



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2020

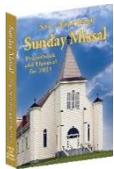
CHRISTMAS MASSES: As the pandemic continues, and with protocols still in place for safe gatherings, it is necessary for us to take a different approach for people attending Christmas Masses.

Many parishes are implementing a registration process. Such will be the case here at St. Joseph Church. If you plan to attend Mass here for Christmas, you will need to register with the parish, indicating which Mass you plan to attend and how many people will be in your group. We are maximizing numbers at approximately 100 people per Mass, so you may wish to register soon. Christmas Eve Mass times will remain the same, 4, 6 and 8pm. On Christmas Day, I will add an additional Mass, those times being 9 and 10:30am. To register, please call the parish office at 613-968-9950 or email stjosephschurch@bellnet.ca

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to follow the safety guidelines that have been put in place.
Blessings, Father Charles



During Advent season this year, the **Archdiocese of Kingston** will be hosting a video reflection of the readings for each week. The readings will be given by the following people of our Archdiocese: **Deacon Mark Mawson, Rev Julius Nwagbara SMMM, Sr Rosemary Brosseau CND and Mary Pat Byrne.** The video reflections will be available on our Archdiocesan website <https://www.romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/> on the Thursday before the next Sunday of Advent. It is our hope that during these times of uncertainty, these video reflections will bring comfort and promise for the Advent season.



The arrival of our new *St. Joseph Sunday missals* for the 2020/21 season has been unavoidably delayed by the shipper. We are expecting delivery of them soon. If you wish to have a copy of the new Sunday missal you can purchase one for \$4 at the main entrance of the church doors beginning next week. We ask that you do not leave your missal in the church.

2021 Donation envelopes are ready for pick up. Please let us know when you would like to pick yours up and we will have them waiting for you.

Perhaps you can help your neighbour by getting theirs too. We will do our best to deliver as many as we can. We have had to change some of the donation numbers so **please don't use old envelopes** in the new year. Thank you!



At this time of year our hearts turn to all those in need and especially to members of our community who are homeless. Some of our Social Justice members are holding a parish collection of **scarves, gloves and hats** to be donated to **The Not Alone Quinte Team** which helps our local homeless population directly in a variety of ways. *(They received a donation of 5000 pairs of socks so socks are not needed).* We have placed a donation box at the main doors of the church for collection this weekend, **Nov. 29** and next, **Dec. 6**. The donated items will be delivered to the **Not Alone Team** for distribution. For those that have not returned to church please feel free to leave your donation on the front porch at 65 Brimley Court and they will also be delivered.

Christmas and New Year's Masses:

Christmas Eve Masses - 4pm (4pm is fully booked)
6pm and 8pm

Christmas Day Mass - 9 and 10:30am

New Year's Eve Mass - 5pm

New Year's Day Mass - 10:30am

~ Pre-registration is required to attend these Masses ~

*** We still need some volunteer Lectors for Christmas & New Year's Masses. Please call the office if you would like to participate. You can reserve your seat at the same time!**



Any child who was preparing for the Sacraments of **First Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation** last school year but did not receive these Sacraments due to Covid-19 restrictions should contact the parish office for information regarding preparation to receive these Sacraments. Workbooks for First Communion can be picked up at our parish office. Confirmation workbooks can be downloaded [here](#)

Advent Promises: A Women's Morning of Reflection will be held via Zoom on **Saturday, December 5th, from 9:00 am – Noon.** During the morning, Laura O'Reilly, a mother and a faith-full Catholic speaker, originally from Saskatchewan, will give two talks reflecting on "*Blessed is she who believed that the Lord would fulfill His promises to her.*" -*Luke 1:45* about holding onto hope. In addition, all registrants will be invited to participate in a Liturgy of the Word, singing and small group discussions. Registration is \$20. All women 16 years of age and over are invited to register for this event using the link below. This small retreat is being presented by the **Women's Fall Retreat Planning Team.** You will receive a Zoom link on Saturday morning. We hope you can join us. Register at <https://wfr-morningofreflection.eventbrite.ca>

Faith On Fire Prayer Group



The Faith On Fire Prayer group meets on **Tuesday evenings from 7 – 8:30pm** on ZOOM. Join us for praise & worship, a short teaching, and a time for intercessory prayer. For details and for the ZOOM connection, email: faithonfirekingston@gmail.com.

Inn From the Cold meal program will change this year, due to COVID-19. The take-away lunch program that has been operating since March 27th will continue **daily from 11:30am to 1pm**. Distribution will now move indoors from 60 Bridge St E entrance. This change is being made for the comfort and safety of both guests and volunteers during the colder months. **Only takeout lunches will be distributed** but guests will be welcomed inside for a brief respite from the weather, receive a meal, and then exit the building before eating. Health and safety protocols to mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19 during this inside lunch distribution will continue for all guests and volunteers. These include: anyone who enters the building will be required to wear a mask and sanitize their hands, and physical distancing will be encouraged at all times.



The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul <https://www.ssvp.ca> is a lay Catholic organization whose mission is to live the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, and joy.

Our **Prayer Network** has more than 100 people praying every day for our parish, for those who are sick and for special intentions. If you would like the Prayer Network to pray for you or your loved one, call or e-mail the parish office to get the prayers started if you would like to add a name to our network.

Living with Christ is offering free access to their spiritual resources during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can access prayer resources and downloads of the daily Mass texts at this link <https://www.livingwithchrist.ca/>

Remember in Prayer: All who are ill, including Maria Andolsek, Ivan Argent, Victoria Baker, Robert Bancroft, Lynn Barton, Amanda Baumhauer, Barbara Brennan, Brian Buckle, Sister Catherine Cannon, Greg Cardiff, Jamie Caudle, Onie Cleary, James Craigen, Gwendolyn Deann, Rosemary Dickey, Kelly Drake, Bill Drenth, Holly Finkle, Loretta Fleming, John Garvin, Gerry Genereaux, Michael Gould, Buzz Hanley, Shelly Hartt Bond, Emma Healey, Margo Holoway, Murial Jean Lecky, Betty Leger, Mike Legere, Jane Levoy, Lyanna Lucas, Nancy Madge, Richard Madge, Dennis Marisett, Cecilia Marisett, Anne Marr, Will Matacheskie, Billie Mavety, Joanne Millar, Bill McAuliffe, Katie McKinley, Brenda Misimura, Kathy Mulder, Linda Murphy, Ray O’Neill, Vincent Parlee, Glenda Pinault, Nicholas Pineau, Jack Pitt, Rita Quinn, Declan Reed-Breney, Susan Reid, Ivy Rivers, Genevieve Rumsey, Eileen Ryan, Lori Rushlow, Katrina Rutherford, Joanna Sosiak, Gerald Suave, Marie Smith, Adam Snair, Audrey Taylor, Lynn Thomlinson, Keith Thompson, Steven Todd, Richard Tye, Michael Walsh, Anthony Wood, Marvin Yantha and John Young. Please pray for the repose of the souls of Frank Lanigan and Christopher Barron.

National Catholic Broadcasting Council has internet access to daily **TV Mass** at www.dailytvmass.com or www.youtube.com/dailytvmass **Vision TV** broadcasts Mass on Sunday at 8:00am, Monday to Friday at 8:00am & 12 noon and Saturday at 8:00am & 9:30am. **Salt + Light** broadcasts Mass on Sunday at 11:00am & 10:30pm and Monday to Saturday at 6:30am, 11:00am, 3:00pm & 10:30pm. **yesTV** broadcasts Mass on Sunday at 10:30am & Monday to Saturday at 1:00pm.

If you would like to contribute to St. Joseph Church on a monthly basis by Automatic Debiting of your account please print the form below and attached a VOID cheque and mail to St. Joseph Church or drop it in our mailbox at the rectory door. We will set it up for you. Thank you for your support.

Name _____ **Pre-Authorized Monthly Chequing Program**

Address _____ Apt. _____ **‘Void’ Cheque enclosed**

City _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code _____ (Required for pre-authorized transactions)

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

I (we) authorize **St. Joseph’s Church, Belleville, Ontario** to process a debit, in paper, electronically or by other form in the amount of: \$ _____ on my (our) account on the 16th day of each month beginning in _____ (month) (year).

Signature _____

Date _____



Parish Contacts

Parish Secretary	Kathleen Henry	968-9950
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Franciscans	Deacon Bill Garland	968-9950
Senior Choir	Debbie Shaw	968-9950
Youth Choir	Lynette Thibeau	968-9950
Ascension Singers	Elizabeth Wallace	968-995

Invitation to Serve

Card Parties - Once a month on the third Sunday of the month for fun and social purposes.

Catholic Women's League - monthly meetings on the third Thursday, contact the Parish office.

Knights of Columbus - Second Tuesday of the month. Contact Gus Morrissey.

Hospitality Sunday - After Masses on the last Sunday of the month.

Junior Liturgy - Sundays, 9am Mass during the school season, September to June. Co-ordinator: Lise De-Araujo.

Rosary - Before Saturday, 5pm Mass in May and October.

Parish Visitation Program - Visits to parishioners. Contact the parish office.

Prayer Network - Every day 90 people pray for you and special intentions. Contact Maureen Hamilton.

St. Vincent de Paul - (613)962-8675.

Ascension Singers - Saturday Mass, once a month. Contact: Elizabeth Wallace.

Senior Choir - Sunday Mass at 10:30am. Practice every Wednesday at 6:30 pm. Director: Debbie Shaw.

Youth Choir - 9am Mass once each month. Practice every Sunday at 6:30pm. Director: Lynette Thibeau.



Invitation to Minister at Mass

Altar Servers - Weekends: Youth after their First Communion can volunteer. Contact: Deacon Bill. Weekdays - Adult volunteers. Contact Father Charles.

Funerals - Adult volunteers. Contact Father Charles.

Eucharistic Ministers - Lay Ministers assist in distributing the Eucharist to the congregation during Masses on weekends and weekdays. Monthly schedules are provided. Call the parish office to get your name on the roster.

Offertory Gifts - Volunteers carry the gifts to the altar. Monthly schedules are followed.

Lectors - Parishioners proclaim the readings. Monthly schedules are provided.

Junior Liturgy - Younger children are welcome to join the weekly celebration with a Gospel message for them. Also, adult volunteers are needed to lead children's liturgy.

Music - Parishioners of all ages are welcome to participate in sharing their musical talents. There are various choirs open to different age groups. Practices are held weekly.

Ushers - Responsible for finding seats for parishioners and taking up the collection at weekend Masses.

If you would like to volunteer for any of the above ministries, call the parish office to inquire how you can serve at Mass!



