



# Canadian Martyrs Church

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**No in-person Masses during Lockdown**

## 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 23/24 2021

### 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

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798 Lyon St. S

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140 Main St.

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### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:**

Rabbi Bulka, Gerarda Staples, Joyce White, Devin Burse, Sandy Cano, Fred Miller, Liam Elder, Sheila & Edward Gasnick, Raul Esteban, Chris Smith & family, Leonardo Miferi, Fred Kapusta, Amy Gertz, Fr. Vaughan Quinn, Fr. Frank Kavanagh, Clare Dashney, Ping Cai, Judette Budden, and Marie Christine Maisog

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

For the Church, sent like Jonah to proclaim the message of the Gospel with courage and perseverance, we pray to the Lord.

For world leaders, that they have the wisdom and determination to serve their people with justice and compassion, we pray to the Lord.

For Christian Unity, that God will heal the wounds of the past, lead all Christians in a more united witness to the Gospel and to greater service for those in need. We pray to the Lord.

For those searching for direction in their lives, that they hear and respond to the Gospel call of Jesus to "Come follow me", 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. The Zoom link for our Liturgy of the Word can be found in the body of the Bulletin email.

## Parish News

### RACISM IS REAL

St. Basil's parish is privileged to host a Zoom discussion with Howard Ross on Sunday, **January 24**, "*Racism is Real; but what does that have to do with us?*" We invite you to join us from 2:30 - 4 p.m. to learn and be challenged by this world-renowned expert on "everyday bias" and how it influences us all. Howard J. Ross is a lifelong social justice advocate, starting from the civil rights movement in the United States back in the 1960s. He is considered one of the world's leaders on identifying and addressing unconscious bias. A personable and engaging speaker, he has worked to confront racism and promote diversity with a wide variety of audiences: companies such as Amazon and Google, prestigious universities such as Harvard, Stanford and Johns Hopkins, and currently with the Catholic Church in Baltimore at the invitation of their Archbishop.

Join Zoom Meeting at:

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Meeting ID: 837 6284 5358

For more information about the speaker, check out <https://howardjross.com/bio/>.

### 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!

### 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.](#)

### 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. Visit: [www.stmarysottawa.ca/alpha](http://www.stmarysottawa.ca/alpha). Starts Wed., **Jan. 27**, 7-9 pm. No cost. Hosted by St Mary's Parish. <https://tinyurl.com/StMarysAlpha>; 613 728-9811 x701.

### VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES

**Beechwood Cemetery:** Canada's National Military Cemetery offers an online [virtual tour](#), highlighting four locations and monuments within the site's historic grounds.

**National Arts Centre:** Access a variety of [livestreamed or recorded workshops](#) for all ages that cover topics like Hip Hop beats, opera singing, pow wow workouts and much more.

### 507 SANDWICH CLUB

If you would like to donate towards this project in support of Centre 507, 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.**

### VOCATION REFLECTION

*Call to Conversion and Vocation* by Susai Jesu, OMI. Jesus proclaims conversion, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent and believe in the Gospel." Jesus calls his first apostles, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of people." These two moments of conversion and vocation have a determining importance in the life of every Christian. The whole purpose of life and salvation develops inwardly in every Christian. Read the reflection [here](#).

### 3RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

For the next six Sundays, we will be reading selections from the Gospel according to Mark. Mark was the first Gospel to be written. He wrote his Gospel because there were problems facing the Christians at the time. There were a great number of stories circulating about the life and teachings of Jesus, and some of them were leading people into error. For example, because of the stories of Jesus' miracles, some believed that he was a magician. Mark wanted to show that Jesus was truly a man, who was the Son of God. For Mark, the events of Christ's life lead him to suffering, and to death and eventually to the Resurrection. If one wanted to follow Jesus, one would also be lead to suffering and death. The early Christians needed to know that repentance and conversion were the keys to successfully imitating and following Jesus. Today's passage comes from the beginning of Mark's Gospel, and tells us of the call of the first of his followers. They were Andrew, Peter, James and John. Jesus's first words as recorded by Mark were: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe in the Good News." I would like to take a few moments to reflect on repentance. In order to repent, we must realize that something is wrong, that we are not what we could be. We can glimpse a better future, and we still don't move. We realize that the road forward is long and the process is slow, difficult and painful. The hardest people of all to convert are those who feel they are good. They see no need for conversion. Good people cannot hear the Good News. It is only the sinners who long for the good news and those are the ones who can receive it with joy. We know there is little point in warning or threatening. But if you can show me what I'm missing, what I lack, in order that my life may be fuller, then you might disturb me enough to be moved to take whatever action is necessary. This approach makes me feel as if I am being offered a gift. There are some who respond to the call immediately. That was what happened in the first reading, when Jonah began to preach to the inhabitants of Nineveh. All that was needed was a flash of insight or a moment of enlightenment. When dissatisfaction has grown to such a point that it becomes painful, when we are travelling down the wrong paths, when we are ready, we tend to answer immediately to the call to conversion. In today's Gospel, the disciples fishing with their father appeared to have been ripe for conversion. It seems unreal, it was so sudden. The apostles must have been secretly longing for it. Life had prepared them for it, as hunger

prepares a person to enjoy a banquet. To call people to conversion before they are ready is generally a waste. There is a moment of readiness. We cannot see what we are not ready to see, or hear what we are not ready to hear. To be unready is to be unable to respond properly. Andrew, Peter, James and John and the inhabitants of the city of Nineveh seem to have been ready. Christ did not order or command the apostles. He invited. Jesus continues to do the same today. There have been many times in my life when I have been faced with a challenge to grow spiritually with Jesus Christ. I knew what I had to do, and yet there was a fear there. What would happen if I really did change? What would happen if I took Jesus seriously at what he was calling me to do or to be? We are always called to become more authentically what we truly are. I was in France a few years back taking a course dealing with the spirituality of Eugene de Mazenod, the founder of the Oblates. I came across a little poem by Sister Margaret Halaska, O.S.F. called *Covenant*. Let me share it with you.

#### Covenant

God knocks at my door seeking a home for his son.	Thanks, says God, I'll take it. I like what I see.
Rent is cheap, I say.	I'd like to give you the whole house but I'm not sure ...
I don't want to rent. I want to buy, says God.	Think on it, says God. I wouldn't put you out.
I'm not sure I want to sell, but you might come in and look around.	Your house would be mine and my son would live in it. You'd have more space than you'd ever had before.
I think I will, says God.	I don't understand at all.
I might let you have a room or two.	I know, says God, but I can't tell you about that.
I like it, says God. I'll take the two. You might decide to give me more some day.	You'll have to discover it for yourself.
I can wait, says God.	That can only happen if you let me have the whole house.
I'd like to give you more, but it's a bit difficult. I need some space for me.	A bit risky, I say.
I know, says God, but I'll wait. I like what I see.	Yes, says God, but try me.
Hm, maybe I can let you have another room.	I'm not sure – I'll let you know.
I really don't need that much.	I can wait, says God, I like what I see.

*Margaret Halaska, O.S.F.*

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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.