



Canadian Martyrs Church

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No in-person Masses during Lockdown

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 16/17 2021

Pastor

Fr. Tim Coonen, OMI

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Maureen Cerroni

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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

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Gerarda Staples, Joyce White, 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. Vaughan Quinn, Fr. Frank Kavanagh, Clare Dashney, Ping Cai, Judette Budden, Marie Christine Maisog and Joan Beaton

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the Church: that we may introduce others to Christ through honest lives, loving deeds, and truthful words, we pray to the Lord.

For world leaders: that they listen and respond to the needs of their people, we pray to the Lord.

For all Americans around the world: that respect, peace and honour will be the overriding tone as Joe Biden is inaugurated into the presidency of the United States on January 20th, we pray to the Lord.

For a successful vaccination program: that God will guide those giving out the vaccines and open pathways so that poor communities and nations will be included in the program, we pray to the Lord.

For our students as they begin a new semester: that God will inspire them in making good decisions and being dedicated to their studies so that they can enrich our community, we pray to the Lord.

DECEMBER COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 21,934.00
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 7,460.00
Canada Helps:	\$ <u>6,826.10</u>
Total:	\$ 36,220.10

Average monthly expenses: \$ 18,934.71

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
(4th Sunday, Children's Liturgy)

Please contact the office if you would like to join any of these sessions.

Parish News

NEED HELP GETTING ON ZOOM?

Email the office and we will connect you with a Zoom buddy to help you become more comfortable with this platform. Join us for our Zoom gatherings!

OTTAWA LOCKDOWN

All in-person Masses will be cancelled during the lockdown. As done by his predecessor, Archbishop Dampousse grants the dispensation of your obligation to attend Sunday Mass and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, throughout this pandemic. The Zoom link for our Liturgy of the Word can be found in the body of the Bulletin email.

507 SANDWICH CLUB

Thank you to all who have already donated to our 507 Sandwich Club. If you would like to donate towards this project, please make cheques payable to Canadian Martyrs Church. **Please contact Angie at angieb3000@gmail.com with any questions or if you wish to volunteer.**

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.

ZOOM AND SEE

The Courage to Walk in the Footsteps of the Apostles
Hearing and answering God's call is not always easy. The OMI Lacombe Canada Vocation Team is ready to accompany inquirers and discerners as they search for how Christ is inviting them to follow Him. If you are a young Catholic man (18-40 years of age), who is a Canadian resident and interested in Oblate religious and

missionary life, we invite you to "Zoom and See" on **January 25** at 7:00pm - 8:30pm. [More info here.](#)

DISCUSSION SERIES: FRATELLI TUTTI

Join a Discussion Series at St. Joseph's parish on Pope Francis' Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti*. This initiative will be offered entirely through Zoom and is open to everyone. Beginning Wednesday, **January 20** at 7pm, they will offer an open discussion of the encyclical, chapter-by-chapter, with the discussion occurring bi-weekly until April 28th. These sessions will be facilitated by Oblate Associate, Eleanor Rabnett. Each session will begin with a Prayer to the Creator, followed by a brief overview presentation of the given chapter. The focus of each session will be directed discussion and reflection on what *Fratelli Tutti* means to us, here in Canada, in this time of pandemic and isolation. The encyclical can be downloaded to your tablet or computer using this link: [Fratelli Tutti on Fraternity and Social Friendship](#)

Registration is required. Once registered you will receive an invitation to each of the gatherings every two weeks. To register for the sessions, please [click here](#).

ALPHA ON WEDNESDAYS VIA ZOOM

The Alpha Experience helps prepare us for Eternal Life by using dynamic films and interactive discussions which explore the basics and help deepen the Christian Faith. Simple guidance to use Zoom is provided. Visit: www.stmarysottawa.ca/alpha. Easy access from your own home, starts Wed., **Jan. 27**, 7-9 pm. No cost. Hosted by St Mary's Parish. Info: <https://tinyurl.com/StMarysAlpha>; 613 728-9811 x701.

52 WAYS TO CARE FOR CREATION

Start 2021 with some resolutions to care for creation. Find an idea for each week of the year to help to protect and restore God's Creation by clicking [here](#).

2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

Last week we finished the Christmas Season. Over the next six weeks we will be marking Ordinary Time. It is called Ordinary Time because it deals with the events of the 'ordinary' or public life of Jesus Christ. The events of the life of Jesus, His teachings and miracles will form the contents of the Gospels.

Today the readings direct our attention to calls and responses. The first reading, from the book of Samuel, tells us of the first time young Samuel ever heard about the Lord. Samuel was just a boy who knew nothing about God, and thought that the old man, Eli, was calling him. After three such calls, old Eli suggested an answer. He told the youngster to say: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." The story continues, "Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him, and let no word of his fall to the ground." The young boy grew up to be the great Samuel, one of the most important persons in Old Testament history. This little story is a good example of what takes place when the Lord calls: His faithful respond. God called, and Samuel responded.

The central person in today's Gospel is Andrew. We do not know a lot about Andrew, but the things we do know are significant and important. The Gospels intend to show us who Andrew was, and what his role was. He was one who led others to Jesus. Andrew began by bringing his brother, Simon, who was to become the great St. Peter. The next time he is mentioned, Andrew brought the young lad with food, a meal which foreshadowed the great feast of the Eucharist, whereby Jesus would nourish his followers throughout history with His own Body and Blood. The third time, when Andrew brought the foreigners to Jesus, shows us that Jesus' message is intended for all, not only for the people of Israel. So Andrew's role was to help others respond to Jesus' call. Andrew had been a disciple of John the Baptist, and when John points out that Jesus is the Lamb of God, Andrew and the other person with him follow Jesus. Jesus turns around, and asks what it is they want. The first words John's Gospel attributes to Jesus are these words today, where he asks Andrew: "What are you looking for?" Andrew responds by asking where Jesus lived. When Jesus told him to come and see, Andrew stayed overnight, and the next morning, brought his brother, Simon, to the Lord.

The Gospel story of Andrew and Peter tells us that they heard the call of the Lord, and they responded. John, the Baptist, had begun the process. He recognized Jesus and pointed him out to Andrew. It was at the Baptism of Jesus

that John recognized Jesus. Likewise it is at our baptism that we too receive the call of the Lord. But like little Samuel, most of us were too young and too inexperienced to recognize that call, let alone respond to it. Like Samuel, we, too, do not answer until some one else helps us. Samuel would not have known about the Lord if Eli had not told him to say: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." Andrew could not have known Jesus, unless John the Baptist had said: "Look, here is the Lamb of God." Simon Peter would not have known Christ had not Andrew pointed him out, "We have found the Messiah." Each of the people in today's readings answered the call of God. Those are the examples given to us today, to help us to respond to the invitation of our God. Usually someone has to help us by telling us "we have met the Messiah" or "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." or "Behold the Lamb of God." Your presence here today is one of the ways you have answered God's call. When you listen attentively to the readings, when you hear the Word of God, you are answering the call. Sometimes, like Samuel, we do not recognize that it is God who is calling us. Someone has to remind us to say: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening." Your listening is your response. When you approach the altar to receive Communion, you are giving another response. The call given to each of us is personal, and the response we make is individual. As a community, we hear the call, and as a community, we respond. The Lord continues to call, and God's people continue to respond.

VOCATION REFLECTION

Encounters - A Journey of Faith by Jarek Pachocki, OMI
"In the Gospel this weekend, we witness the first meeting between Jesus and three of the men who later became his Apostles: Peter, Andrew and John. It's clear that they had a wonderful encounter. One meeting with Jesus, and they were captivated by Him. He gave them as much time as they wanted. They found Him warm, friendly, welcoming and very compassionate. They knew they had met a remarkable person, and an extraordinary friendship was born." Read the reflection [here](#).

"Prayer at its highest is a two-way conversation and for me the most important part is listening to God's replies."

— *Frank C. Laubach*

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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.