



St. Joseph's Parish: an inclusive community

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A parish of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate Weekend Bulletin

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

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

January 11-12, 2025

Baptism of the Lord

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Tax Receipts

- Pickup, questions and changing your information
- Government of Canada Charitable Tax Receipt extension

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Grants and Campaign

- SJST: Sisters of Charity & Congregation de Notre Dame
- J. Wright Family Foundation
- Sound System Campaign

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Get involved!

- Hospitality & Welcome
- Contribution options

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Upcoming, Library, Financial Stewardship, & Noon Masses



Donations to the Parish and Tax Receipts

Thank you for your support of our Parish!

Currently, we are finalising recordkeeping for 2024, which includes properly categorising donations to your household for tax receipting purposes. Work will wrap up on this over the next couple of weeks, and tax receipts will be available for you to pickup at the January 25 and 26 Masses. After this, we will mail out remaining receipts to addresses on file.

For any questions about tax receipts and donation methods (including autodebit) or to change your address and contact information, please contact Mikayla at frontdesk@st-josephs.ca or 613.233.4095 ext 251

Government of Canada 2024 Donation Extension

The Government of Canada announced an extension of donation receipts issued by charities due to the Canada Post mail strike in November and December. The extension for contributions able to be claimed in 2024 taxes is until February 28, 2025, meaning contributions received by the end of February can receive a 2024 tax receipt. This is meant to lessen the effect of the strike on mail-in charitable donations.

Since St. Joseph's Parish and its ministries that accept donations (mainly the Supper Table, Women's Centre, and Refugee Outreach Committee) were relatively unaffected during the strike, we will not be issuing 2024 receipts by default on donations received during January and February 2025. We will do so, however, under two circumstances:

1. Donations come by cheque and are dated in 2024; and
2. Parishioners and Donors **explicitly ask** for their donations, or a specific donation, received during January and February to have a receipt dated in 2024 for their contribution(s) during this time.

Thank you for your contributions and your understanding!

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
- see back page for amendments*

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

Parish Announcements

St. Joe's Supper Table Monetary Support

To start off the new year, St. Joe's Supper Table received two generous grants from religious orders who support social justice.



In the summer, Mikayla applied for the Sisters of Charity's Charity Alive Fund for expansion of the Food Bank to return to the Ottawa Community Housing location. We were awarded the full application amount of \$3000. This will greatly support the programme as we serve our most vulnerable clients closest to their home.

We also regularly receive a contribution from the Congregation de Notre Dame, Visitation Province. They generously sent St. Joe's Supper Table \$7500 to support ongoing programming.

Thank you to both the Congregation de Notre Dame and Sisters of Charity for supporting the Supper Table!

J. Wright Family Foundation

The Parish is pleased to receive a grant of \$2,000 from the J Wright Family Foundation. These funds came unexpectedly, as they are *donor advised funds*; meaning we did not have to apply or express interest for this grant. Thank you to *Benefaction*, who issues the funds, and the J Wright Family Foundation for your contribution to the parish and its social outreach programmes!

Update on Campaign to Improve the Church Sound System

Recently, we turned to our Parish community with plans to upgrade the church's aging sound system in two phases: initial improvements have been completed before Christmas and a second phase of upgrades is coming 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.



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" which are available at the Welcome Desk or in each pew.

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

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[A Message from the Hospitality Committee](#)

Plan to join in again, connecting with the community after Mass on January 19th!

The Hospitality welcomes you to stay after the 10:30am Mass for sweets and coffee or tea.



The Welcome Ministry needs more volunteers for the 10:30am Sunday Mass.

Can you help us?

Duties are minimal and take very little time:

- Arrive 20 minutes before Mass.
- Set up Welcome Desk items.
- Set up 'My Little Church' area - activities provided
- Greet Parishioners (answer questions and give directions as needed).
- Put items away afterwards.



If you can help us, please speak to someone at the Welcome Desk on Sunday or email Mikayla at the front office who will put you in touch with the Welcome Ministry. Thank you!

Contributions to the Parish

Thank you so much to all parishioners and guests who contribute to the livelihood of our Parish! Your generous contributions are much appreciated!

As we enter the new year, a change in your regular donation amount may cross your mind. If you require guidance to change your regular Canada Helps amount, please get in touch with us. Similarly, to alter your contribution amount that you make by AutoDebit, please get in touch with us and we will be pleased to assist. We can also temporarily pause AutoDebit contributions or add regular contributions for another fund (SJST, Step Up, etc.) if you require.

For both Canada Helps and AutoDebit enquiries, please get in touch with Mikayla at frontdesk@st-josephs.ca or 613.233.4095 x251 and I will be happy to assist you with any donation queries or needs!

We are pleased to let you know about the return of the “**Equal Sacrifice**” cards! These small blue business card-sized papers can be added to show your support for the Parish by digital monetary means, or your strong volunteership. Get one at the Welcome Desk at each Mass to add in the collection plate and show that you support our vibrant Parish.

St. Joe's Supper Table

The Supper Table is in need of the following items for the food bank programme:

- Fresh produce
- Bread
- Canned vegetables
- Canned meat
- Canned fruit
- Pasta
- Dried beans
- Rice
- Canned beans (e.g. lentils, chickpeas etc)
- Feminine Hygiene products (*pads preferred)
- hygiene: Soap, shampoo & lotion
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Snacks, deserts & chocolate
- Diapers (3, 4 5 & 6)
- Powdered milk
- Coffee and tea



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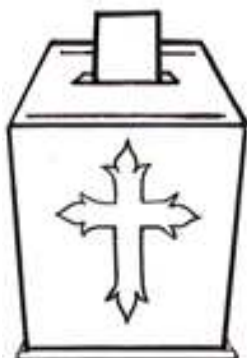
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LOCATION

Church & Hall
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*Not equal gift, but
equal sacrifice*

The week of January
13 to 19, 2025

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JOE'S?



	Monday 13th	Tuesday 14th	Wednesday 15th	Thursday 16th	Friday 17th	Saturday 18th	Sunday 19th
Office Hours	9am-1pm	CLOSED	9am-1pm	2:30-6:30pm	9am-1pm	CLOSED	12-4pm
This Week	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Christian Meditation 9:30am, Library - Book Club 7pm, Library - RCIA 7pm, Oblate Lounge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Campus Chaplaincy 7pm, Oblate Lounge - ROC 12pm, Library - Ottawa Campus Chaplaincy 3pm, Oblate Lounge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weekday Mass, Noon 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weekday Mass, Noon - AA, 7pm Oblate Lounge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Weekday Mass, Noon - Christian Meditation 7pm, Library - Swing Dance, Parish Hall 8pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Saturday Mass, 5pm - uOttawa Tango, 7pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sunday Mass, 10:30am: Hospitality Sunday after Mass - University Mass, 7pm
A look ahead...		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jan 21: Bible Study 7pm 					

Recent donations added to St. Joe's Library include O'Malley, J.W. Catholic History for Today's Church: how our past illuminates our present (BX945.3.O43 2015), O'Sullivan, S. Both my houses: from politics to priesthood (BX 4705.O78 A32 1986) & Thomas, G. & Max Morgan-Witts. Pontiff (BX1389.T49 1983).



Our Financial Stewardship

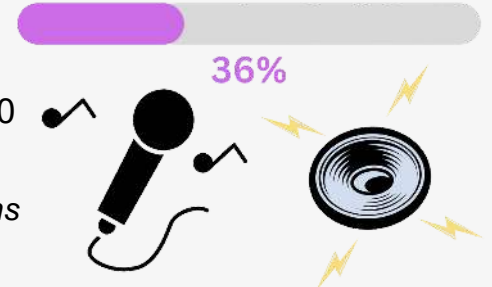
January 4/5: \$5,165



Step Up - Sound System Campaign: \$6125 of \$17,000
(January 4/5 Sound System collection: \$205)

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, Jan 15: Mary Jane Bourbonniere †
Thursday, Jan 16: Frank Wrona †
Friday, Jan 17: Doreen Strader †



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: Ken Fox, Agnes Laurin & Sheila Nolan.

Prayers for those who have died: Tony Clarke, Doreen Strader, Frank Wrona, & Gene Pokoj.