliation Prep, 11:30am, Oblate Lounge (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!

2023 Charitable Giving Receipts for Income Tax Purposes

Thank you to all parishioners and friends who donated financially to St. Joseph's Parish and its ministries in 2023! If you contributed through weekly offering envelopes or by auto-debit, you will receive an official receipt for income tax purposes by February 4th, 2024 in the mail. If you donated through Canada Helps, the online platform should issue you receipts automatically in digital format.

Our church is now open for extended hours

Beginning on January 16th, 2024, St. Joseph's Church will be open to the public for personal prayer, reflection and meditation every **Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm**. Staff, notably Paul Dansereau and Kathleen Strader, will be available during these hours and will monitor the church to ensure a safe environment for all. Our neo-gothic heritage church is a place of tranquility in a busy world and churches have traditionally been recognized as places of peace and sanctuary for people seeking God and grace in our torn world.

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!

Wed., Jan. 24, 2024: Steven Geurts †

Thu., Jan. 25, 2024: Downy-Evans Family †

Fri., Jan. 26, 2024:



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: Maria Forde, Frank O'Donnell, Ann Keatings, Justin Graham, Beate Bernhardt, Dennis LaRonde.

Prayers for those who have died: Brigitte Bernhardt, Thelma McGibney, Glen Whitehead, Mike Kelly