



Canadian Martyrs Church

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Closed for in-person Masses
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Pastoral Council
Angela Davis
Meetings: 1st Thurs., 7:00pm
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Joseph Duggan
Development and Peace
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Christian Meditation
Dorothy Wood
Mondays, 3pm
Evening Prayer
Pierre LaViolette
Thursdays, 6:30pm

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613-738-5025

Schools
Corpus Christi
798 Lyon St. S
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Cemeteries
Hope Cemetery
613-822-1212
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613-746-4175

4th Sunday of Easter April 24/25 2021



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Pat Mavis, John Dorner, Frank Groten, Peter McAllister, Rabbi Bulka, Joyce White, Devin Bursey, Sandy Cano, Fred Miller, Liam Elder, Sheila & Edward Gasnick, Raul Esteban, Chris Smith & family, Leonardo Miseferi, Clare Dashney, Ping Cai, Judette Budden, and Marie Christine Maisog

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the Church, that we may distinguish the voice of the Good Shepherd from all the other messages that we hear and faithfully respond to all Christ's invitations. We pray to the Lord.

For all the people in our world who are traumatised by war and violence, especially those desperate to reclaim democracy in Myanmar, those exhausted by war in Syria and those in political crisis in Lebanon, that the Good Shepherd will care for them and lead them to a place of safety and healing. We pray to the Lord.

For young men and women, that God may give them the gift of understanding to discern their service in the Church, the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life; and for the gift of courage to follow his call. We pray to the Lord.

For greater stewardship of the earth, that God will inspire us to care for God's creation and ensure that it benefits all of God's children. We pray to the Lord.

For all who have died, especially James Dickson, and for those who mourn them. We pray to the Lord.

MARCH COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 8,494.35
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 7,710.00
Canada Helps:	<u>\$ 2,454.15</u>
Total:	\$18,658.50

Average monthly expenses: \$18,932.98

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

Please contact the office if you would like to join any of these sessions. The Zoom link for our Liturgy of the Word and Evening Prayer can be found in the body of the Bulletin email.

Parish News

DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH

Our parish still needs funds to cover recurrent expenses such as heat, electricity and salaries of essential staff. 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.

HELP CENTRE 507 SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

We received word from Centre 507 that they have an **immediate need for underwear (new), summer socks and sunscreen**. Please help this wonderful community resource by purchasing these items safely via curbside pickup or online shopping. You can drop the items off at the church on Tuesdays or Wednesdays between 9am and 4pm and the 507 Sandwich Club will make sure they are delivered to Centre 507, or deliver them directly to Centre 507.

Centre 507 (phone: 613-233-5626) is located at 507 Bank St. at Argyle behind Centretown United Church. To access the Centre, turn right off Bank onto Argyle, then an immediate right turn under/between church and grey condos. The entrance is at the back of the church. Please ring the bell.

2021 NATIONAL WEEK OF LIFE AND FAMILY

Material, prepared by the Catholic Organization for Life and Family (COLF), is available at <https://www.cccb.ca/national-week-for-life-and-the-family/>. This week will be observed **May 9-16**, with the theme, "Family, the Domestic Church: A Sign of Hope and Life".

EARTH DAY 2021, APRIL 22

[Earth Day Canada](#) has unveiled its 2021 campaign produced in collaboration with Ig2. Let's take care of our planet! Earth Day Canada hopes to raise awareness among Canadians about the urgency of taking action for the environment and to encourage them to take concrete action to take care of the planet on a daily basis. Watch and share the [video clip](#).

LIVE THE MONTH OF MARY

You're invited to experience the month of May in communion with Living with Christ. Each day of the month, receive information about and prayers to the Virgin Mary by email, FREE of charge. Join [here](#).

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK: NURTURING HOPE

Catholic Education Week starts on **May 2nd**. Each day, we can do simple activities, individually or as a family, to act on the hope that dwells within us. Find suggestions for [simple activities](#) to reinforce hope for ourselves and others.

VIRTUAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

NASA's Earth Day Virtual Event: A variety of Earth Day activities, including live talks, games, videos, and great downloadable posters and books, is now online. [Online registration is free and open now](#).

Get ready for the Tulip Festival with [colouring pages](#) to print and colour!

Over The Top: [This interactive adventure](#) is the Canadian War Museum's most popular online experience. Discover how difficult survival in the First World War trenches could be as you make choices throughout the story.

National Volunteer Week 2021

The Value of One, The Power of Many

Many thanks to our volunteers! Your dedication is essential to our mission of striving to build up a strong faith community. You are greatly appreciated!

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

The Good Shepherd Gospel presents a familiar image. In Luke's Gospel, we have the story of the lost sheep and the shepherd who leaves the safe ones to seek out the lost one. Every shepherd knows what a foolish thing that is to do: to leave the majority exposed to danger to rescue one lamb. But it's that very foolishness, the very unthinking passion of God, that's the point of the story. God's ways are not our ways. Jesus speaks of himself as the door to the sheepfold, and the power of that image strikes us when we recall that, in Jesus' day, the sheep were kept at night within a stone wall. The shepherd would lie across the entrance and a wolf would have to get by him. And so, literally he would lay down his life for his sheep. Today's Gospel adds a further intimate touch. Jesus says, "I am the Good Shepherd. I know mine and mine know me." He knows us by name. And in our electronic age, that's significant. We are such a numbered people: we have driver's license numbers, social insurance numbers, OHIP numbers, credit card numbers. Jesus of today's Gospel knows his sheep and calls them by name. All people matter to him personally. There was an old Indian sheep farmer whose neighbour's dogs were always killing his sheep. It got so bad that he knew he had to do something. As he saw it, he had three options. One, he could sue and take his neighbour to court. His second option was to build a stronger and higher fence, but he took a third option. He gave two lambs to his neighbour's children. In due time, the lambs grew into sheep and they had lambs and then the neighbour and his children got to see that the sheep had individual traits and names. They soon penned in their dogs. The Good Shepherd is a good revelation of the God who lets it rain on the just and unjust and sends sunshine on the good and evil.

Today we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has invited us in his message for the 2021 World Day of Vocations to reflect that before the creation of the world, the heavenly Father chose us personally. He has called us to enter a relationship with him, through Jesus and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

"God looks on the heart (cf. 1 Sam 16:7), and in Saint Joseph he recognized the heart of a father, able to give and generate life in the midst of daily routines. Vocations have this same goal: to beget and renew lives every day. The Lord desires to shape the hearts of fathers and mothers: hearts that are open, capable of great initiatives, generous in self-giving, compassionate in comforting anxieties and

steadfast in strengthening hopes. The priesthood and consecrated life greatly need these qualities nowadays, in times marked by fragility, but also by the sufferings due to the pandemic, which has spawned uncertainties and fears about the future and the very meaning of life. Saint Joseph comes to meet us in his gentle way, as one of "the saints next door". At the same time, his strong witness can guide us on the journey.

Saint Joseph suggests to us three key words for each individual's vocation. The first is *dream*. Everyone dreams of finding fulfilment in life. A second word marks the journey of Saint Joseph and that of vocation: *service*. The Gospels show how Joseph lived entirely for others and never for himself. Together with God's call, which makes our greatest dreams come true, and our response, which is made up of generous service and attentive care, there is a third characteristic of Saint Joseph's daily life and our Christian vocation, namely *fidelity*. Joseph is the "righteous man" (Mt 1:19) who daily perseveres in quietly serving God and his plans."

Read the complete message of his Holiness Pope Francis for the 2021 World Day of Vocations [here](#).

VOCATION REFLECTION

"Good Shepherd Sunday"

by Richard Beaudette, OMI

Jesus invites us to be his communal sheep; our first call as disciples is to be in community. For most of us, that is lived out in various ways – in family, parish, friendship and professional groupings. In all of these communities, we are challenged to grow in our relationship with Christ and with one another. Secondly, our baptismal priesthood calls us to serve, to give our lives to one another, to respond in love and compassion to the needs we recognize in members of our various communities."

Read the reflection [here](#).



"Where your talents and the needs of the world cross, there lies your vocation."

— Aristotle

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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.