



# Canadian Martyrs Church

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## Mass Schedule

Wednesday 11:30am  
Saturday 5:00pm and Sunday 10:00am (must register)

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 19/20 2020



### Pastor

Fr. Tim Coonen, OMI

### Parish Life Coordinator

Maureen Cerroni

### Administrative Assistant

Heather Duggan

### Pastoral Council

Angela Burton

Meetings: 1st Thurs. 7:15pm

### Finance Committee

Joseph Duggan

### Development and Peace

Evelyn Kelly

### Christian Meditation

Dorothy Wood

Mondays, 3pm

### Evening Prayer

Pierre LaViolette

Thursdays, 6:30pm

### Diocesan Centre

1247 Kilborn Pl.

613-738-5025

### Schools

Corpus Christi

798 Lyon St. S

613-232-9743

Immaculata HS

140 Main St.

613-237-2001

### Cemeteries

Hope Cemetery

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Notre-Dame

613-746-4175

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Barbara Martinovic, Devin Bursey, Gail Graser, Sandy Cano, Fred Miller, Liam Elder, Ramon de Rosayro, Yvonne Fraser, Ken, Minda & Margaret Hart, Sheila & Edward Gasnick, Raul Esteban, Chris Smith & family, Leonardo Miferi, James Craigen & family, John Smart, Gertrude LaViolette, Ruth LaRoche, and Sandra LaPointe.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**For the Church:** that we may live in the confident assurance of God's abiding concern and providential care for us. We pray to the Lord.

**For all elected leaders:** that God will give them insight into the effects of their decisions and help them to make choices that will bring about the greatest good for society. We pray to the Lord.

**For a listening spirit:** that protestors, civic leaders, co-workers, neighbours, and family members may listen more intently and understand more fully the pains, values, and goals of one another. We pray to the Lord.

**For greater stewardship of creation:** that God will impel our hearts to oppose the misuse of earth's resources and empower us to work tirelessly to protect the magnificence of nature for future generations. We pray to the Lord.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Sept. 19 Mary Garnett by Shona Timmins  
Michael Valiquette by Joyce and Albert White

## WEEKEND MASS REGISTRATION

The email with the link for weekend Mass tickets will be sent out on **Mondays**. The link will remain available until the end of the day on **Wednesdays**. If you forget to register by Wednesday, please email [office@canadianmartyrs.org](mailto:office@canadianmartyrs.org) to ask if any tickets are still available by 4:00 pm on Thursday.

**Remember: Mask, Sanitizer, Self-Assess!**

## ZOOM GATHERINGS

**3pm Monday:** Christian Meditation

**8pm Tuesday:** Lectio Divina and Meditation

**6:30pm Thursday:** Evening Prayer

**11:15am Sunday:** Liturgy of the Word (4th Sunday Children's Liturgy)

Please contact the office if you would like to join any of these sessions.

## Our Parish News

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word via Zoom will resume on the fourth Sundays of the month starting on **Sept. 27th at 11:15am** with the celebration of the Feast of Canadian Martyrs. The Zoom link can be found in the weekly email. All parishioners, especially our young families, are invited to attend.

### WALK FOR THE CENTRE

Did you know that the Centretown Emergency Food Centre serves an area that stretches from Wellington St. to Billings Bridge and from Lyon St. to Main St., including Lees Ave. Sign up to support the Virtual Walk for the Centre on **October 4<sup>th</sup>** as part of the Canadian Martyrs Team. We will have a table at Masses starting **Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>** if you would like to join the walking team or sponsor the team with cash or cheque.

**Join or sponsor our team online by [clicking here](#).**

### RECIPES NEEDED!

Please send your favourite recipe to be included in our cookbook fundraiser to [office@canadianmartyrs.org](mailto:office@canadianmartyrs.org). Deadline to submit recipes is **October 10<sup>th</sup>**!

### ADVOCACY - FOR THE LOVE OF CREATION

We are facing increasing environmental crises. Pope Francis calls on us through prayer and advocacy to encourage government actions that safeguard creation. During the "Season of Creation" consider signing an interfaith non-partisan petition calling for government action on climate justice, Indigenous rights and international development. Further info and link to the petition: <https://omilacombe.ca/petition-love-creation/>

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Sacramental Preparation is moving onto a Zoom platform! Preparation for First Communion will begin the **first week of October**. First priority will be given to the candidates who were registered in the spring sessions that were postponed due to Covid. Those candidates will receive an email with an invitation to sign up for the Zoom sessions. Newcomers may contact the office and will be registered in the current program if space permits, or will go on a wait list for the next session. We are still waiting for news from our Archdiocese about Confirmation celebrations for our prepared candidates.



5th ANNUAL

**VIRTUAL WALK FOR THE CENTRE**

IN SUPPORT OF CENTRETOWN EMERGENCY FOOD CENTRE

**Sunday, October 4, 1:00 - 4:00 pm**

A safe 2 - 4 kilometers around your favourite trail or your neighbourhood

Info, online registration and donations [www.centretownchurches.org](http://www.centretownchurches.org)

**CENTRETOWN EMERGENCY FOOD CENTRE**  
Helping neighbours in need

Centretown Emergency Food Centre is a project of the Centretown Churches Social Action Committee. Every month the Food Centre supplies food for more than 900 people in Centretown, including families and refugees

## THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI*

September was the month when grapes were harvested in ancient Israel. Having the harvest come due in September created a problem, for September was also the beginning of the rainy season in Israel. If the rains came before the harvest, the entire crop could be damaged. And so, the harvesting of the grapes often became a race against time.

To illustrate, consider a scenario that Jesus may have had in mind when he told today's parable. Picture a vineyard owner waiting to the last minute to harvest his grapes: for the riper the grape, the better its taste. One morning he wakes up and sees that the sky is black with storm clouds. The owner rushes to the marketplace to hire workers to pick his grapes. As the day progresses, he sees that the storm is gaining on the workers. He goes back to hire more workers to pick his grapes before the storm begins. The owner's efforts pay off, and he gets his grapes picked in time. He's so happy that he decides to celebrate and pay all the workers a full day's wages, even though some had worked for only a few hours.

Reading between the lines of the parable, we get the impression that the workers who were hired at the start of the day did not work as hard as they could have. For it is surprising that the owner would miscalculate the number of workers needed for his harvest. On the other hand, the owner's decision to pay part-time workers a full day's wage and to pay them ahead of the other workers suggests they had worked extra hard. So when the other workers complained, the owner said to them: "I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Are you envious because I am generous?"

Who were the full-time workers and the part-time workers in Jesus' time? The part-time workers were the sinners and outcasts. They were the people who took Jesus' preaching very seriously and reformed their lives. They were people like the good thief on the cross, who repented at the last minute and was saved. They were people like the prodigal son, who repented after leaving home and was welcomed back by his father. The full-time workers were people like the Pharisees, who became angry when sinners repented and entered God's kingdom at the last minute. They were people like the elder brother of the prodigal son. He became angry when his brother repented and was received by his father with open arms.

Jesus says of these people: "Behold how loving your

heavenly Father is. Contrast His great love with your own lack of love toward your brothers and sisters." The parable of the vineyard owner invites us to ask ourselves about our own attitudes toward our needy brothers and sisters. Are we so insensitive to their plight that we even find ourselves begrudging them the extraordinary help they sometimes get from people like the vineyard owner? Today we are told to ask for God's generosity. God will be generous, and God keeps his word.

Next Sunday there will be a special collection taken up for the Needs of the Church. **This year, this collection will be used to support the Oblate Missions.** Please donate to the Oblate Missions through our [Canada Helps page](#), with your donation envelopes or through [their website](#). The Missionary Oblates reach out to our sisters and brothers here in Canada and places around the world. Your vital prayers and support are key to ensuring that these good works continue. Please share in bringing the Good News to others and profoundly touching the lives of those in need. Thank you!

## JOIN US IN CELEBRATING LAUDATO SI'

This year we are celebrating the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si' – On Care for our Common Home*. St. Basil Parish has invited our parish to partner with them in celebration of Laudato Si' by participating together in an online Zoom event on **Tuesday Sept. 29** from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to participate. An email was sent out this week to all parishioners with registration details. We hope that you will join us! For further information, contact John Dorner (613-804-7018; [jdorner@archottawa.ca](mailto:jdorner@archottawa.ca)).

## CAN YOU FIND IT?



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### DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH

Our parish still needs funds to cover recurrent expenses such as heat, electricity and salaries of essential staff, and new expenses such as hand sanitizer, masks and cleaning supplies. If you wish to donate to the church, you can through Canada Helps using a credit card on the secure link at <https://canadianmartyrs.org/donate/> or drop your donation cheque in our mailbox or mail it to us at 100 Main St., Ottawa, ON K1S 1C2. If you are able to come to Mass, there will be a donation basket available at the greeter's table.



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### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** Contact the office a minimum of 3 months before the baptism. Baptismal instructions are required.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Contact the office to set up the initial interview. It is recommended that the first contact be a minimum of 6 months before the wedding.

**PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK:** Please call or email the office to inform us of shut-ins or people in hospital so that we can arrange a visit, bring Holy Communion and administer the Sacrament of the Sick if desired.

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** The registration form is available at the back of the church or can be filled out online at <http://canadianmartyrs.org/register/>.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES:** For your information, the minutes are available in a binder at the back of the church and at <http://canadianmartyrs.org/pastoral-council-minutes/>

**DIRECT DEPOSIT DONATIONS:** The forms are available on the Welcome table if you wish to make donations to the church through direct deposit. Envelopes for special collections will still be provided.

**FOOD CUPBOARD :** We collect non-perishable food items for the Centretown Emergency Food Centre on an on-going basis.

**MILK BAGS:** We collect milk bags that are made into sleeping mats. Please bring in your milk bags and put them in the baskets under the table in the hall near the breezeway.