



Canadian Martyrs Church

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Mass Schedule

Wednesday 11:30am

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

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

Notre-Dame

613-746-4175

Christ the King

November 21/22 2020



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, Amy Gertz, Fr. Frank Kavanagh, OMI and Ping Cai

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

That the Church joyfully proclaim and courageously embody the good news of God's reign, we pray to the Lord.

That wealthy nations seek practical ways to relieve the crushing debt of poor countries, we pray to the Lord.

That the sick, especially those close to death, rise to new life in Christ, we pray to the Lord.

That the members of this community of faith be to one another a source of strength in trial, we pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov. 21 Maurice LaPierre by Margaret Denny
In thanksgiving to St. Charbel Makhlouf, St. Lucy, St. Cyril, St. Stephen, and St. Joseph and for healing by Marie and Judette

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

Sat., Nov. 28 Maurice LaPierre by Margaret Denny
Clare Brown by Gloria Sola

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

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AND CONCERT

Still looking for volunteers for the Zoom social rooms for the Christmas Social and Concert. All you would have to do is be in a Zoom room for an hour and chat with parishioners who pass through. If you can help, please email Brian Cano at brian13cano@hotmail.com.

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).

PILOT PROJECT

Parish Council is looking for volunteers for a pilot project to make sandwiches for Centre 507 to distribute to those in need. Contact Angie at angie3000@gmail.com for more information.

THANK YOU

A very big thank you to all of you who bought Kionyo Tea from Kenya. Your generosity in supporting the Oblate Mission in Kenya raised \$400 for us to send on to our Oblate Family in Kenya. Our gratitude and prayers. *Eleanor Rabnett, Oblate Associate*

CALL FOR ARTICLES FOR *THE EPISTLE*

Do you or your parish ministry have information or thoughts to share in *The Epistle*? Send your articles and photos to office@canadianmartyrs.org by **November 28**.

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**, from Star of the North Retreat House, St. Albert, AB. 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.

ONLINE AUCTION

The Knights of Columbus at St. John the Apostle Parish are having an online auction of arts and crafts and other wonderful things. The auction goes live on Nov. 16 and closes Dec. 11. Please visit the site to view the items available: <http://biddingowl.com/Auction/home.cfm?auctionID=24323>. Info: Mike Proctor 613- 726-9560.

ST GILES CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The St. Giles Presbyterian Church Christmas bazaar is online this year at <https://www.32auctions.com/StGilesSale2020>. Clicking on the link will take you to the site and you can view the items that are for sale. The site is open now and will close at 11 p.m. on December 2. Note that all items will use the "Buy Now" feature on the site. In order to make purchases, you have to open an account and provide an email address.

CHRIST THE KING

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

This is the last Sunday of the Church year. We have two images of God in today's readings. In the first reading, God is described as the Good Shepherd. And in the Gospel, God is a judge.

In the first reading, the Prophet Ezekiel calls us lost sheep, and God is the good shepherd. We are the sick, the injured who are in need of being found. We do not find God. God finds us. God is speaking through the prophet, when he says: "I will seek the lost and I will bring back the strayed and I will bind up the injured and I will strengthen the weak. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep and I will make them lie down." It seems not important how we may have gotten lost, or injured, or sick. What is important is what the shepherd does. He searches out those who are lost, or injured, and assists them.

In the Gospel when the Son of God comes, He will be there to judge. To separate the good from the bad. It will be as when a shepherd separates sheep from goats. The separation will be that clear. He gives the judgement: to some he says "Come you that are blessed." To others he says: "Leave me, go, you that are accursed." A remarkable thing about the story as Matthew tells it, both groups, whether chosen or rejected, are surprised. Both groups seemed not to be aware of why they were being judged the way they were. And the King gave the same reasons: "You saw me hungry, and you fed or did not feed. You saw me thirsty and you gave or did not give drink. You saw me a stranger and did or did not welcome me. You saw me naked and you did or did not clothe me. You saw me sick or imprisoned, and you visited, or did not visit. The reaction of both was the same. When did we do those things? And the answer was the same. As you did it to one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it to me or did not do it to me. Christ made it very clear that he identified himself with those who are in need of help. And we are going to be judged by the way that we responded to them. We either saw them and ministered to them or did not. What seems to human eyes as not very significant or important, not worth much, is, in fact, very important. Nakedness, too, is not just the want of clothes, but also about loss of dignity, purity, and self-respect. And homelessness is not just the want of a house; there is the homelessness of being rejected, of being unwanted in a throwaway society. The biggest disease in the world today is the feeling of being unwanted and uncared for. The greatest evil in the world is lack of love, the terrible indifference towards one's neighbour.

The Gospel reminds us "You did or did not do something that needed to be done." When did we see you hungry or thirsty? You did it when you thought you were doing very little. I was a stranger and you made me feel welcome. I was homeless, for want of tenderness, and you gave me a hug. I was homeless, for want of sympathy and understanding, and you listened to me. I was homeless for want of care, love and acceptance and you opened your heart and took me in. There are so many ways in which we could be kind to others if we were more aware and sensitive. It is not a question of doing great things, but in doing little things with great love. It is not a question of giving things, but in giving ourselves, our time, our energy, our love. "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

SAINT OF THE DAY

A parishioner asked for a Mass in thanksgiving to St. Charbel Makhoul this week. I googled him to check the spelling of his name and this is what I learned.

Need a miracle? Pray to St. Charbel!

The Lebanese saint has become widely known as a miraculous intercessor on countless occasions. Throughout history, God has chosen certain individuals to work stunning miracles that reveal his great power and love for all of humanity. Among them, St. Charbel Makhoul has proven time and time again to be a powerful intercessor through whom God desires to reveal His healing touch. He was a humble and holy hermit, whose weaknesses became great strengths in the hand of God. Read the [full article here](#).

"FIRE AND ICE" BY ROBERT FROST

Some say the world will end in fire,

Some say in ice.

From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favor fire.

But if it had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice

Is also great
And would suffice.

"There is more hunger for love and appreciation in this world than for bread."

—*Mother Teresa*

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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.