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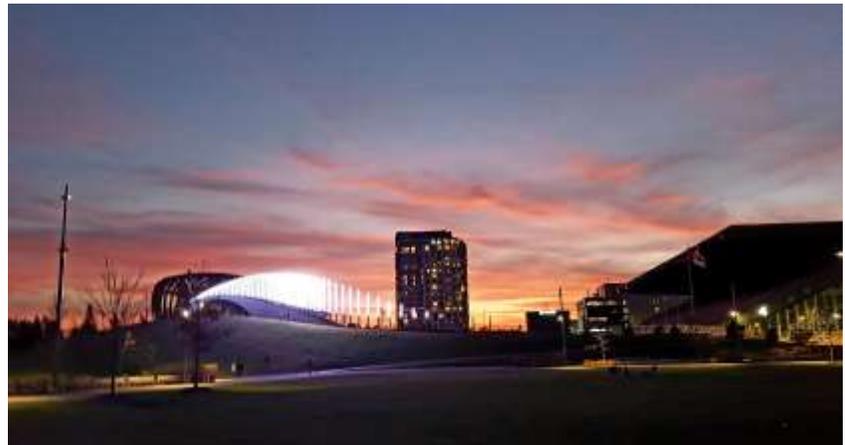
Mass Schedule

Wednesday 11:30am

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 14/15 2020



Pastor

Fr. Tim Coonen, OMI

Parish Life Coordinator

Maureen Cerroni

Administrative Assistant

Heather Duggan

Pastoral Council

Angela Burton

Meetings: 1st Thurs., 7:00pm

Finance Committee

Joseph Duggan

Development and Peace

Anna Dorner

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

613-822-1212

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613-746-4175

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Devin Bursey, Sandy Cano, Fred Miller, Liam Elder, Sheila & Edward Gasnick, Raul Esteban, Chris Smith & family, Leonardo Miseferi, Fred Kapusta, Jane Hoey-Ray, and Ping Cai

That the Church serves as an icon of mercy, we pray to the Lord.

That community leaders and civil servants cultivate a preferential option for our poor and our vulnerable, we pray to the Lord.

That we use our talents and gifts to relieve the burdens of those weighed down, we pray to the Lord.

That the Lord reveal to us where we have grown entitled or enslaved and renew in us a spirit of stewardship of the earth and of one another, we pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov. 14 Bernice and Cassidy Hayes by Jim and Julie Chadwick
Cyril Winter by Marie Budden

Wed., Nov. 18 Olive LaForce by the Pastoral Care Committee

Sat., Nov. 21 Maurice LaPierre by Margaret Denny

Wed., Nov. 25 Agnes Corrigan and Bryan Peart by Marie Peart

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 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

2020 VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

We are organizing a virtual Christmas concert and social for the parish. The tentative date is **Dec. 20th from 2:30 to 4:30 pm**. We are looking for parishioners who would act as hosts for small meeting rooms in Zoom for the social hour. All it entails is being in a Zoom room for the hour before the concert as people join for a few minutes to chat. The parishioners would go from room to room to exchange Christmas greetings. **If you would like to help out as a host from 2:30 to 3:30 pm, please email Brian Cano at brian13cano@gmail.com.** A Zoom call will be scheduled at the end of November to go over the plans and to share ideas.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

If you pack your own shoebox, you can drop it off at the church office by **Nov. 15** and we will deliver it to the depot for mailing. Together, we can still make a difference at this special time of year!

FALL PARISH CLEAN-UP

Please contact the office if you have time to help with the outdoor fall clean-up (raking and putting the garden to bed) at the church in **November**.

Thank you!

THANK YOU

Parishioners donated eight bins and several bags of some of the Centretown Emergency Food Centre's most needed items – pasta sauce, peanut butter and canned vegetables. These donations went right on the shelf, ready to be packed in bags for their clients. Thank you for being such strong supporters of the Centre's work!

AN ADVENT CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT

Susan Kehoe and Mary Ellen Berry of Contemplative Outreach of Eastern Ontario invite you to come away, **Nov. 27-29**, Galilee Centre, Arnprior, ON, and pause

awhile in the silence of community prayer, in the silence of nature, in the silence of the heart. Join with us in a 2-day period of silent Advent hope. Cost: single: \$310; double: \$285. Web: www.galileecentre.com. Register at 613-623-4242, ext. 21 or info@galileecentre.com

SPIRITUAL WISDOM FROM THE DEEP WELLS OF CHRISTIAN MYSTICISM

Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, leads an online weekend retreat, "Principles for Living a Mystically-Driven Life,"

Dec. 4-6, St. Albert, AB. Star of the North Retreat House. The retreat explores the lives and insights of traditional and contemporary Christian mystics. From Friday, 7 pm MT, to Sunday, 1 pm MT. Online cost: \$90; Register at www.starofthenorth.ca or call 780-459-5511.

LAUDATO SI' AND FRATELLI TUTTI: FROM PRAYER AND REFLECTION TO ACTION

Our second Zoom gathering will take place on Wednesday, **November 25th** from 2 to 3:30 pm. This event will feature presenter Fr. Augusto Zampini-Davies, who has been assigned by Pope Francis as the Vatican's Adjunct Secretary in the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

All parishioners are welcome to participate. Please email or call the office if you are interested in attending this virtual event. Further info: John Dorner (613-804-7018; jdorner@archottawa.ca).



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

The master was going away on a journey, and he summoned his three servants, “he handed his funds over to them.” He took everything he had, and put it into their care, which means that, when he got back, everything of who he is and everything of what he has, is utterly dependent on what they have done with who he is. It is the master who is at risk in this parable. This is the parable of a God who is extravagant. He gives His life to us, all His love, all of who He is. This was the gift of His very self and the third servant missed that. He took the money as a risk rather than as a gift. The servant was to be as extravagant as the Master. God gave Himself as a gift to us, and we are to give ourselves as gift to others.

Everything we have is gift, and therefore, our lives in turn must be gift, but we can be selfish with them, use them for our own egos. That’s the point of the parable.

A young woman gave birth to her first child just one month after her husband died in a tragic accident. The neighbours held a shower for the baby, Victor. Each person brought a beautiful present to help the mother and child get started in life. When all of the guests had left, the young widow heard a knock on the door. She opened it to find an old man everyone called Doc Burns. “I have come to give you my gift for your young son,” he said softly. “Mine is a different kind of gift than the others you have received.

I have come to offer you one wish for young Victor. It may be anything that you want. You must make the wish before the child is baptized this Sunday.” The young mother was baffled. Did he really have the power to grant a wish?

What should she ask for? As they walked forward to the baptismal font, she whispered in the infant’s ear, “I wish that everyone in the world will love my Victor.” And the wish came true.

Victor grew up to be a handsome lad. As a toddler, people could not resist hugging and touching him. Even when he was naughty, no one could believe that he had done anything wrong. He was always given food and toys by other children. Victor responded to all this attention by treating people with scorn and contempt. Still they seemed to adore him. Only in his occasional talks with Doc Burns did he listen to anyone.

When Victor graduated from high school, he was given a scholarship to a college.

After college, Victor never worked but continued to live a life of ease. There was no pleasure he did not indulge in, and there was no vice he did not practice. Eventually his heart grew empty and his soul sick. One night Victor

decided to commit suicide, but Doc Burns rushed through the door saying “Good evening, Victor. It has been a long time since we have had a chance to talk, you seem to be unsatisfied with your life. I am sorry it has been such a meaningless existence for you. I suppose I am the one responsible for your misery. I fulfilled your mother’s wish on the day of your baptism, even though it was a foolish one. Suppose I now offer you a new wish? Make it anything you want, and I will fulfill it.” “I don’t think you can give me anything that I haven’t already had,” Victor said sadly. “Think again, my son,” Doc Burns said earnestly. “Make another wish for my sake, and for the sake of your mother.”

Victor spoke through his tears. “Take away the old magic and give me a new wish. Rather than being loved, I ask for the ability to love everyone in the world.” “That was good,” Doc Burns said, embracing the young man. “Now things will go better for you.” Things did go better for Victor, but not immediately. Without his great charm, he began to be abandoned by his friends. He was thrown into jail for three months, and no one came to visit him. When he was released, he was sick, lonely and penniless. He returned home to nurse his ailing mother. For the first time in his life he was able to return her great love. After his mother’s recovery, Victor took a job as a janitor in an elementary school. He not only cared for clean floors, but for the children. To all the children he became “Mr. Victor,” their friend and companion. Finally, he met a beautiful young widow who had two small children. They married and he gave all three of them the love that they so desperately needed. Poor in possessions, Victor was one of the richest men in the world. He discovered that it is in loving, not being loved, that life comes to its fullest expression. Instead of hoarding it selfishly, like the third servant in the parable of the talents, he gave away his gift. This is a strange gospel. But its message is simple: as God gives himself to us fully and generously, so must we give as gift what we have received as gift.

“For it is in giving that we receive.”

—*St. Francis of Assisi*



Help us help our sisters and brothers in the Global South! The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted us in many ways here in Canada. In the Global South, the impacts are devastating, as the pandemic is worsening poverty, hunger, conflict and gender inequality. More than ever, your solidarity and generosity are needed to support the work of Development and Peace so we are all recovering together. Our partners are working for a just recovery in their countries so all can live in dignity.

If you attend Mass, there will be envelopes in the pews for your donation on **November 14/15**.

You can also make a donation [online](#). Your generosity allows Development and Peace to support over 100 projects in 35 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East! Watch this [short video](#) to learn more about the work of Development and Peace during the pandemic.

This virus has taught us how interconnected our human family is. It has taught us that we cannot recover alone. As Pope Francis said: “An emergency like that of COVID-19 is overcome with, above all, the antibodies of solidarity.”

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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

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: Non-perishable food items for the Centretown Emergency Food Centre are collected on an on-going basis.

MILK BAGS: Milk bags are collected for making into sleeping mats. Please bring in your milk bags and put them in the baskets under the table in the hall near the breezeway.