



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 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

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140 Main St.

613-237-2001

Cemeteries

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613-822-1212

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613-746-4175

2nd Sunday of Lent

February 27/28 2021



Hit Pause and Try to be Patient

What can you offer up on behalf of another person today?

Read: Romans 5:6-8

Exercise patience with someone who makes a decision you don't agree with.

Read: Luke 6:37-38, Matthew 7:12

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Vicente Brborich, Magda Kubasiewicz, Frank Groten, Peter McAllister, 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, Fr. Vaughan Quinn, Clare Dashney, Ping Cai, Judette Budden, and Marie Christine Maisog.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the Church throughout the world, and in particular, our Holy Father Pope Francis, that they continue to be a strong voice for justice and equality, we pray to the Lord.

For world leaders, that they protect all their citizens from the spread of COVID, even as they face other challenges, we pray to the Lord.

For humanitarian workers around the world who bring hope and comfort to people affected by natural and man-made disasters as well as the current pandemic, we pray to the Lord.

For our Parish, as we continue our Lenten journey, that God will strengthen our faith and our commitment to be an example of his Gospel to others. We pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb. 27 Mary McMinn by Margaret Denny, Pat and Fern Denny by Margaret Denny

Wed., Mar. 3 Noreen Farrell by Joe O'Reilly, Rollie Goulet by Margaret Denny

Sat., Mar. 6 Catherine Allen by Robert and Brian Allen, Jim Chambers by his family, Bertha DiBartolo by Margaret Denny

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

LENT 2021

This Lent, please 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 need 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.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

The Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held on Wednesday, **March 3rd** at 7:00pm. A registration email will be sent out in advance.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The youth of the parish will be presenting the Stations of the Cross via Zoom on **March 5th** at 7pm. We will be using the same Zoom link that we use for Sunday Liturgy of the Word. Please join us!

ANOINTING OF THE SICK - POSTPONED

The Anointing of the Sick on March 17th has been **postponed** due to Covid transmission concerns. Anyone wishing to be anointed may contact the parish office to make private arrangements.

JOIN LAUDATO SI' LENT

This week, pray [Lectio Divina](#) in creation and listen to [this guided meditation](#) that will help you more deeply connect with creation.

ARCHBISHOP DAMPHOUSSE'S MESSAGE

The Church celebrates the Holy Season of Lent to prepare ourselves for the Easter Mystery. The structure of this holy season with its particular liturgical celebrations are meaningful and familiar, [click here](#).

VIRTUAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Some ideas that will help your family reflect on the lessons of Lent from [Homegrown Catholics](#).
Explore the [Bata Shoe Museum](#). Their online exhibitions will take you to all four corners of the world!
Take a virtual ride at home on the coasters and attractions of Canada's Wonderland.

SHARE LOVE, SHARE LENT ACTIVITIES

Join Development and Peace each week of Lent to explore different aspects of our mission, featuring partners from Nigeria, Caritas Bangladesh, Honduras, as well as Bishop Goudreault and Karri Munn-Venn of Citizens for Public Justice. For more information and to register for events, [click here](#).

NEW VIDEO: LAUDATO SI' +5

An informative, newly-released video now available on [YouTube](#). Sponsored by many Catholic religious communities, and supported by the CCCB, this is a uniquely Catholic and Canadian tool that we can all be proud to use and share.

JOURNEY THROUGH LENT

Journey through Lent video series offers an introduction to the Season and reflections on Gospel readings of each Sunday in Lent. The French series were filmed here in Ottawa at the Notre Dame Cathedral. The video series is accessible on the CCCB website: in [English](#) and in [French](#). Each Monday, the link for the upcoming Sunday celebration will be released. Further info: Mrs. Margaret Shea-Lawrence, at m.shea-lawrence@cccb.ca.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

Last Sunday we reflected on Jesus spending time in the wilderness, confronting evil. Today we are with Jesus and his disciples on the mountain top. In the Bible, it meant an encounter with God. Jesus led his beloved disciples off by themselves to a mountain, and there they experienced a really strange event. Jesus' face was transformed and his clothes became whiter than any earthly bleach could make them. Jesus was talking with the great prophet Elijah and the law-giver Moses. Then the cloud covered them and the apostles could see nothing, but heard a voice which said: "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" This was the same message God had given to Jesus at his baptism. Now it was repeated for the benefit of the disciples. Just as Jesus derived strength at his baptism in the Jordan, so, too, did the disciples derive strength from their vision. They were told by Jesus to say nothing about this event until after he had risen from the dead.

This scene from the Gospel is one filled with meaning for us as we continue our Lenten journey. This year we are concentrating our attention during Lent on our baptism. We recall that when we were baptized, we joined the Christian family. The words pronounced at Jesus' baptism were pronounced at our baptism as well. We, too, became the beloved sons and daughters of God, and his favour rested with us. On the mountain, the apostles received a vision of the glorified body of Jesus that is to be our destiny as well.

The story which prepares us for the encounter of Jesus and the Old Testament figures takes place in the first reading. We have the familiar story of Abraham and his son, Isaac. Abraham was an old man who trusted his God totally. It had not been easy for Abraham. He had to leave his homeland, and go where God led him. All Abraham had was a promise that if he was faithful, he would be the head of a great people. During his wanderings, Abraham had no children. And every time he complained, the word from God was always the same: "Go outside, and count the stars. That's how many descendants you will have. Trust me." All Abraham could do was trust. Finally, when he was an old man, he had a son, Isaac. You can imagine how much he loved that child. Then, as the first reading today says, he gets a command from God, a command that Abraham understood only too well. "Take your son, your only son, the child whom you love and offer him as a sacrifice." We can get caught up in the cruelty of a God who would command such a thing. That is not the point of this story. The command would not seem so unusual to

Abraham. His pagan neighbours often did this, so Abraham was ready. We can hardly imagine how heavy this must have been on his heart as Abraham took his son, his most precious child, someone for whom he would be willing to die, on a journey to a far-off mountain and offer him to God. It was as clear as anything to Abraham that his God would ask no less than his pagan neighbours' gods demanded of them. He was being asked to give the most precious thing in his life as a gift to his God, "Offer your only son in sacrifice." It is as if God is asking how far will you go out of love. The story goes on to say that all turned out well in the end. There is something in that story that touches a spot deep within us. At least for me it does. It's a question that is asked of me. How far am I able or willing to go in response to the call of God? Is God asking me, how ready am I to sacrifice what is most precious to me, in obedience to God? Who, or what, is my Isaac? Am I willing to give that up?

From the letter to the Romans, we hear that God has indeed given up his son. "He who did not withhold his own son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not, with him, also give us everything else?" There is hope involved in that passage. We are called to listen to the son of God, who asks us how far will we go, and what are we willing to sacrifice in obedience to the call of God. We are given the image of a God who has given his son for us, a son, in whom he was well pleased.

These two stories from the sacred writings today encourage and challenge us to renew our faith, our hope and our love.

VOCATION REFLECTION



Vocation Reflection:

"Meaning of the Tabor Experience"

By Susai Jesu, OMI

"At Mount Tabor, Jesus felt himself comforted and affirmed by his heavenly

Father's presence and support. By this, he knew that the Father was pleased with him and would give him strength to face the challenges ahead. He knew that with God on his side, he could face anything." Read the reflection [here](#).

"Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far they can go."

- T. S. Eliot

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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.