



# Canadian Martyrs Church

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## Mass Schedule

Wednesday 11:30am

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

## 1st Sunday of Advent

November 28/29 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

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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 Miferi, Fred Kapusta, Jane Hoey-Ray, Amy Gertz, Fr. Frank Kavanagh, OMI, Clare Dashney, Roger Cousineau, and Ping Cai

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**For the Church:** that we may recognize Christ in one another, we pray to the Lord.

**For world leaders:** that their hearts may comprehend the depth of human suffering, we pray to the Lord.

**For all caregivers and essential workers:** that God will give them strength for their service, we pray to the Lord.

**For our newly confirmed candidates,** that the gifts of the Holy Spirit take root in their hearts and continue to bear fruit throughout their lives. We pray for Declan, André, Emma, Maggie, Louisa, Agnes, Julia, Rachel, Keelin, Sophia, Evelyn and Gabriel. We pray to the Lord.

**For all of us gathered at this table,** that we reawaken to the abiding presence of our Lord this Advent season, we pray to the Lord.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov. 28 Maurice LaPierre by Margaret Denny, Clare Brown by Gloria Sola, In thanksgiving for prayers answered by Marie Budden, Harold Allen by Robert Allen

Wed., Dec. 2 Amelia Mendonca by Ilario Pellizzari

Sat., Dec. 5 Ubald Remillard and Reine Paule by Denise Remillard

## OCTOBER COLLECTION

Envelopes/Loose change:	\$ 7413.00
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 7435.00
Canada Helps:	<u>\$ 4009.56</u>
Total:	\$18,857.56

Average monthly expenses: \$20,820.32

*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.

## Our Parish News

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR SOLIDARITY AND GENEROSITY!

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada wishes to thank you for your generosity! Our parish has so far raised \$735 for the Recovering Together collection. (This does not include the money donated online.) This amount will help our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East with their immediate needs and in their work for a just recovery. If you were unable to contribute to the collection, it is not too late! You can make an online donation at [devp.org](http://devp.org). Please carry our sisters and brothers in the Global South in your prayers as they work to build peace and justice, while also trying to overcome the pandemic.

### WELCOME

We would like to welcome Cheryl Khoury and Mary Dalipaj as our new members of Parish Pastoral Council. We thank them for agreeing to serve and look forward to working with them.

### CHURCH ENVELOPES

The 2021 sets of boxed donation envelopes are available for pick up. If you attend weekend Masses, you will find your box of envelopes in your pew. You can pick up your envelopes at the church office, Monday-Thursday from 9am to 4pm. Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

### 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](mailto:brian13cano@hotmail.com).

### SANDWICH MAKING

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](mailto:angie3000@gmail.com) for more information.

### ADVENT COMMUNITY LEARNING SERIES

All are welcome to participate in St. Joseph's Parish Advent Community Learning Series entitled "From Darkness Into Light." The four Zoom sessions include an exploration of sacred music, the biblical narratives of finding refuge, an evening of peace and prayer, and reflections on the portrayal of faith and doubt in literature. Info: <http://www.st-josephs.ca/about/advent-community-learning-series/>, or Christopher Adam [cadam@st-josephs.ca](mailto:cadam@st-josephs.ca).

### ORDER FROM THE ST. JOE'S SUPPER TABLE CHRISTMAS CATALOGUE

From homemade spice mixes and rubs, to cakes, loaves, barks, brittles and squares, and even customized ornaments, the St. Joe's Supper Table Christmas Catalogue has an array of gift options for the holidays. Please consider buying your baked goods or gifts this Christmas from the St. Joe's Supper Table. All items will be prepared on-site in their kitchen and will be available for pick-up or delivery before Christmas. All proceeds support St. Joe's community meal service! Download the Christmas Catalogue and order form here: [St-Joes-Christmas-Catalogue](#).

Please place your orders between **November 16 and December 13. Order pickup begins December 14.**

For more information, please contact the St. Joe's Supper Table Manager, Ryan Mitchell: [rmitchell@st-josephs.ca](mailto:rmitchell@st-josephs.ca)

## 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

Today is the First Sunday of Advent. The church has its own calendar, and in it the new year begins with the first Sunday of Advent. I would like to explore what it means in reference to Christmas, because it is closely related to Christmas. In order to see where we got Advent, we have to begin with Christmas, which began around the fourth century. In order to better understand Christmas and Advent, we have to go back to pagan times when the celebrations started. The pagans saw the world as a great cosmic struggle between the powers of darkness and the powers of light. And they noticed as they watched, that at different times darkness seemed to be getting the better of the light, so to speak. They noticed this because the days at this time of the year were getting shorter. This was certainly true for the Northern Hemisphere. If they were getting shorter that meant that the light, or the sun, was getting weaker.

Around December 21, they noticed that the tables began to turn, and that the sun began to regain its strength. And so when this happened, the pagans celebrated the resurrection, or the light of the sun. It was a sun feast, marking the transition from darkness to light. When the Christians came along, they took over this pagan notion. The sun that the Christians were talking about was Jesus, the Son of God, and they made this time of year a celebration when we would get ready for the tables to be turned. In the great struggle, this was the time when sin and death would now be overcome by the light of the world, Jesus, the S-o-n of God.

So they called this time Christmas, and they made Advent the time of considering an end of darkness and a looking forward to the coming light. And that's what it has meant to Christians ever since. Christmas is the beginning. The passion, death, and resurrection are the final burst, and the victory of the Son of God. But Christmas is the beginning, and Advent marks that time when darkness grows weaker and the sun becomes stronger. And so Advent became, and still remains for us, a time when the tide will turn. Advent is truly our new year, and that's why you notice that the Scripture is speaking about the end. Jesus says, "Be on guard, it will come like a thief in the night." And the next Gospel will talk about the sun falling and the moon not giving its light. What Jesus is talking about is not the end of our material world; what Jesus and the Scriptures mean is, "This is an end to darkness. Get ready to move into light."

Advent, then, is a challenge. Advent asks: What is the

struggle in your life and mine? What is the struggle you want to overcome? What darkness in your life and your world would you like to see reversed? What breakthrough would you want for this new year? What tide would you like turned around? So much personal suffering and hidden pain exists around us, indeed in many of us. Healing is necessary.

Our world needs so much healing. We need so much healing. And it begins with us. We all can make a gesture to make somebody feel better. We have that power. That might be our goal for the new year. We live in darkness. Others live in darkness. We can roll it back. And yet, we cannot do this without Jesus. If anything profound is going to happen to us this year, it will have to be in relationship with Jesus Christ. We've got to get to know Jesus better. He's not just a name, he's what draws us to the church. He's got to be a reality in our lives. If darkness is to be rolled back, it's you and I who will do it.

Advent is a time when there's a turnabout, the breakthrough. Advent is that kind of season. It's that patient struggle. In the early part of the Gospel, when Jesus is just starting his public ministry, he asks one of the apostles, Nathaniel, to follow him. Nathaniel says, "Where do you live?" And Jesus simply says, "Come and see." Where does Jesus live? He lives in somebody's darkness. Come and see. Somebody's hurting, somebody's in pain, somebody's in grief, somebody's struggling. Even those who seem the most cheerful, can and do fall apart. And all that they want, all that you and I ever want, was to be healed with the affirming touch of another. If this world, if this nation, if you and I, as a community are to roll back the darkness, Advent is the time. A new year, a new beginning, a time when darkness begins to slip. And hopefully in your life and mine, the Son, Jesus, begins to rise.



"How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world."

– *William Shakespeare*

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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:** 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.