



Canadian Martyrs Church

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No in-person Masses during Lockdown

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 13/14 2021

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Meetings: 1st Thurs., 7:00pm

Finance Committee

Joseph Duggan

Development and Peace

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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

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140 Main St.

613-237-2001

Cemeteries

Hope Cemetery

613-822-1212

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613-746-4175



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

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

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the Church, that we may reach out to all who have been excluded or marginalized by our society and offer acceptance and inclusion in our community. We pray to the Lord.

For all of us, that even though it is difficult, we work together to follow the rules and guidelines given by our leaders to keep everyone safe, we pray to the Lord.

For all our frontline workers who, like Jesus, work long hours to heal and support those in need, we pray to the Lord.

For all those people who own businesses that are facing challenges or closure, that they find strength in their faith and their communities, we pray to the Lord.

For all those who are facing this pandemic alone and find the emptiness and fear overwhelming, that they can reach out and find support, 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

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

We will be having a Liturgy of the Word via Zoom for Ash Wednesday on **Feb. 17th** at 7pm. We will use the same Zoom link (found in the body of the bulletin email) that we use on Sundays.

LENT 2021

Our service to our neighbour helps to define who we are as a community of faith and love. This Lent, the Pastoral Team suggests that you support our 507 Sandwich Club (please make cheques payable to Canadian Martyrs Church) and/or the Centretown Emergency Food Centre. The food items that the CEFC are requesting during COVID are: small jars of peanut butter, canned tuna or salmon, canned pasta sauce and canned vegetables (no large cans of tomatoes please) or donate at: <http://cefcottawa.org/donate/>. Food items can be dropped off at the church.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

Winterlude, Ottawa: From Friday, **Feb. 5**, 7 pm to Sunday, **Feb. 21**, join the 43rd Winterlude virtual activities: *Exploring Canada's Winter Traditions - A national virtual show*. Find links to the fun by [clicking here](#).

The Vatican, Rome: [This virtual tour](#) offers visitors the chance to look at almost everything that they would be able to see if they were in the Eternal City for real.

The Natural History Museum, London: There are several virtual tours on offer from the Natural History Museum. Perhaps the most impressive is the [Google Arts and Culture-powered blue whale tour](#). This makes use of augmented reality technology to give visitors a real sense of what life is like beneath the waves for these impressive creatures.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Saturday, **Feb. 13**, 3pm - 4:30pm. Black History Month Celebration by NewLife [Women's World](#) Forum.

Topic: *Great Lessons from our 'Sheroes'*

Let's learn from women who have made a difference in our world: How did they achieve their dreams? What do we need to learn from them and how can we implement their great examples into our Women's World today?

Register on [Eventbrite](#).

JOIN LAUDATO SI' LENT

A Journey of Hope: By committing to concrete changes through fasting and lifestyle changes during Lent, we will live more in solidarity with our Earth and each other and inspire the world around us! Join [Laudato Si' Lent](#) today to receive weekly reminders and ideas about how you can live this journey of ecological conversion with this movement.

RON ROLHEISER RETREAT

Presented by the Galilee Centre, Arnprior, **April 16-18**.

Facilitator: Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI

Friday Evening Lecture: *The Real Obstacle to Holiness – Our Pathologically Complex Nature*

Weekend Retreat: *Spiritual Wisdom from the Deep Wells of Christian Mysticism – Principles for Living a Mystically-Driven Life*

For more info and to register [click here](#).

THANK YOU FROM OMI LACOMBE MAMI

A huge thank you is extended to all the parishioners of Canadian Martyrs Church! You are feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, educating the young and so much more. We are truly grateful to have you all as partners in the missions. Know that the Oblates continue to hold you and your loved ones in their prayers. May God bless your kindness and great compassion.

6TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

The Gospel tells us of a man who suffered from leprosy. A man who came out of his loneliness, rejection and worthlessness to confront the one man he believed would not reject him. An important thing is not the fact that Jesus cured him but the caring way with which Jesus did so. Though we are not faced with dealing with lepers in our society, we are faced almost daily with people who are rejected by our society. The man said “if you choose to, you can heal me.” And Jesus replied: “I so choose.” Then Jesus did the unthinkable; he reached out and touched the man. He had to touch the wounds caused by rejection, and cure them first. By touching him, Jesus enabled the leper to feel he was not worthless. He was worthwhile, even precious. On February 17th, the Oblates celebrate the anniversary of when we became a religious Congregation. So it is an important day for Oblates, the followers of St. Eugene De Mazenod. For St. Eugene, the most abandoned people of his city were the artisans, the servants, and the poor. His first public pastoral action that we know about was an instruction in the Church of the Madeleine, early on the first Sunday of Lent, 1813. St. Eugene said: “The Gospel must be taught to all, and in an understandable way. The poor, that precious portion of the Christian family, cannot be left in ignorance.” St. Eugene went on: “Come therefore, whoever you may be. Come, especially you, the poor of Jesus Christ. Artisans, who are you in the eyes of the world? A class of people destined to toil laboriously all your lives in an occupation that makes you dependent. Servants, what are you in the eyes of the world? A class of slaves to those who pay you. And what about you, farmers and peasants, what are you in the eyes of the world? However useful your labours, you are judged only by the strength of your arms. What about you, the poor and the needy, who are obliged by the harshness of fate to beg for your pitiful subsistence? The world considers you the scum of society. It cannot bear to look at you, so it turns its back, lest it be moved to pity by your condition which it has no intention of changing. That is what the world thinks. That is what you are in its eyes. Come now, and learn from us what you are in the eyes of faith. You, the poor of Jesus Christ, the afflicted and the wretched, the sick and suffering, all of you whom misery overwhelms, my brethren, listen to me. You are the children of God, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ; you are, in the words of St. Peter, the holy nation, you are kings, you are priests. you are, yes, in a certain way, gods. So, lift up your heads! Let your dejected spirit rise! Stop

grovelling on the ground and raise yourselves toward heaven where you were meant to attain what should be your most normal relationship. For once, let your eyes look inward and see through the rags you wear. You are more precious before God than all the riches of the world. Therefore, O Christians, recognize your dignity.”

Those were the words of St. Eugene de Mazenod to the poor of the city of Aix, France, in 1813. Later on that same Lent, Eugene felt obliged to thank his “reverend brothers and sisters, the poor” who had flocked to the church to hear him: “God be praised for it, my brothers and sisters! I feel so overjoyed that I cannot refrain from mentioning it. Feeling as I do, that I have been called to be the servant and priest of the poor, and hoping to devote my life to their service, I cannot help but be touched by their eagerness to hear my voice.” Those were the words of St. Eugene.

We do not have lepers among us today, but we do have suffering that is the same as the worst suffering of the leper: rejection by people. There are the rejected all around us: the old, the young from broken homes, the handicapped, the unemployed. We are reminded today, of the healing touch of Jesus that is extended to us, to each of us. And we are called to become aware of the people who experience rejection in our lives. We are called to imitate Jesus and reach out to touch the people in our lives who suffer from rejection.

ONLINE MASSES IN OTTAWA

A list of Catholic parishes in Ottawa that are live streaming or recording their Masses can be found at:

<https://en.archoc.ca/masses-online>

You can also find a reflection on the Sunday readings on St. Joe’s parish website: <http://www.st-josephs.ca/>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our pastor, Fr. Tim, is offering in-person Reconciliation by appointment. To schedule Reconciliation, please contact Fr. Tim directly at pastor@canadianmartyrs.org or call the Office.

*Non nobis solum nati sumus ortusque nostri
partem patria vindicat, partem amici*

(Not for us alone are we born; our country,
our friends, have a share in us)

— *Marcus Tullius Cicero*



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FUN AND FUNDRAISER

TRIVIA NIGHT

Sat Feb 20, 2021

7:30pm–9:30pm

on Zoom

Theme: General Trivia

\$20 per adult (not per device)

ie: purchasing for 2 individuals sharing 1 computer/table/phone:

\$20 x 2 people = \$40

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<https://cartyhouse.org>

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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 Mass, there will be a donation basket available at the greeter's table.

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.