

# Sunday Bulletin

June 16th, 2024

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

### Highlights of the 2024 Annual General Meeting

More than 50 parishioners attended the Parish's Annual General meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024. In addition to reports from Pastoral Council, Finance Council, the Pastor, the Executive Director, the St. Joe's Women's Centre and the St. Joe's Supper Table, we learned about the work of three other ministries: the Refugee Outreach Committee, Development & Peace, and the Hospitality Committee. The Parish's passion for social justice causes was evident at the meeting, with our community involved in so many poverty relief initiatives at home and in advocacy projects abroad. In 2023, the St. Joe's Supper Table served 18,132 meals. As well, we have seen a 53% increase in the number of individuals accessing the Supper Table's Food Bank in the last year. A total of 1,111 individuals are now registered with the St. Joe's Food Bank. The St. Joe's Women's Centre served 10,411 lunches, 1,953 breakfasts and had 2,329 visits to its Food Cupboard in 2023. A total of 43 children were supported through the Centre's School Supplies Programme.

The AGM also offered an opportunity to explore the financial underpinnings of the Parish. We ended the 2023 fiscal year with a surplus of \$192,214 and we're in a healthy position. It's particularly positive that the church itself, not counting funds reserved for the programmes and operations of the St. Joe's Women's Centre, the Supper Table and the Refugee Outreach Committee, had a surplus of \$61,028 in 2023 -- despite significant capital expenses. In 2023, we spent nearly \$220,000 on essentials renovations and capital projects to our church and rectory, and we know that major capital expenses are on the horizon. We expect that these repairs will total over \$1 million. In 2023, Sunday offerings comprised 17% of our total revenues, with 83% of Parish income derived from grants, the parking lot, facility rentals, fundraising and from private contributions outside our Parish community. Approximately 45% of registered parishioners (or 241 households) support the Parish through the Sunday collection plate (envelopes, auto-debit donations or Canada Helps) on a regular, on-going basis.

One way to help us maintain our heritage church and keep its ministries vibrant is to support the Step Up Building campaign. Launched in December 2022, to date this campaign has raised \$23,608 in donations. You can contribute to this multi-year campaign securely and easily using Canada Helps. Please select "Building Campaign" from the drop-down menu: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/131771990RR0006-saint-joseph-parish/>.

Thank you to the St. Joe's Women's Centre, the St. Joe's Supper Table, members of Parish Pastoral Council and the Hospitality Committee for the refreshments served at the AGM!

For a detailed look at our Parish, its operations, programmes, finances, and challenges be sure to check out our 55-page 2024 Annual Report here: <https://www.st-josephs.ca/wp/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/2024-AGM-Report.pdf>

--Christopher Adam

### 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** <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/131771990RR0006-saint-joseph-parish/>

### MASS TIMES & RECONCILIATION

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

### HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Please join us this **Sunday, June 16th, after Mass** to celebrate Father's Day with some snacks and light refreshments! All are welcome.

### FRONT DESK

Friday Jun 21 will be Olivia's last day as front desk administrator. We request your patience as responsibilities are being turned over! Thank you.

## PARISH CONTACTS

### PASTORAL

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#### Church & Hall

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#### Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pictured are Mohammad, Heba and their 2 daughters, Tala 5 and Aseel 1. Mohammad fled Syria in 2014, seeking refuge in Jordan's desert at Za'atari Refugee Camp. There he met and married Heba. Tala & Aseel have known no other home.



The St. Joseph Parish Refugee Outreach Committee is considering sponsoring Mohammad and Heba's family if parish help is available.

Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada requires that we have a minimum of \$30,000 to cover startup costs and monthly income to support the family on their arrival during their sponsorship year.

We are very grateful that thanks to the generosity of previous donors to our Refugee Outreach Committee, we will be able to match to a limit of \$10,000, funds raised for this sponsorship. To take advantage of this matching, funds may be donated by the end of this December 2024 or pledged by December 2024 to be collected in 2025. Tax receipts can be issued.

We are also seeking people who might be interested in joining our experienced settlement team along with Mohammad's family members already in Ottawa, whom we have sponsored in the past. This group will work directly with Mohammad and Heba to help them settle in their new homeland.

As we listen to the daily news, we realize that we have the possibility to transform overwhelming feelings of helplessness into empowerment and hope. With your help, our committee will be able to continue to provide the refuge and opportunities sought by millions of families, one family at a time.

For more information, please contact John Weir: [jhnwr99@yahoo.ca](mailto:jhnwr99@yahoo.ca)



**Library** titles about FAITH include : Buell, J. Thinking about God: a very private matter? (BT103.B83 2007), Turcotte, G. Small things: reflections on faith and hope (BF4637.T87 2016) & Richards, D.A. God is: my search for faith in a secular world (BT103.R53 2009).

### *Our Financial Stewardship*

**Collection Total for Sunday, June 9th : \$4, 835**

## PARISH AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### St. Joe's Supper Table—Food Bank Donations Needed



Due to rapid increase in demand, we are in urgent need of the following items to help serve our community. Please consider contributing the following. You may drop them off in the donate bins at the back of the church, or the front office during business hours.

**Diapers size 3, 4, 5, and especially 6. Coffee, sugar, coffee whitener, canned meat, and bread for the supper table are a necessity.**

#### AN ALTERNATIVE WAY TO SUPPORT ST. JOE'S SUPPER TABLE

When homeowners sign up to get a free home water test, our Donor WYFY Research Development, in cooperation with Georgian Water & Air East will provide a corresponding donation towards St. Joe's Supper Table.

There is no expense, obligation or pressure to purchase anything. All they need is your time to witness the test in your home.

To schedule a test please email [watertest.withuforu@gmail.com](mailto:watertest.withuforu@gmail.com) or sign up on the sheet available by the entrance. Thank you.



#### Fostering Understanding and Peace hosted by Centre Oblat – a Voice for Justice

As you arrive for Mass, have you ever wondered what those tents are doing at Tabaret Hall, right across the street from St. Joe's? It is an encampment calling for an end to the war in Gaza between Hamas and the Israeli Defense Forces – but what do these students want to achieve? How will the encampment help resolve the difficult tensions over this controversial conflict? To help us learn together, a “talking circle” has been organized for St. Joe's parishioners. It will take place for 60 minutes in the church basement after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday June 29th. A thoughtful student leader living in the encampment has agreed to join us and outline their experiences and their demands to the University of Ottawa. This will not be a debate – but it is a chance for parishioners to deeply listen and share our mutual concerns – as well as possibly discover some ways forward in community.



St. Joe's Women's Centre is looking for support towards our Emergency Grocery Program

Serving 70-100 individuals & families per week

#### Some of our most needed items:

- Diapers (size 3-6)
- Kraft Dinner
- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Pasta Sauce
- Cookies
- Crackers
- Peanut Butter & Jam

Keep an eye out for our Donation Box at the back of the Parish.

Thank you for your generosity & support!!!



## PARISH & MINISTRY INFORMATION

### Ministry Contacts

#### History Committee:

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#### Pastoral Visiting Contact

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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.

# WEEKLY EVENTS AT ST. JOE'S

June 17th — June 23rd, 2024

	Monday Jun 17th	Tuesday Jun 18th	Wednesday Jun 19th	Thursday Jun 20th	Friday Jun 21st	Saturday Jun 22nd	Sunday Jun 23rd
<b>This Week</b>		(1) Couple's Night. 7pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm  (3) AA, 7pm, Women's Centre	(1) Weekday Mass, 12pm  (2) Christian Meditation, 7pm, Oblate Lounge	(1) Weekend Mass, 5pm  (2) Supper Table Volunteer BBQ, Jun 22, Roof Deck	(1) Sunday Mass, 10:30am
<b>Future</b>				(1) 2SLGBTQ+ Pathways, Jun 27 at 7pm, Chapel		(1) Fostering Understanding and Peace Discussion, Jun 29 at 6pm, Parish Hall	

## COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Fr. Laurence Freeman to lead three talks in Montreal!

We are very fortunate to welcome world renowned monk, author and teacher Fr. Laurence Freeman in person in Montreal on his way to Toronto and Vancouver for the WCCM-Canada National Conference July 5-7. Don't miss this unique opportunity to see and hear him in person!

#### June 29 1:00PM The Ever-Present Origin

Under the stresses of modern living, we easily become uprooted and scattered, living fragmentary and distracted lives and yet, even when living in this way, we are not far from the kingdom, the "ever-present origin" which is the presence of God in all places and at all times. Meditation re-roots us in this experience of real presence.

*This talk is targeting CCMC members but is open to the general public. Fr. Laurence will also lead the same talk in French for the Méditation Chrétienne du Québec et des régions francophones du Canada (MCQRF) community at 9:30AM on June 29. A bring-your-own-lunch event with both communities will take place from 11:30AM to 12:30PM. Visit the [MCQRF site for details](#) and to register for the French event.*

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!



Wed., Jun 19, 2024: André Bedard †

Thu., Jun 20, 2024: Michelle Kasick

Fri., Jun 21, 2024: Bruce Gannon †

**To add a name to the prayers for sick or those who have died:** Email the Front Office to add a name. We pray for those who are listed during the Prayers of the Faithful.

**Prayers for those who are ill:** Běātē Bernhardt, Maureen Cook, Justin Graham, Hannah Taylor, Beulah Aitken, Christina De Simone, Maria Forde, Dennis LaRonde, Dan Riley, Marie Bhaneja.

**Prayers for those who have died:** Ellwood Mitchell, Denise Rackus.