



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.

March 22-23, 2025

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Share Lent 2025: Third Sunday of Lent

External debt and ecological debt: Who owes whom?

Peru is facing an ecological debt crisis as extractive industries - often foreign-owned - plunder its natural resources, harming the environment and human rights.

These industries contribute to the unjust enrichment of the Global North at the expense of the Global South. Thus, as countries in the Global South incur financial debts that further impoverish them, they are owed a mounting ecological debt by the Global North that is never settled.

Our partners, the Episcopal Commission for Social Action (CEAS) and the Institute Bartolomé de Las Casas (IBC) work closely with affected communities, advocating for justice and sustainable alternatives.

This Lent, discover the work of CEAS and IBC by reading our **Mini-magazine** (https://devp.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/EN_minimag_V2.pdf) and watching our testimonial video at devp.org/lent

Join us for Part 2 of the Solidarity Way of the Cross this Sunday, after the 10:30 mass. Meet in the chapel at 11:45.

Read this Week's Reflection, prepared by Development and Peace staff, entitled "**So that every fig tree may flourish**" <https://devp.org/en/weekly-reflection-3rd-sunday-lent25/>

Sunday Community Prayer - March 23

All wishing to gather with other community members to pray for someone or something important to them, are invited to come together at the front of the church (right front altar space) on the 4th Sunday of the month after Mass. This resumes a monthly pre Covid practice of supportive community prayer.



Sharing with the PPC

If you missed the opportunity to join the conversation by answering the questions posed by the Pastoral Council last week, it is not too late! The questions remain posted on the walls of the Church, you can write on the poster or use a post-it note. The QR code is also still available if you prefer to respond electronically. Thank you to all who have participated!

Mass Times and Reconciliation

- Weekday Masses Wed-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: After 10:30 Mass, appt's.
 - Mon, Wed, Fri: 9am-1pm
 - Thursday: 2:30-6:30
- see back page for amendments*

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Parish Announcements

St. Joseph's and partner parishes build bridges at 2025 Inter-Parish Lenten Mission



The 2025 Inter-Parish Lenten Mission started with a phone call a few weeks ago from Fr. Daryold Winkler, Pastor of St. Basil's and a former St. Joe's parishioner. Always seeking to deepen relationships between parishes and embracing collegiality with laity, Fr. Daryold invited St. Joseph's to join St. Basil's, Good Shepherd and Holy Canadian Martyrs in hosting the four-part series led by theologian, author and speaker Megan McKenna on the Gospel of John.

The first session was held on March 17th and hosted by Good Shepherd Parish in Blackburn Hamlet. Megan McKenna structured her presentations around her animated, spirited re-telling of parables from John. Her extraordinary delivery in each case showed us the importance of tone and how different it is to hear these stories, rather than read them – particularly when the storyteller is intentional in bringing the Gospel to life. These evenings were anything but tepid experiences!

The second session was hosted by Holy Canadian Martyrs. Megan focused on the Parable of the Samaritan Woman at the Well, breathing life into the striking nature of the interaction. She asked us to consider whether the Samaritan woman's interaction with Jesus had changed her at all. Did she really understand what Jesus was saying about living water, did she understand how he was different from the Messiah, a nationalistic figure, as anticipated at the time?



St. Joe's hosted the session entitled "The Man Born Blind" on March 19th, with 60 people in attendance. Half the audience was from St. Joe's with the other half representing visitors from the partner parishes and beyond. Fr. Daryold spoke about his cherished memories of attending St. Joe's as a student, Nancy Keyes and Mikayla Odut offered music, John Rietschlin shared the Land Acknowledgement and Donna Rietschlin the opening prayer. Megan explored what it means to be blind, what it means to see, and the risk of believing one can see, when in fact one is blind. She presented a compelling image of how each of us may stand before Christ and the host of people we haven't seen, we've hurt or we've ignored in this world.

Thank you to everyone who assisted with the evening hosted by St. Joe's -- including staff, Parish Pastoral Council members, and the Hospitality Ministry for providing snacks for the reception. At the end of the evening, we invited participants to visit St. Basil's for the final evening, focused on the Raising of Lazarus.

--Christopher Adam, Executive Director



Remembering Pierre Gauthier

Pierre has been a staple of St. Joe's for many years, being an involved parishioner. He has served on the ROC, assisted with upgrades to our Liturgical space, and was a member of the PPC; to name a few.

Many of you know him and have enquired as to his funeral. It is scheduled here on **Saturday, May 17** - Visitation: 10am, Funeral Mass 11am, reception to follow. *All are welcome!*



Parish Announcements

Assist our recent Refugee Sponsors with some Tech!

Have you upgraded your laptop or phone recently? If so, you might have an older device languishing at home. Our recent refugee family has 4 teens attempting to complete schoolwork on 1 laptop! Nor do any have cell phones. Donating your spare laptop or phone could make a significant difference to their education.



Also, we are still looking for a stroller so Mom can get out with her infant. Your thoughtfulness would be greatly appreciated.

Donors, please contact Dona at donabowers22@gmail.com

We can consider a tax receipt for the fair market value of items donated.

Development and Peace: Fair Trade Coffee News



THANK YOU! Thanks to your purchases of fair trade, organic coffee on Sundays, the parish was able to send a cheque to Development and Peace for \$431.25. Development and Peace members, supporters and partners thank you for your continuing support. And, the coffee is roasted in Almonte so you are also supporting a local Canadian business.

ESPRESSO SALE – Espresso has not been a big seller among parish coffee drinkers and we have several bags of espresso beans that are approaching their best before date. So we are putting them on sale for \$10, which is below the price we pay. Get them while you can as we will not be reordering them.

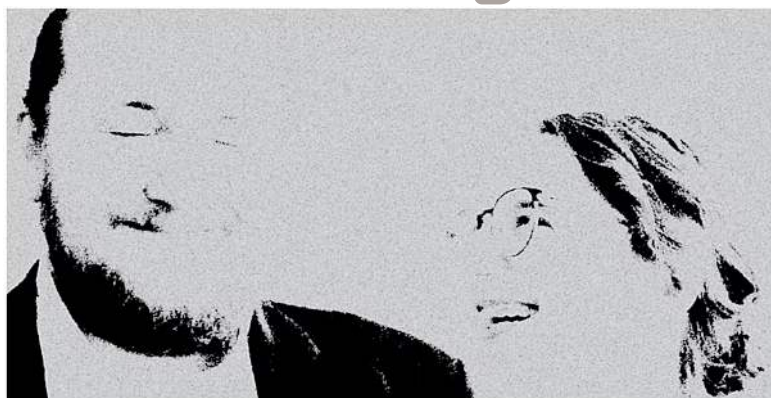
Run for your Supper

Starting March 30, 17-year-old parishioner and supper table volunteer **Louis Jacques** will be running from **Ottawa (Sandy Hill) to PEI**. His goal is not only to raise money for St. Joe's Supper Table but also to raise awareness about food insecurity, which affects many Canadian families. Louis will be completing the run in stages to accommodate his schooling. The total distance he will run is 1,400 km.

To **see the route and more information** or to **donate to Louis' run** and support the Supper Table, please designate your envelope as **Run for your Supper** or visit <https://www.zeffy.com/fundraising/run-for-your-supper>. You can also follow updates on Louis' journey through our newsletter, social media (Instagram and Facebook), and our website. Louis' goal is to raise \$10,000.



Songs of Travel



An afternoon of art song surrounding the theme of travel.

Emmanuel Hasler - tenor
Aude Urbancic - piano

Tickets available at the door or online (Eventbrite).

\$20 or \$10 students
Sunday, March 23 at 3pm
here at St. Joseph's.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JOE'S?

The week of March
24th to 30th



	Monday 24th	Tuesday 25th	Wednesday 26th	Thursday 27th	Friday 28th	Saturday 29th	Sunday 30th
Office Hours	9am-1pm	CLOSED	9am-1pm	2:30-6:30pm	9am-1pm	CLOSED	After Mass or by appt.
This Week	- Christian Meditation 9:30am, Library - RCIA 7pm, Oblate Lounge	- Bible Study 7pm, Library - Ottawa Campus Chaplaincy 7pm, Oblate Lounge	- Weekday Mass: 12 noon	- Weekday Mass: 12 noon - 2LGBTQIA+ 7pm, Library - AA, 7pm Oblate Lounge - Vibe Salsa 7pm, Parish Hall	- Weekday Mass: 12 noon - Christian Meditation 7pm, Library - Swing Dance 7pm, Parish Hall	- Saturday Mass, 5pm	- Sunday Mass, 10:30am - D&P: Solidarity Way of the Cross 11:45, Chapel - University Mass, 7pm
A look ahead...	- Liturgical Environment Ministry, April 2	- Teacher's Group, April 3			- Eucharistic Adoration, April 4		

Library titles about SAINTS include:

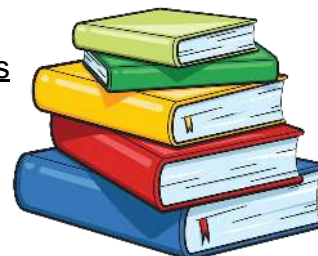
Bourdon, R. Clothed in the world of God: Canadian saints, blesseds and venerables

(B4671.B67 2013)

Boff, L. Prayer of Saint Francis: a message of peace for the world today

(BV284.P73B64 2001)

Pungente, J. Finding God in the dark II (BX2179.L8P85 2011)



Our Financial Stewardship



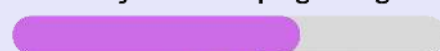
March 15/16: \$5,217

Step Up - Sound System Campaign: \$11,290 of \$17,000

(March 15/16 Sound System collection: \$175)

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

Sound System Campaign Progress



66.4%



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 19: Ariat Abala

Thursday, Mar 20: No intention

Friday, Mar 21: Julianna Robin ✠



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, Agnes Hill, Bëätë Bernhardt, Julianna Robin, Sally Borthwick, Kwesi Bassoe, & Elaine Swab.

Prayers for those who have died:

Maureen Sullivan-Ryan, John Martin Cummings, & Pierre Gauthier.