

Sunday Bulletin

January 7th, 2024

The Epiphany of the Lord

Happy New Year! – Looking Ahead & Mass Times in Our Parish



Thank you for having been a part of our Parish community in 2023 and for contributing in so many ways. It was a momentous year, with many changes and a renewed sense of dynamism at St. Joe's.

Our joint Sunday Masses during Advent and Christmas enhanced our sense of community and based on the positive results of the parish survey, completed by over 100 households, **we have decided to continue with a single Sunday morning liturgy at 10:30 AM through Ordinary**

Time (until Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2024). See page 3 for the parish survey results. We will once again reassess that time and welcome feedback before we enter Lent. Thank you to the Music Ministry and to the Liturgical Environment Ministry, and to Jamie Loback who plays a crucial role in both, for greatly elevating our Advent and Christmas celebrations. We also saw real growth in our Parish Pastoral Council, with new members joining the team and PPC taking on an active role in St. Joe's community life.

Our staff team saw some major changes. In May, Jennifer Clark became the Director of the St. Joe's Women's Centre. Kathleen Strader took over as Manager of the St. Joe's Supper Table, transitioning from a temporary structure in which she had previously served as co-coordinator to a more developed model for our community meal programme and food bank. We hired Tim Klaassen on a part-time basis to work alongside Kathleen as Assistant Manager. Tim has shown great skill preparing healthy meals, helping to oversee the kitchen and facilitating a growing team of dedicated volunteers. In 2023, we also finally completed the reconstruction of the church's front steps and a new accessibility ramp – a \$320,000 project that we were able to pay for through the Parish reserve, your Step-Up Building Fund donations and with a \$20,000 grant from the City of Ottawa.

We ended 2023 on a healthy footing and so we begin the new year in a positive place. There are, however, some changes on the staffing front that I would like to share. Jamie Loback, our Director of Music and Liturgy, will be on parental leave until March 2, 2024. Thank you especially to Nancy Keyes for stepping in and assisting with music at Mass while Jamie is away. Nick Cacciato, the Parish Maintenance Manager for nearly twenty years, has requested to reduce his work schedule from a five-day work week to four days per week. As such, Nick will be on-site from Monday through Thursday. We are hiring additional casual labour to help in janitorial work during the winter months. In 2024, we seek to expand the Supper Table's indoor dining service to five days per week, from the current four. To proceed with this, we'll need extra staffing hours and additional fundraising initiatives to cover the increased staffing and food costs. Both the Supper Table and the Women's Centre have seen an increase in demand for poverty-relief services.

In the coming weeks, the church will once again open for personal prayer and reflection during weekdays. Throughout the pandemic, the church was closed to the public outside of Mass times. In order to ensure a safe experience for all, the liturgical space will be staffed during these new hours. Stay tuned for an announcement on the new opening times. The side chapel on the east side, also known as the Healing Space, will be an area dedicated at all times to prayer, reflection and meditation. We have purchased a new, mobile divider expected to arrive this month to be used in this sacred space.

In 2024, staff will renew their First Aid and CPR training, and we will also provide an opportunity for crisis intervention training to our employees. This will allow staff to continue developing their skills as they seek to serve the parish and the broader Ottawa community.

Wishing you many blessings for a healthy and grace-filled New Year,
Christopher Adam
Executive Director

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr. Robert is celebrating all weekday 12pm masses through the winter season in the Chapel, which is located in the Rectorry. 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

PASTORAL

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HOURS & LOCATION

Church & Hall

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Office Entrance

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Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm

Thank you to Bloomberg Philanthropies

St. Joseph's Parish gratefully acknowledges a **\$10,000** donation from Bloomberg Philanthropies of New York City to the operations of our church. Thank you for this generous support!

Thank you to Congregation of Notre Dame Visitation Province

The St. Joe's Supper Table gratefully acknowledges a generous donation of **\$5,000** from the Congregation of Notre Dame Visitation Province in Nova Scotia to our community meal and food bank programmes in the heart of Ottawa. Thank you for this support!

Thank you to Bytown Catering

The St. Joe's Supper Table gratefully acknowledges a generation donation of **\$3,000** from Bytown Catering, representing proceeds from the 2023 Charity Golf Tournament Fundraiser received in December 2023. Thank you for this support!

Toward a New Humanism through the Eucharist



Our contemporary social and ecological challenges clearly call for significant changes in the way we live. But they also call for substantive changes in who we are. This means that although lifestyle changes and new ethical guidelines may be necessary, neither will be sufficient to address the challenges facing us. For that, we need a more radical and profound change of our humanity.

Pope Francis alludes to such change when he writes in his 2015 encyclical, "*Laudato Si'*", on Care for Our Common Home, that we need a change of humanity and that "there can be no renewal of our relationship with nature without a renewal of humanity itself." He also calls for a new humanism to accompany this renewal and change.

His calls echo the words of Pope Benedict XVI, who astutely observed, "The external deserts in the world are growing because the internal deserts have become so vast." But what does this mean? How can this change of humanity be brought about? And what should this new humanism look like? How does it differ from humanisms of old and the postmodern humanisms that currently threaten both our well-being and that of the world? A response to these questions can be found — perhaps unexpectedly — in our celebration of the Eucharist.

To read Heidi Bostic and Stephen Pluháček's insightful article in full in the National Catholic Reporter, visit: <https://www.ncronline.org/earthbeat/viewpoints/toward-new-heaven-earth-and-humanity-through-eucharist>

St. Joe's Ministries and Outreach Updates

Thank you to Debra Robinson & GiftFunds Canada

St. Joseph's Parish gratefully acknowledges a donation of \$1,000 from Debra Robinson, through GiftFunds Canada, in support of our Parish's social justice initiatives. Thank you for this support!



Library News — Library titles about MARY, BLESSED VIRGIN, SAINT include - Fastiggi, R. *Virgin, mother, queen; encountering Mary in time and traditions* (BT660.M4F4 2019), Granger, C. *Mother and child: images and words* (BT660.M4G7 2006), Hesemann, M. *Mary of Nazareth: history, archaeology, legends* (BT603.H47 2016) & Living with Christ. *Prayers to Mary, words of beauty and wisdom* (BT660.M4L3 2019).

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.

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.

Sunday Morning Mass Time Survey Results

On Gaudete Sunday, the Parish conducted a survey on Sunday morning Mass times. A total of 103 households responded between Gaudete Sunday and Christmas Eve. The follow is a summary of responses received:

What Mass schedule would you prefer Sunday morning?

75% -- A single morning Mass with regular coffee social hours

25% -- 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?

63% -- Yes

27% -- No

9% -- No response

If a Mass time is chosen other than your preference indicated above, would you attend Mass at a different Parish?

8% -- Yes

73% -- No

20% -- No response

Our Financial Stewardship

Christmas and Sunday Offerings for December 25 — 31, 2023: \$19,461

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

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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

January 8th — January 14th, 2024

	Monday Jan 8th	Tuesday Jan 9th	Wednesday Jan 10th	Thursday Jan 11th	Friday Jan 12th	Saturday Jan 13th	Sunday Jan 14th
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	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm	(1) Funeral Mass for Melanie McCoy, 12:00 pm (2) Christian Meditation, 7pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Weekend Mass, 5pm	(1) Weekend Mass, 10:30am (2) University Mass, 7pm (3) Young Adults Ministry, 8pm, Oblate Lounge

Future

PARISH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

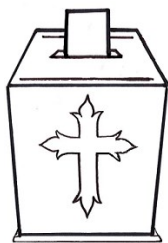
FRONT DESK ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

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.

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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. 10, 2024: Ron Schaivo †

Thu., Jan. 11, 2024: Teresita Cruz †

Fri., Jan. 12, 2024: Margarita Vaillancourt †



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, Marie Bhaneja, Larry Martin, 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 McGibney.