



St. Joseph's Parish: an inclusive community

Weekend 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 or our e-bulletin, sign up for autodebit giving, or to volunteer.



Praying for our World

In keeping with the theme for the Jubilee year 'Pilgrims of Hope' a parishioner has suggested that we join together in praying for our world and its leaders.

In the past, Popes have called on the faithful to pray the Rosary for world peace. In our Catholic tradition the Rosary is seen as a 'powerful instrument of peace'. Pope Francis said 'Often make use of this powerful instrument, the prayer

of the Holy Rosary, because it brings peace to hearts, to families, the Church and the World'. (June 18, 2017 to the Bishop of Gozo (Malta)).

Whether you pray the Rosary or another form of prayer, let us join together as a parish community in praying for our world. If you would like to add your name to a list of parishioners committed to praying in this way during Lent, please see the list at the Welcome desk.

Prayers for Pope Francis: As you may have read, Pope Francis is currently hospitalized with pneumonia. He has several underlying conditions that make recovery more difficult. As a parish community, we pray for Francis' healing and that he may continue his ministry of service to the most marginalised.

March 1-2, 2025

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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D&P: It's not too late

If you haven't had a chance to sign the Jubilee petition on debt cancellation or the action card on corporate responsibility, there is still time. Both the petition and the action cards will be available for signing at the Welcome Table for the next couple of weeks. Or, you can sign them online at:

<https://devp.org/en/campaign/turn-debt-into-hope/act-debt-2025/> and <https://devp.org/en/campaign/reaping-our-rights/act/>.

As well, a huge thank you to all of you who have signed already. Both have received great support at St. Joe's!

Parishioner and Family Information - last week we ask of you!

In an effort to understand the different demographics of our parishioners, we are collecting basic information about those who attend St. Joe's regularly. Please pick up a sheet at the back of the church to refresh your demographic data, or do so online (click the link or scan).

All the information you provide will be kept confidential. Thank you for your participation, it helps us to plan activities and best understand those we serve!



<https://forms.gle/SGi4B5BZ4v93i9tt5>

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 of the Eucharist: 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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Parish Announcements

Join the Supper Table for the Tamarack Race Weekend!

St. Joe's Supper Table is collaborating with the 2025 Tamarack Race weekend to raise funds for our two food banks and meal program in Sandy Hill. Please support the Supper Table 5K team on Saturday, May 24th. Register here:
<https://www.runottawa.ca/races-and-events/ottawa-5k>



**St. Joe's
SUPPER TABLE**

6 PM - Doors Open | 7 PM - Beginner Lesson | 8 PM - Social

The Supper Table will be holding a dance fundraiser on Friday, March 22. Beginners welcome, it will begin with a lesson for those less experienced, followed by a social.

See the link for more info and to purchase a ticket
<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/salsa-and-salsa-a-fundraising-event-for-st-joes-supper-table>

Invitation to Share with the Parish Pastoral Council - Mar. 15/16

As I look around the parish, I can see faces of those who have been here since before my family joined St. Joe's 25 years ago. Others are much newer, with many joining in the last few years.

Who are we now as a parish faith community? As we begin this season of Lent, the Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite a conversation among all of us who call St. Joe's our faith home, so that we can know each other better. Pope Francis encourages us to become a people who 'walk with and listen to' each other.

On the weekend of Mar. 15/16, there will be some conversation starters posted on the walls of the church, such as:

- What would help you to feel more connected to other parishioners at St. Joseph's parish?
- What do you need from your parish to help you grow in your faith?
- Are you aware of ways to get involved? If not, how can we do this better?
- What keeps you coming back to St. Joe's?

Please take some time to share your thoughts in conversation with each other and with Pastoral Council members. Paper will be provided for written responses, which will be collected on the day and for a couple of weeks afterwards. Responses will be summarized and shared in the weeks following. Thank you, in advance, for taking the time to share. --Angela McCanny, on behalf of PPC

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Ministry Contacts

Hey! What are you doing during Lent?

Have your voice heard! Fill out our NEW fun monthly survey. At the last and first weekend of each month, we will post a survey in the bulletin. Then, in the second weekend of each month, we will post the results. This round, it's all about **Lent**. Do you give up something or get involved in the community? Or perhaps you make it to church more or do nothing at all. Whatever it is, we *want to know!*

Follow the link or scan.



<https://forms.gle/nT8Zo3hJ6ypUm5Ns6>

DID YOU KNOW...

While a helpful charity fundraising giant, **Canada Helps** takes up to 5% of your donation in transaction fees? This means a portion of your donation never makes it to the intended charity.

For example, on a \$500 donation, we only receive \$475 through this donation method.

As a small charity, the fees Canada Helps take really add up.

Our bank account **Autodebit** donation option helps get more of your donation in the hands of St. Joe's and its beneficiaries. We can set this up recurring, one time, or when you request. Other than the church, we can set up payment for any ministry you like (Supper Table, Refugee Outreach Committee, Building Fund, and more).

If this option interests you, contact Mikayla at info@st-josephs.ca or 613.233.4095x251

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



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

Young Adult "Service Fair"

Looking for a little help? Anything from cleaning up the yard to moving furniture? Interested in having a couple of capable young adults stop by to give you a hand or even just come for a visit?

A group of young adults from St. Joseph's Parish are offering their services for a two-fold purpose:

1. Build community, getting to know other parishioners through the opportunity to render them service,
2. Fundraise for future initiatives, especially the bi-annual young adult retreats. For a donation (comparable to the going rates for a given service), one or two young adults is willing to come to your home and provide a helping hand with whatever needs doing.

From babysitting to helping set up a TV, let us know if you've got a job you we might be able to help with! Please contact pdansereau@st-josephs.ca or 613.233.4095 x235



Grab a Lent services flyer at the back of the church to take home!

The week of
March 3rd to 9th

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JOE'S?



	Monday 3rd	Tuesday 4th	Wednesday 5th	Thursday 6th	Friday 7th	Saturday 8th	Sunday 9th
Office Hours	CLOSED (today only)	CLOSED	9am-1pm	2:30-6:30pm	9am-1pm	CLOSED	12-4pm
This Week	- Christian Meditation 9:30am, Library - Liturgical Environment Ministry meeting - RCIA 7pm, Oblate Lounge	- Campus Chaplaincy 7pm, Oblate Lounge	Ash Wednesday - Service at 12 noon - Service at 7:30pm - SJST Steering Committee meeting 7pm, Library	- Weekday Mass: 12 noon - AA, 7pm Oblate Lounge - Teacher's Group 7pm, Library - Vibe Salsa 7pm, Parish Hall	- Weekday Mass: 12 noon, followed by Eucharistic Adoration - Christian Meditation 7pm, Library - Swing Dance 7pm, Parish Hall	- Marriage Preparation course 8am, Oblate Lounge - Saturday Mass, 5pm - uOttawa Tango 7pm, Parish Hall	- Sunday Mass, 10:30am - University Mass, 7pm
A look ahead...	- Book Club, Mar 10	- Bible study, Mar 11				- Marriage Prep, Mar 15	

Library books about the PSALMS include:

Chittister, J. Songs of the heart: reflections on the Psalms (BS1430.54.C452 2011),
Hamilton, K.A. Living with the Psalms (BS1430.53.H36 2017)
McLarney, G. Getting to know the Psalms (BS1430.52.M2 2015).



Our Financial Stewardship

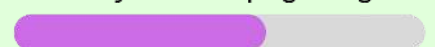


February 22/23: \$8,740

Step Up - Sound System Campaign: \$10,425 of \$17,000
(February 22/23 Sound System collection: \$155)

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

Sound System Campaign Progress



61.3%



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, Mar 5: ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday, Mar 6: No intention
Friday, Mar 7: No intention



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:

Marie Bhaneja, Fr. Jim Bleackley, OMI, Zilna Awad, Jim McDonald, Maureen McIntyre, Pope Francis, & Mary Hutchings.

Prayers for those who have died:

Anna Kizas & Maureen Sullivan-Ryan.