



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 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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Notre-Dame

613-746-4175

4th Sunday of Advent

December 19/20 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, Clare Dashney, Ping Cai, Judette Budden, Marie Christine Maisog, Joan Beaton and Patti Staples

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For all God's people: that our longing for Christ be fulfilled this Christmas, we pray to the Lord.

For an end to the Covid pandemic: that God will heal the sick, strengthen the caregivers, and guide the distribution and administration of the vaccines. We pray to the Lord.

For deeper respect and appreciation for the created world: that we may be good stewards of the earth that God has provided for our wellbeing and that of future generations, we pray to the Lord.

For all who are isolated and separated from loved ones: that they find hope and loving fellowship in this community, we pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 19 Fred Barnes by Margaret Denny

Wed. Dec. 23 Robert Remillard by Denise Remillard

NOVEMBER COLLECTION

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

Average monthly expenses: \$20,614.18

Thank you!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

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

Thank you to all who have already donated to our 507 Sandwich Club. We are grateful to have the funds to make sandwiches on a weekly basis for a couple of months now. If you would like to donate towards this initiative, please make cheques payable to Canadian Martyrs Church.

Please contact Angie at angieb3000@gmail.com with any questions or if you wish to volunteer. Please make note that Angie's email address was incorrect in previous bulletins. We apologize for this inconvenience.

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.

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 to **January 15th**. 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; 613-804-7018).

ADVENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES WEEK 3

Week 3 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!

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; Ann Babin, 613-830-8826 or Pat Trites, 613-824-8780.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS WITH ARCHBISHOP

In this time of darkness, we need some hope. Come join Archbishop Damphousse as he celebrates the coming of the Light into the world, for a celebration of Christ's birth. The Mass will be celebrated **at 7pm on Christmas Eve** and will be televised on Rogers Cable. You can also view it at www.rogerstv.com/Ottawa and www.archoc.ca. A French Mass will be televised at 5pm at www.tvrogers.com/Ottawa.

THE CALL HOME

A wonderful group of Catholics from our archdiocese have created a message that they hope will reach those who know that Christmas is important but aren't sure what it means for their lives. The Call Home uses local, personal testimonies to present the basic message of the Gospel. Read about the Call Home initiative and view the video at <https://www.thecallhome.com/>.

SUNDAY MISSALS

We still have copies of the 2021 Sunday Missal for sale for \$5. They are available at Masses and during office hours (Monday-Thursday, 9am to 4pm).

OBLATE VOCATION REFLECTION

Read this week's Oblate Vocation Reflection: "God's Favoured Ones" By Serena Shaw [here](#).

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

We have come to the 4th Sunday of Advent. Our last Sunday in preparation for our celebration of the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem. Today is a very important piece in the preparation process: preparing for the coming of the Christ, the Promised One, the Saviour. For the last two weeks, we have heard stories about John the Baptist, who introduced Jesus to the public. John called for the people to get ready for the healing ministry of Jesus. Today, we hear more about two important persons in the drama that is unfolding: King David and Mary.

Usually the first reading is chosen to help us hear the Gospel passage. It suggests what we are to reflect upon, and how we are to interpret the Gospel passage. The first reading today tells us about David. Never in his life had David experienced failure. When he was still young, he defeated Goliath, the Giant. He conquered the Philistines, the fierce enemies of the Hebrews. He won the loyalty of the Northern Israelites who didn't trust anyone. He got extraordinary loyalty from his soldiers and conquered Jerusalem, which had for over 200 years never been captured. Now he wanted to build a temple for God. Today the prophet says to David, "do whatever you want." Then he came back the next day to tell David that God had said no. No one had ever said no to David in his life. God had lived in a tent ever since the Israelites had been led out of Egypt. A tent was the normal dwelling place for desert people. It was the best way for God to dwell among his people, to direct them in their wandering, and to move along with them each stage of their journey. The tent symbolized the security of God's presence. No matter where they would have migrated, God was with them. Yet nothing is more insecure than a tent. It could collapse any moment, unlike a temple on rock. David abandoned his dream of building a temple for God.

At the same time, God did something surprising. He had chosen David to be king, and promised he would head up a dynasty. For the first time in the history of the Chosen people, the position of king would be hereditary, "Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne, David, shall be established forever." The story of the Annunciation is another example that illustrates what God wants is not always what is expected. He sent His angel to a young unwed woman to tell her that she would be the mother of the Chosen One. God continues to surprise his followers. It would not be a temple that David would build, but a dynasty, and from that dynasty, the Messiah would come. It would not be as

Mary imagined, but it would be through the miraculous intervention of the Spirit that God's plan would be pushed forward. As it was true in the time of King David, and in the time of Mary, so would it be true throughout history. It is true in our day as well. It is always in unexpected ways that God acts. God's plan is almost always to be present and active in the most surprising ways. Often the plan of God is baffling and mysterious to us, and that is where we learn from Mary. God's plan is made known and cooperation is asked. Though the future is often dim and unclear, it is by being open to the plan of God that we can best prepare for the birth of Jesus among us.

We have heard the story of how Mary said yes to God's invitation. She could not have ever realized the implications. She could not have known that she would have a child in a stable. She could not have known that she would be a refugee in a foreign country. She could not have known that 33 years later she would watch her son die as a criminal. Mary did not say yes just once. She had to renew that yes many times. Because she relied on the goodness of God, she was able to remain faithful. Each of us has made commitments and undertaken obligations. When we say yes, we do not realize the full implications either. The full realization is only revealed as we go along the path opened to us. We, too, have to reaffirm our original yes to be faithful, not once, but often. We have to ask God for help to remain faithful. By following the same path, Mary brought Christ to birth. He will be brought to birth in each of us too.

AN INVITATION

You are invited to join with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in ministering to the poorest of the poor. "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers/sisters, you do unto me." We invite you to become a partner with the Oblate missionaries by contacting the Lacombe Canada MAMI office to receive the *Oblate Spirit* publication on a regular basis. The *Oblate Spirit* provides updates on the compassionate humanitarian work that can be done with your help. Toll Free: 1-866-432-6264 E-mail: lacombemami@sasktel.net Website: www.omilacombe.ca/mami/

"The oldest, shortest words -
'yes' and 'no' - are those which
require the most thought."

- Pythagoras

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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.