



Canadian Martyrs Church

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No in-person Masses during Lockdown

Baptism of the Lord

January 9/10 2021

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Meetings: 1st Thurs., 7:00pm

Finance Committee

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Development and Peace

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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

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Joyce White, 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, Clare Dashney, Ping Cai, Judette Budden, Marie Christine Maisor, and Joan Beaton.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For all those who have become God's children through the saving waters of baptism, we pray to the Lord.

For an end to the Coronavirus pandemic, that God will free us from this dangerous virus and help us rebuild our communities of faith, we pray to the Lord.

For the grace to listen, that we may recognize the many ways that God calls us, invites us to life, and provides opportunities for us to respond, we pray to the Lord.

For all those who speak, preach, call, write, blog, sing and pray during this time of isolation, we pray to the Lord.

NOVEMBER COLLECTION

Envelopes/Loose change: \$ 6,697.00
Direct Deposit (EFTs): \$ 7,460.00
Canada Helps: \$ 7,199.19
Total: \$21,356.19

Average monthly expenses: \$20,614.18

Thank you!

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.

Parish News

OTTAWA LOCKDOWN

All in-person Masses will be cancelled during the lockdown. As done by his predecessor, Archbishop Dampousse grants the dispensation of your obligation to attend Sunday Mass and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, throughout this pandemic. The Zoom link for our Liturgy of the Word can be found in the body of the Bulletin email.

LAUDATO SI' UPDATE

Hello friends, You have probably already heard or read about the aim of starting Action Groups to rescue and preserve our natural and social environments, as Pope Francis called for in the encyclical, *Laudato Si*. A message was shared with parishioners in early December, summarizing two Zoom meetings and presenting a survey to help you join a group that interests you. Sufficient numbers responded for us to create two groups. However, we are certain that there's more interest out there. And we're sure that the new year is an ideal time for a resolution to join in *Laudato Si* action! Please read the message with the survey by clicking [on this link](#). Please send in your survey response by **January 15**.

Thank you. John Dorner and Bob Czerny, on behalf of the planning team and our parishes (Holy Canadian Martyrs and St. Basil's)

507 SANDWICH CLUB

Thank you to all who have already donated to our 507 Sandwich Club. If you would like to donate towards this project, please make cheques payable to Canadian Martyrs Church. **Please contact Angie at angieb3000@gmail.com with any questions or if you wish to volunteer.**

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

If you have a child whom you would like to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation (Grade 2), or the sacrament of Confirmation (Grade 6), please call or email the office. Sessions will start the **week of Jan. 17th**. Because of COVID guidelines, the preparation sessions will take place virtually via Zoom.

ZOOM AND SEE

The Courage to Walk in the Footsteps of the Apostles
Hearing and answering God's call is not always easy. The OMI Lacombe Canada Vocation Team is ready to accompany inquirers and discerners as they search for how Christ is inviting them to follow Him. If you are a young Catholic man (18-40 years of age), who is a Canadian resident and interested in Oblate religious and missionary life, we invite you to "Zoom and See" on **January 25** at 7:00pm - 8:30pm. [More info here.](#)

A FEW SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

Take some time every day to read and pray with the Scripture from the Mass of the day. This helps us stay connected to the life of the Church.

- Read the daily Gospel through Art: <https://www.christian.art/todays-reading.php>
- [Remaining Spiritually Engaged in Your Own Home](#): Practical suggestions for the entire family to stay spiritually engaged while confined to home.
- [FORMED](#): Stream Catholic movies, programs, audio and books. Enjoy a free trial for 7 days.
- **Join us for one or more of our weekly Zoom gatherings. Share and reflect with fellow parishioners!**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

This is the last feast of the Christmas cycle of feasts. We began Advent at the end of November and were introduced to John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus. Now we come to the end of the cycle with John introducing Jesus at his Baptism.

Today Jesus comes to the River Jordan where he undergoes a ceremony conducted by John called “Baptism of Repentance”. And as Jesus came out of the water, great signs appeared: The heavens were torn open, the spirit of God appeared as a dove, and a voice was heard: “You are my Son, the Beloved, With you I am well pleased.” It was a most dramatic event. Scripture scholars tell us that the event described by Mark was most significant and is a turning point in the life of Christ. It was this event that prepared Jesus for His preaching, teaching, healing and reaching out to the poor. These words from the Father, would give Jesus the assurances He needed as He approached his life work. This event coloured everything that happened to Jesus. No matter what occurred: the temptations in the desert, rejections, denials, betrayal and even being condemned to death, Jesus knew clearly that He was the Son of God, He was beloved, and God was well pleased with Him.

What had happened to Jesus up to this point in His life we do not know. We have recalled, during the last few weeks, the incidents surrounding Jesus’ birth, and very early childhood. Then Jesus disappears from view, and we hear nothing about His life, until today. But it seems that Jesus had come to a point in His life when He was faced with a decision. Would He begin his public life or not? He hears the words of God addressed to Him, “You are my Son, my beloved, with you I am well pleased.” and everything changed. This public affirmation by God, that He, Jesus, was the child of God, and that in Him God was well pleased. That affirmation marked the career of Jesus from this day forward.

For some people, the experience of being loved without any conditions is a rare one. Many adults cannot recall their parents ever saying to them: “You are my beloved, with you I am well pleased.” For many, words of love and appreciation were always somewhat shaded or conditional. There seems always to have been an ‘if’ or a ‘provided that’. The experience that many have is of trying all their lives to live up to their parents' expectations of what they should be or should do. For them, the love or approval of their father or mother, seems always to have been conditional. For such people it is very difficult to accept

the unconditional love of God. Because they have never had the experience of unconditional love from the most important people in their childhood. They seem always to feel that they have had to earn the love of others and even the love of God. Even though we may say that our parents always loved us and we may even believe it, our hearts and feelings often tell us another story. Siblings often have very different experiences of love in their family. They feel that their parents loved their brother or sister more than they loved them. It may not be true at all, but the perception is very powerful. So when we say that God loves us unconditionally, it may not feel real to us. We have all had the experience of not measuring up. Those who have the experience of having been truly loved without any conditions by their parents, not because of what they have done, or accomplished, but that they are loved just for being who they are, such people have an easier time accepting the unconditional love of God. They know that God loves them.

These words addressed to Jesus today, are words that our faith tells us have also been addressed to each of us at our baptism. Our baptism marked that time in our lives when God says we are His beloved children. Just as Jesus heard the words, so are these words intended for us. God has chosen us to be His children, called us by our name, and with each of us, God is well pleased. That is the Good News that is being revealed to us again today.

THE POPE’S MONTHLY INTENTION

As we begin 2021, Pope Francis asks us to prepare our hearts for the days ahead.

Human Fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all. We pray to the Lord.

<http://popesprayerusa.net/2020/12/28/january-2021-reflection-human-fraternity/>

“No one can see their reflection in running water. It is only in still water that we can see.”

– *Taoist proverb*

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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

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.