

St. Joseph's Parish: an inclusive community

A parish of the Oblates of
Mary Immaculate
Sunday Bulletin

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New Parishioners and visitors welcome! Registration forms can be found at the Welcome Desk.

Register with the Parish to receive envelopes, sign up for autodebit giving, or to volunteer.

December 8th, 2024

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Mass Times and Reconciliation

- Weekday Masses Mon-Fri at noon
 - Reconciliation after weekday Mass or by appointment
- Weekend Masses
 - Saturday, 5pm
 - Sunday, 10:30am
 - University Mass: Sunday, 7pm
- Adoration: 1st Friday of the month after noon mass

Front Office Hours

- Sunday: 12-4pm
- Mon, Wed, Fri: 9am-1pm
- Thursday: 2:30-6:30



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception at St. Joe's

December 8, 2024 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. At the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass, we will sing Salve Regina and Fr. Robert will ask a family in our parish to bring a bouquet of flowers to the statue of Mary in the west transept of our church.

In his letter to the worldwide Oblate community, the Superior General of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Fr. Luis Ignacio Rois Alonso, O.M.I. wrote:

"Rejoice, full of grace! These words, spoken by God's messenger to Mary, in Lucan Greek are full of poetic and theological meaning. They stirred Mary's heart as she pondered their meaning. Through her dialogue with the messenger, Mary came to embrace the extraordinary mission entrusted to her, sustained solely by the living presence of the Holy Spirit.

Her "yes," spoken in the humble village of Nazareth, shines as a light piercing through the darkness of her world and ours. This "yes" sparked a complete offering of self that led her to dedicate her entire being to the person and work of the Saviour."

Rejoice, full of grace! These words resonate deeply in our hearts today. They might seem paradoxical as we witness the brokenness in our world, surrounded by the pain of war, the wounds inflicted on our Common Home, and the crushing weight of injustice that falls heavily on the poor. In these dark times, we search for a glimmer of light, a ray of hope to guide us forward...Like Mary, let us move forward with joy to fulfill God's will with humility. May we walk purposefully, attentive to the Spirit's promptings, to become collaborators with Jesus and Good News for all, especially the poor."

[New Parish Instagram!](#)



The Parish is just starting an Instagram account! Join us there for another way to keep up with what's happening at St. Joe's.
<https://www.instagram.com/st.josephs.parish/>

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Parish Announcements

Anointing of the Sick - December 7 & 8 Masses



When the Church cares for the sick, it serves Christ himself in the suffering members of his Mystical Body. When it follows the example of the Lord Jesus, who “went about doing good and healing all” the church obeys his command to care for the sick and those struggling with additions.

The Church shows this solicitude not only by visiting those who are in poor health of body, mind and spirit, but also by raising them up through the sacrament of anointing and by nourishing them with the eucharist.

To make the meaning of the sacrament of anointing clearer and more evident, Vatican Council II decreed: *The number of the anointings is to be adapted to the circumstances; The prayers that belong to the rite of anointing are to be revised that they correspond to the varying conditions of the sick who receive the sacrament.*

This sacrament gives the grace of the Holy Spirit to those who are sick. By this grace, the whole person is helped and saved, sustained by trust in God, and strengthened against the temptation of the evil One. Thus, the sick person is able not only to bear suffering bravely, but also to fight against it. The sacrament also provides the sick person with the forgiveness of sins and the completion of Christian penance.

Missals and Donation Envelopes

Remaining assigned donation envelopes are now at the back of the church. If you would like a Sunday Missal, there are plenty left - please visit the Front Office to purchase yours for only \$5.



St. Joe's Women's Centre's HOLIDAY FAMILY SUPPORT PROGRAM

This year, more families than ever are coming to the women's centre looking for some extra support during the holiday season. With your help, we hope to create a truly special experience for each and every one of them.

This inclusive program seeks to provide a dignified and empowering experience, while creating meaningful memories for families to share.

We are asking for the community's help via donations of new toys and/or gifts for children aged 0-18 years, gift cards, or monetary contributions.

As this program will be delivered on December 12th and 13th, we are asking that all donations be delivered to the women's centre no later than **Tuesday December 10th.**



If you are interested in supporting this program, please reach out to Alia at SJWC.support@st-josephs.ca for more information and to coordinate drop-offs.



Thank you for your ongoing support and dedication to our shared community!

Parish Announcements



Christmas Memorial Flower Donations

The Parish is inviting parishioners to donate poinsettias to remember a deceased family member or friend, and to help decorate our church for Christmas. Your loved one's name will be included with the poinsettia, as well as in a commemorative list to be published in the Christmas issue of our Parish Bulletin. You may donate a poinsettia or simply make a \$20 contribution and we will purchase the plant for you.

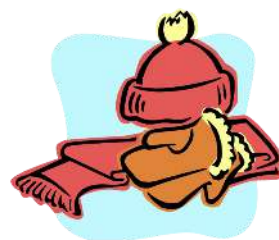
You can purchase a plant through us in three ways:

- Add your name and the memorial name to a blank envelope with \$20/plant and drop in the collection basket at Mass
- Visit the Front Office during office hours
- Visit <https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/poinsettias--2024> to purchase with a credit card and leave your dedication

Sales and plant donations end December 19th. Thank you for your support!

St. Joe's Supper Table Community Christmas Dinner: Winter Donations Needed

Each year, St Joe's Supper Table hosts a Community Christmas Dinner for our clients and the residents of Sandy Hill. This year, we want to make it extra special by providing cold weather gear such as hats, mittens, and scarves to each of our clients. You can add donated items to the Supper Table bins at the back of the church, or to the Front Office during office hours. If you have questions, please contact Kathleen at suppertable@st-josephs.ca. **Please note that we will only be accepting new items.**



Hospitality Sunday

Next Sunday, December 15, is Hospitality Sunday. Join us for treats and coffee after the Sunday morning Mass. Offerings of cookies or other sweets are welcomed. Hospitality Sunday is a great time to meet fellow Parishioners and learn about our Parish!

Pilgrimage by Parishioner, Colette Zaharie, in her own words

Happy to return home to my church family at St. Joseph's after walking 2315 km in 110 days on the Via Francigena pilgrimage path from Canterbury Cathedral in England to St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

I was blessed in so many ways everyday. I began my journey by a holy blessing by the Dean of Canterbury Cathedral, the Reverend Dr. David Monthieth, on the actual blood-stained stones where Sir Thomas Becket was murdered and then by Archbishop Justin Welby on the morning I took my first steps to Rome. I was blessed again when arriving at Vatican City and attending Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on World Day of the Poor presided over by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. I had the joy of having him stop beside me at the end of the Mass. The spirituality of celebrating mass with 15,000 other believers was unmatched.



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Discerning our Vote in Politically Charged Times

You are invited to an online event "Discerning our Vote in Politically Charged Times" on Tuesday, December 10, from 5pm to 7pm ET, a collaboration between the Centre Oblat — A Voice for Justice, ORCIE and the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice, The Mary Ward Centre, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto, Regis College, CSJ Ministry for Social Justice, Peace and Creation Care. To begin our conversation Ted Penton, SJ, former Secretary of Justice and Ecology for the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States, will provide insight into the critical relationship between contemplation and political action. Participants will then enter into small listening circles for a facilitated conversation. For more information and to register: <https://omilacombe.ca/december-10-2024-discerning-our-vote-in-politically-charged-times/>

Oblates Sign Agreement to Improve Access to Historical Files on Residential Schools

On December 3rd, the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) and the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate OMI Lacombe Canada province, the congregation that established St. Joseph's Church and our social justice ministries, announced a supplemental agreement aimed at improving access to personnel files and other important records related to residential schools in Canada. This agreement will further ensure that the personnel files of Oblate members who have been deceased for at least two years are available for research. Previously, personnel records were sealed until 50 years after a member's passing.

This agreement represents an important step forward in providing Survivors, their families, and communities with greater access to critical historical documents. It reflects both organizations' shared dedication to addressing the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

For more information, visit the OMI Lacombe Canada's website here: <https://omilacombe.ca/joint-statement-nctr-and-missionary-oblates-of-mary-immaculate-sign-supplemental-agreement-for-strengthened-collaboration-on-residential-school-records/>

Update on Campaign to Improve the Church Sound System

Last weekend, we turned to our Parish community with plans to upgrade the church's aging sound system in two phases: initial improvements in time for Christmas and a second phase of upgrades in 2025.

What does the work look like? The two phases of work are the following:

- Phase 1 of the upgrade includes new wiring and re-angling some of the speakers.
- Phase 2 of the upgrade includes the purchase and programming of a new sound processor and amplifier. These elements of our sound system are over 30 years old and are at the end of their life.
 - We are also exploring the possibility of purchasing a set of assisted listening devices, to be available at the Welcome Desk for parishioners who may need them at Mass. [\(continued on next page\)](#)



Community Announcements

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The total estimated cost of these upgrades is \$17,000. As this is a capital expense and not covered by regular income from Sunday collections, we created special offering envelopes labelled "Step Up — Sound System" and introduced these at the November 30th and December 1st Masses. Thank you to those who contributed on the very first weekend of this appeal. We raised an initial \$450. The special offering envelopes will be available throughout Advent and Christmas, and we will track our total progress each week in the Parish Bulletin (see the back page). To make an offering to this campaign electronically, please use Canada Helps and select "Building Campaign" from the drop-down menu: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/131771990rr0006-saint-joseph-parish/> Thank you for helping to make our liturgies more accessible to all!

--Christopher Adam, Executive Director

St. Joseph's Church receives \$10,000 grant from the Government of Ontario



St. Joseph's Church has been awarded \$10,000 in funding from the Government of Ontario, through the Ontario Anti-hate Security and Prevention Grant. This generous funding will allow the church to pay for security-related improvements in our parish, such as an upgrade to our camera system. St. Joseph's Parish acknowledges this support with gratitude.

--Christopher Adam, Executive Director

Thank you to all who supported us on Giving Tuesday!

Giving Tuesday saw an influx of donations to St. Joseph's Church, St. Joe's Supper Table and St. Joe's Women's Centre on the Canada Helps platform. We received 24 donations on December 3rd through Canada Helps, totalling \$3,330. Thank you for this generous support!



Canadian Christian Meditation

Canadian Christian Meditation has released their fall newsletter. Click here to read it: https://www.wccm-canada.ca/files/ugd/1e8072_7952e9159f654c30a0c1e5b2e4cb42d9.pdf

UPCOMING CONCERTS AT ST. JOE'S

CEREMONY OF CAROLS

EWASHKO SINGERS
Laurence Ewashko
Artistic Director - directeur artistique
Lucille Hildesheim - harp/harpe

Ottawa Children's Choir
Chœur d'enfants d'Ottawa
Robert Filion
Artistic Director - directeur artistique

December 7 décembre

7:30 pm	19 h 30
St. Joseph's Parish	Paroisse St-Joseph
Wilbrod & Cumberland	Wilbrod & Cumberland
Ottawa	Ottawa

St. Joe's
SUPPER TABLE

Presented by
the Parish Choir of St. Joseph's Church - Ottawa

**A Festival
of Lessons and Carols**

3PM Sunday, December 22, 2024



ORYC Holiday Concert featuring Vivaldi's Gloria

Saturday, December 14 at 7:30pm

Week of
December 9th to 15th

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JOE'S?



	Monday 9th	Tuesday 10th	Wednesday 11th	Thursday 12th	Friday 13th	Saturday 14th	Sunday 15th
Office Hours	9am-1pm	CLOSED	CLOSED (this week only)	2:30-6:30pm	9am-1pm	CLOSED	12noon-4pm
This Week	- Christian Meditation 9:30am, Library - RCIA 7pm, Oblate Lounge	- Campus Chaplaincy 3pm, Oblate Lounge - Bible Study 7pm, Oblate Lounge; Dec 10	- Planting Seeds International 9am, Parish Hall - Weekday Mass: 12pm	- Weekday Mass: 12pm - AA, 7pm, Oblate Lounge	- Weekday Mass: 12pm - Christian Meditation 7pm, Oblate Lounge	- Weekend Mass, 5pm - Christian Meditation 7pm, Library - Ottawa Regional Youth Choir Concert, 7pm	- Sunday Mass, 10:30am followed by Hospitality Sunday - University Mass 7pm - Young Adults 8pm, Oblate Lounge
A look ahead		- 17th: Advent Reconciliation Service at noon		- 19th: SJWC Holiday Party, Hall	- 20th: SJST Community Dinner, Hall	- 21st: Christmas Reception after 5pm Mass	- 22nd: Lessons and Carols, 3pm

Begin in November 2012, the Library collection has increased steadily through book donations and now contains over 3000 titles. The collection covers books on Christianity, published since Vatican II, in English. Borrowing is on a self-serve honour basis, with a one month loan period. See <https://www.st-josephs.ca/rentals/resource-library/> for more information.

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).



Our Financial Stewardship

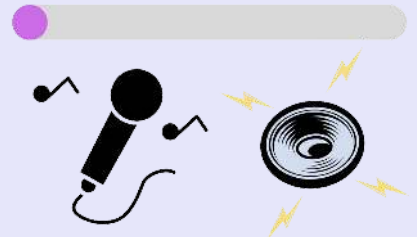


December 1: \$7,133

Step Up - Sound System Campaign: \$450 of \$17,000

Thank you for your generous contributions to the operations and social outreach programmes of St. Joe's!

Sound System Campaign Progress



Mass intentions are available Wednesday through Friday during the Noon Mass for a recommended contribution of \$15.00.

Please contact the Front Desk or use the link below for arrangements.

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/mass-intentions>

Wednesday Dec 11th: Hubert Edward Toffen †
Thursday Dec 12th: Thomas Brazil †
Friday Dec 13th: Wayne Robinson †



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

Prayers for those who are ill: Corey Riches, Carol Giampaolo, & Deanna Dunn.

Prayers for those who have died: Julie McLaughlin & Tony Clarke.