



# Canadian Martyrs Church

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## Mass Schedule

Wednesday 11:30am

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

## 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 5/6 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, Ping Cai, and Judette Budden

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**For the Church:** that God enlighten us all with wisdom, understanding, counsel and strength, we pray to the Lord.

**For all members of the Body of Christ:** that God will give us the grace to pursue conversion, to advocate for justice and peace, and to be heralds of God's presence in our midst, we pray to the Lord.

**For all who are alone or in isolation:** that God will sustain them, awaken them to the blessings in their lives, and help us to reach out and accompany them, we pray to the Lord.

**For this parish community:** that God's Spirit shine brightly in our hearts as we journey through Advent, we pray to the Lord.

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

Wed., Dec. 9 Jack Lavoie by Shirley Lavoie

Ruth LaRochelle by the Rosary Group

Sat., Dec. 12 Molly Chambers by her family

## 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

### 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 whom 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.

### 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. Otherwise, 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.

### 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 **December 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.

### 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 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

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)

### ACTION GROUPS - PUTTING LAUDATO SI' INTO ACTION!

On November 25, our parish, in partnership with St. Basil Parish, held a webinar with Fr. Augusto Zampini-Davies of the Vatican. He shared with us the teachings of Pope Francis in his encyclicals Laudato Si' and Fratelli Tutti, which call us to come together through action in response to the cry of the earth and the poor. Through a survey everyone is asked to identify their areas of interest and to join an Action Group. Everyone is welcome, even if you did not participate in the webinars. To complete the survey and to learn more about this project, please click [here](#).

### ADVENT RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES

There have never been so many fantastic resources for Advent – almost too many! To help you out, the Archdiocese of Ottawa has put together a [one page newsletter](#) with Advent links and downloads. We hope this will help you and your children live your best Advent yet. Each week during Advent there will be a newsletter with more ideas that you can choose from. Enjoy!

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

When we find ourselves in spiritual and emotional darkness, what do we do? How do we respond? Some of us respond with resignation, others of us with anger, others in despair that has led to alcoholism or drug addiction. Our souls can fill up with bitterness causing others to distance themselves from us, driving us into isolation and feelings of abandonment. We live in a time of economic gloom, an economic depression that has affected not only our wallets but our national spirit as well. Where do we look for hope? Has God abandoned us or is God bidding us to look beyond what presently imprisons us in darkness?

The first words in today's first reading come from the prophet Isaiah. God tells Isaiah to comfort His people: "Speak tenderly to Jerusalem," and proclaim that "her time of trial is coming to an end. Every valley shall be filled in; every mountain and hill shall be made low; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed." Isaiah was speaking God's word to Israel. His people had been driven from their homeland and were living in captivity in Babylon. And Isaiah speaks to us as well, in our time. Tenderly, God speaks to those captive Israelites "Comfort, give comfort to my people. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem." Tell them that their trials are about to end. In the desert God's power will make things gentle for them. Valleys will be filled, mountains will be levelled, and rough ways will be smoothed. God will care for them like a shepherd, guide them and nourish them, gathering them in His arms and speaking tenderly to them. God cares for us also.

The Gospel account picks up on that scene. We need to note, however, that all this will not come about unless we do our part, unless we repent, change our ways, and prepare to meet God on His terms, not ours. The situation of the Israelites differs from the situation in which we presently find ourselves. As challenging as theirs was, ours is more challenging. To provide for us in our challenge God sent us His only Son to work with us, not simply for us. We often find ourselves praying to God to do things for us without at the same time offering God what we will do for Him. That is where our challenge is found. When we have broken away from those who love us, what path do we take to return to them? When we have hurt those who we love, how do we get back into their hearts? For those who live apart from God's love, the path is difficult, and perhaps not possible to find. For those who live in God's favour, the valleys will be filled, the mountains levelled, the rough ways will be made smooth, and the trip back will be gentle. Life is filled with afflictions, many of them

severe. God has spoken His Word to us, His Word made flesh. Our Church, standing now in the shoes of John the Baptist, cries out: "In the desert prepare the way of the Lord! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Here is your God! He comes with power the Lord God who rules by his strong arm; here is His reward. Like a shepherd He feeds His flock; in His arms He gathers His lambs, carrying them next to His heart, leading them with care." All the more marvellous, then, is the fact that God's only Son entered into our humanity. He became fully and truly human in order to share in our darkness, to share in our moments of depression and despair. This is so in order that we, in our darkest moments and in our times of disillusionment and depression, might find there His voice and hear His call to us: "Behold, I am with you. Fear not; be not afraid; have courage. Walk in my way, in my truth, and in my life and I will be there with you as your gentle shepherd, holding you in my arms next to my heart." Jesus gives us both strength and hope. His message is empowering. He give us a power this world does not know. We are not trapped in hopelessness and powerlessness. God's tender loving care is there for us if only we turn from this world's ways and enter into His way, the only way that leads to victory. Like a shepherd, God leads us, feeds us, and strengthens us. In His arms he gathers us, carrying us close to His heart and leading us to our heavenly home, a journey that is both challenging and comforting.

### VOCATION REFLECTION: "TRAILBLAZER"

"In every way of life, whether we are single, married or religious, we are called to "prepare the way of the Lord". Our discernment of God's will in our life is an expression of faith as we embrace the way with trust. It takes courage to step out of our comfort zone and away from the securities of life. It takes a 'trailblazer' to walk the path of the Lord, not our own." Read the reflection [here](#) on Friday by Fr. Jarek Pachocki, OMI - Vocation Director.

"Peace is not something you wish for; it's something you make, something you do, something you are, and something you give away."

– Robert Fulghum

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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.