



Canadian Martyrs Church

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Mass Schedule

Wednesday 11:30am

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

Pastor

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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

Hope Cemetery

613-822-1212

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613-746-4175

Passion Sunday

March 27/28 2021



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: John Dorner, Magda Kubasiewicz, Frank Groten, Peter McAllister, Rabbi Bulka, Joyce White, Devin Bursey, Sandy Cano, Fred Miller, Liam Elder, Sheila & Edward Gasnick, Raul Esteban, Chris Smith & family, Leonardo Miseferi, Fr. Vaughan Quinn, Clare Dashney, Ping Cai, Judette Budden, and Marie Christine Maisog.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

That on this Palm Sunday, we take time to reflect on how we can walk with Christ through our acts of kindness and forgiveness. We pray to the Lord.

That in this time of reflection and reparation, Canadian people and governments reflect and act on what is needed and just in our relations with the Indigenous people of Canada. We pray to the Lord.

That we, ourselves, work to restore the relationships which we have damaged through a lack of care and love, and that we reach out and offer reparation and reconciliation to those who may have suffered through our actions. We pray to the Lord.

That we see in this special day a time of hope and change that leads us forward on a better and truer path. We pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Mar. 27 Amelia Mendonca by Ilario Pellizzari

Pat Denny by Margaret Denny

Wed., Apr. 7 Amelia Mendonca by Ilario Pellizzari

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Thu. Apr. 1: Holy Thursday, 7pm
Fri. Apr. 2: Good Friday, 1pm and 3pm
Zoom Stations of the Cross presented by Development & Peace Committee, 7pm
Sat. Apr. 3: Easter Vigil, 8pm
Sun. Apr. 4: Easter Sunday, 10am and 1pm
Zoom Liturgy of the Word, 11:15pm

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 and Evening Prayer can be found in the body of the Bulletin email.

Parish News

507 SANDWICH CLUB

At the end of March, the 507 Sandwich Club has provided over 3000 nutritious sandwiches to Centre 507. We also used the Club's communications and logistics network to deliver desperately needed winter items (long underwear, hats, gloves, etc.) during the coldest weeks of winter. **We need reinforcements to avoid volunteer burnout!** Please consider signing up to make sandwiches in April. Find the link to the sign-up sheet in the body of the bulletin email or contact the office or Angie (angieb3000@gmail.com). Thank you!

EVENING PRAYER

Thursday Evening Prayer via Zoom is being expanded to include more of the hours of the Divine Office (Liturgy of the Hours) during the Triduum. All are welcome! The schedule is as follows:

Holy Thursday: Evening (6pm) & Night Prayer (9pm)
Good Friday: Morning (9am), Evening (6pm), Night Prayer (9pm).
Holy Saturday: Morning (9am), Evening (6pm), Night Prayer (9 pm)
Easter Sunday: Morning (9am), Evening Prayer (6pm)

Most of the ordinary and proper for the liturgies are taken from Catholic Book of Worship III, which can be borrowed from the parish by contacting the office. You can join the liturgies by using the Zoom link that can be found in the body of the bulletin email.

A PATH THROUGH LOVE

Are you looking for a special way to pray and participate in the Passion of Jesus during Holy Week? Join the Oblate School of Theology on "A Path Through Love", a free, ten-day Holy Week retreat. You will pray with a biblical passage **from Palm Sunday to Easter Tuesday**. Each day you will receive a prayer format that will contain a scripture reading and reflection, as well as a piece of art, a poem or music to help you bring your prayer to a close. To register click [here](#).

HOLY THURSDAY FOOD DRIVE

A special Food Drive will be held on Holy Thursday of non-perishable food for the Centretown Emergency Food Centre. Thank you for your continued support of our local food bank!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH ST. EUGENE

These stations have been written for use as a personal meditation on Jesus' journey to the Cross. Each reflection includes: A passage from Scripture, a reflection and a challenging question, a thought from Oblate Tradition and a prayer. [Stations of the Cross with St. Eugene](#)

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

On 8 December 2020, Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph to mark the 150th anniversary of the proclamation by Pope Pius IX of St. Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church. The CCCB has prepared a webpage dedicated to the Year of St. Joseph. The [webpage](#) has resources, including prayers and devotions, catechesis for adults and children, Church documents, a resource list and a Consecration to St. Joseph.

VIRTUAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

[USA National Parks](#): The 360-degree virtual tour visits five national parks in the USA.
[Spring concerts](#): check out "Austin City Limits," the long-running PBS show.
[Play chess](#): Learn to play chess for free!



PASSION SUNDAY

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

One of the most severe mental sufferings that we can undergo is the fear of being abandoned. This fear appears very early for most of us while we were still very young. And it can and does, for many, continue into our adult years. Loneliness, or the fear of being abandoned, has to be one of the most severe sufferings of all. Children go back to parents who beat and abuse them. Spouses cannot leave a partner who beats them. In these we see the effects that the terror of being abandoned has in our society.

The story of the passion and death of Jesus Christ, as told to us by St. Mark, is the story of being abandoned and betrayed by friends, one after another. This abandonment was after the friends said that they would remain faithful. In a sense, the story we have heard is the story of abandonment. Judas made a deal, even after he was offered a chance to get out of it at the Last Supper. He carried out his betrayal in the darkness of the garden. Peter, one of Jesus' closest friends, who had been given more of Jesus' time and care than anyone else, even after he swore he would be faithful, fell asleep in the garden, and during the trial swore he never even knew Jesus. The religious leaders, represented by the Sanhedrin, also let Jesus down. Jesus did not have a chance against them. Pilate, the government representative, with nothing to gain from either befriending or rejecting Jesus, let Jesus down. In fact Pilate released a terrorist instead of Jesus. The soldiers were there to do an unpleasant duty, but still they insulted and made fun of Jesus. On the cross, Jesus called out to his father. That was when he experienced the most terrible abandonment of all. Only after Jesus died, does Mark mention that some women were at a distance supporting Jesus.

It was on the cross that Jesus experienced the terrible feeling of being utterly alone and abandoned. That was the moment when the cross took on its full meaning for us. At the very core of his being, Jesus knew what we know: the experience of being totally alone.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

“No pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne;
no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown.”

- *William Penn*

What Have We Learned?

by Loyd C Taylor, SR

They shouted with praises, reaching the sky,
Pushing and shoving to see Jesus pass by. Crying,
'Hosanna, hosanna, glory to the King!
He comes to us today, great joy He doth bring'.

They threw down palm leaves, covering the way,
Clearing the way for His entrance that day.
Raising joyful voices, as praises filled the air,
The day had come, God answered their prayer!

But, in a short time they changed their chant,
From joyful noise, to a mob's hate-filled rant.
From Hosanna, hosanna, as when He was praised;
To crucify Him! Crucify Him, as their anger blazed!

In disbelief we might question why they turned?
But maybe the question is, 'What have we learned?'

VOCATION REFLECTION

“The Cross in the Heart of DeMazenodian Spirituality” by Jarek Pachocki, OMI

Due to the COVID19 restrictions, the celebration of Holy Week and Easter will be different (again) this year. We all feel pandemic fatigue - many grieve the loss of loved ones, jobs or financial security. We all deeply seek some hope and consolation. As we look up to the Cross, we can see the power of God bringing sense out of confusion, hope out of despair and life out suffering and death. The Cross is at the heart of DeMazenodian spirituality.

Read the reflection [here](#).



Water Action Group and *Laudato Si'*

Spring is a good time to think about our relationship with water in this, the fifth anniversary year of Pope Francis's environmental encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Recognizing that water is essential to all forms of life and has a foundational place in all cultures, we need to be excellent stewards of water, to ensure this resource is mindfully used today and available for generations to come.

Prompted by a request from Fr. Daryold Winkler, pastor of St. Basil's Church, for a celebration of the fifth anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, planning began and grew to include four parishes: St. Basil's, Canadian Martyrs, Holy Redeemer and Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. Four action groups were formed including Water, Food, Indigenous Perspectives and Schools and Education.

The Water Action Group is exploring ways to increase awareness and champion local participation in events and programs that solidify our commitment to clean water for all. We are also keeping in mind educational opportunities with webinars, advisory groups and newsletters, within our own and other parishes and in the community more broadly. We definitely want to see what the City of Ottawa's initiative "Rain Ready Ottawa" could have in our Church and parishioners' properties.

Some online resources include:

Local: [Ottawa RiverKeeper](#), [Ecology Ottawa](#)

Canada-wide: [World Water Day Canmore](#), and [Global Catholic Climate Movement Canada](#)

Worldwide: [World Water Day](#) and [Global Catholic Climate Movement](#)

The four parishes are represented in the various groups; others are welcome to join. Depending on numbers and interests, additional Action Groups could be formed in the future.

If you have suggestions for the Water Action Group or would like to join the group, please let us know by sending a note to the Water Action Group through the parish office, office@canadianmartys.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.