



# Canadian Martyrs Church

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## Mass Schedule

Wednesday 11:30am

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

## 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 12/13 2020

### Pastor

Fr. Tim Coonen, OMI

### Parish Life Coordinator

Maureen Ceroni

### 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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613-746-4175



### 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, Ping Cai, and Judette Budden

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**For the Church**, during this holy season of Advent, that we testify to Christ's presence among us by rejoicing in him always.

**For Indigenous peoples**, especially in the Amazon, whose way of life depends on the land: that governments will defend their rights, protect them from exploitation, restore the environment, and enforce just laws.

**For those in our community**, who are discouraged or depressed, that we find ways to offer support through prayer and companionship.

**For our families and friends**, that we may find thoughtful ways to express our love and joy during our Christmas celebrations, while keeping everyone safe and healthy.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 12 Molly Chambers by her family

Wed., Dec. 16 Olga Staresinic by Margaret Denny

Pasquale Cotroneo and family by Lidia Cotroneo

Sat., Dec. 19 Fred Barnes by Margaret Denny

## NOVEMBER COLLECTION

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

Average monthly expenses: \$20,820.32

*Thank you!*

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wed., Dec. 16, 7:00pm, Reconciliation Service (must register)  
Wed., Dec. 23, 11:30am  
Thurs., Dec. 24, 5:00pm and 8:00pm (must register)  
Fri., Dec. 25, 10:00am (must register), 11:15am Zoom Liturgy  
Sat., Dec. 26, 5:00pm (must register)  
Sun., Dec. 27, 10:00am (must register), no Zoom Liturgy  
Wed., Dec. 30, no Mass  
Thurs., Dec. 31, 5:00pm (must register)  
Fri., Jan. 1, no Mass  
Sat., Jan. 2, 5:00pm (must register)  
Sun., Jan. 3, 10:00am (must register), 11:15am Zoom Liturgy

## Parish News

### 507 SANDWICH CLUB

Thanks to wonderful volunteers from the Canadian Martyrs community, our 507 Sandwich Club to help Centre 507 is now underway. However, groceries are pricey! Our next challenge is funding the program longer term. We are gratefully welcoming donations for this program. Please make cheques payable to Canadian Martyrs Church. Please contact Angie at [angieb3000@gmail.com](mailto:angieb3000@gmail.com) with any questions or if you wish to volunteer.

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

If you have a child who is in Grade 2 whom you would like to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation, or if you have a child in Grade 6 who you would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please call or email the office. In order to prepare the children to celebrate these sacraments, we will need this information by **Jan. 15th**. Because of COVID guidelines, the preparation sessions will take place virtually via Zoom.

### CANADIAN MARTYRS VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AND CONCERT

Last year's Christmas Concert was so much fun, but this year we have to go virtual. Our social is ready to go and now we want to set up the concert. If you or your family have a song or a skit to perform on the afternoon of **Dec. 20th**, we want to hear from you. Send all entries to [brian13cano@gmail.com](mailto:brian13cano@gmail.com). You will be contacted about a dress rehearsal.

Please join us on the **Dec. 20th at 2pm** for all the fun. You can find the Zoom link in the weekly bulletin email.

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED - PUTTING LAUDATO SI' INTO ACTION!

Thank you to those who have registered to participate in Action Groups in support of Putting Laudato Si' into

action. The registration date has been extended as the groups will begin in January. In preparation for participation, it is suggested that one watch the [webinar with Fr. Augusto Zampini-Davies](#) who shared with us the teachings of Pope Francis in his encyclicals Laudato Si' and Fratelli Tutti. Parishioners of Canadian Martyrs and St. Basil Parishes are invited to complete a survey to identify main areas of interest and to register to join an Action Group. To complete the survey, to learn more about the project and to consider becoming a member of an action group, please click [here](#). For further info, contact John Dorner ([jdorner@archottawa.ca](mailto:jdorner@archottawa.ca); 613-804-7018).

### ADVENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES WEEK 2

Week 2 Advent resources from the Archdiocese of Ottawa are available [here](#). We hope this will help you and your children live your best Advent yet. Enjoy!

### A MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP MARCEL DAMPHOUSSE

We are sharing a bilingual message from Archbishop Marcel Damphousse as he becomes the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall: [Message to the faithful Dec 2020](#)

### OTTAWA SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & SPIRITUALITY (OSTS)

On Monday evenings from **January 4 – March 15, 2021**, the OSTS invites you to join us for a wide range of reasonably priced courses via Zoom in the comfort of your own home. There are no required readings, no homework, no exams – just the joy of learning. It is unnecessary to have a paid Zoom account. Info: [www.osts.ca](http://www.osts.ca); Ann Babin, 613-830-8826 or Pat Trites, 613-824-8780.

### 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

The readings of today's Mass speak to us of prophets. And three of them are presented for us: we have the Prophet Isaiah, Mary in her role as prophet, and John the Baptist. The second reading tells us not to despise the prophets. I would like to spend some time today reflecting on these readings and the role of prophets. Prophets were people who brought the word of the Lord to their hearers, and interpreted the events of their times for the people. I would like to ask who are the prophets in our world, and do we listen to them?

In our first reading, Isaiah is speaking to the people of Judea who have returned from exile to find their city in ruins. The temple has to be rebuilt, but the work is going very slowly, the people were discouraged, and Isaiah wants to encourage them. Isaiah is the servant of the Lord and he speaks of the Spirit of the Lord God coming upon him. The Lord has anointed him and sent him to bring good news to the oppressed. He was to heal the broken hearted and proclaim freedom to prisoners. Isaiah is one who looks at the world and interprets the events going on from the point of view of a servant of God. He calls on the people to rejoice in the Lord, because of the great things God has done for them. He says that the Lord will be praised and righteousness will spring up before all the nations. This was the text that Jesus used to begin His public life by preaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. Jesus said that this prophecy was being fulfilled in the presence of his listeners. Jesus took these words of the prophet, and applied them to His day, to His hearers. We are to take these words and apply them to our time and our place.

The Gospel begins today with the words: "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light." John, who wrote the Gospel introduces John the Baptist. And he defines him as one who gives testimony to another, whom he has already called the Son of God. John the Baptist is a prophet. He is one who brings the message of God to the people.

In the second reading, Paul tells us: "Rejoice in the Lord always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you." The people were experiencing "great trials", yet they remained "imitators" of Paul and manifested the "constancy of their hope". Paul wrote: "The word of the Lord has echoed forth from you resoundingly." To all of us, Paul writes: "Do not quench the spirit of your hopes and convictions. Do not despise the words of the prophets."

The Psalm presents us the great canticle of Mary. Mary has been visited by the Angel Gabriel, and has been asked to be the Mother of the Son of God. She had given her consent and now she has gone to visit Elizabeth. After she was greeted by Elizabeth, she replies with this great hymn to her God. Mary, true to her role of prophet is interpreting the events in her world from the point of view of God's plan for humankind. "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of His servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me and holy is His name. His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation." In her role as prophet, Mary sings the praises of her God, and how all generations will call her blessed. Mary proclaims the greatness of her God, and brings that message to Elizabeth and to us.

In the Gospel of John, people are streaming down to the River Jordan seeking out the prophet John. We hear him say: "There is one among you whom you do not recognize." Often we do not recognize the prophets among us. John is very insistent that he was not the chosen one, the one who would bring salvation to the world, "I baptize with water...but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In fact, the one whom we have been seeking has been present in our company all along. Because we did not stifle the spirit, the Lord Jesus is ready to baptize us with the Holy Spirit. He has been with us, in our trials, in our hopes, and now in the consolation of our soul. Sometimes we have to be reminded, as we are in today's reading from Paul, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." So we might ask: Who are the prophets in our days and in our times? Who are the people who interpret the word of God for us? Are they among us and we do not know them? As we prepare for the coming of the Saviour, we pray that we may know the prophets among us, and that we may hear them when they point out the Saviour to us.

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

O come, Thou Key of David, come  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

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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.