



Canadian Martyrs Church

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Angela Burton
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Finance Committee
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Development and Peace
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Christian Meditation
Dorothy Wood
Mondays, 3pm
Evening Prayer
Pierre LaViolette
Thursdays, 6:30pm

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Corpus Christi
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613-746-4175

3rd Sunday of Easter April 17/18 2021



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Pat Mavis, 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, Clare Dashney, Ping Cai, Judette Budden, and Marie Christine Maisog

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the Church: that the spirit will open our minds to understand the scriptures and empower us to share the message of God's love and forgiveness with all whom we encounter. We pray to the Lord.

For the grace of recognition: that like Jesus' Apostles, our eyes are opened, and we can see Jesus among us in our friends, family and strangers. We pray to the Lord.

For the students, parents and staff of our schools, who are facing an indefinite period of online learning: that they can continue to learn and maintain connections and engagement in the coming weeks. We pray to the Lord.

For strength and patience during this latest stay-at-home order: that we work together to keep all our community members safe by faithfully following the rules. We pray to the Lord.

For those who feel most alone: that they remember that we walk in the light and love of Jesus, and are never truly alone. We pray to the Lord.

MARCH COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 8,494.35
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 7,710.00
Canada Helps:	<u>\$ 2,454.15</u>
Total:	\$18,658.50

Average monthly expenses: \$18,932.98

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

Parish News

DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH

Our parish still needs funds to cover recurrent expenses such as heat, electricity and salaries of essential staff, 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.

HELP CENTRE 507 SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

We received word last week from Centre 507 that they have **an immediate need for underwear (new), summer socks and sunscreen**. Please help this wonderful community resource by purchasing these items safely via curbside pickup or online shopping. You can drop the items off at the church on Tuesdays or Wednesdays between 9am and 4pm and the 507 Sandwich Club will make sure they are delivered to Centre 507 or deliver them directly to Centre 507.

Centre 507 (phone: 613-233-5626) is located at 507 Bank St. at Argyle behind Centretown United Church. To access the Centre, turn right off Bank onto Argyle, then an immediate right turn under/between church and grey condos. The entrance is at the back of the church. Please ring the bell.

VIRTUAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Theatre Department at Randolph College

(Heather's Alma Mater) Presents: *Alice in Wonderland*:

The [video is streaming](#) until the end of April!

Paintings: [10 Paintings](#) to help you experience the joy of Easter.

Carty House Trivia Night, Saturday, April 17th:

HONESTLY...When's the last time you paid only \$20 for a fun Saturday night? More info and register [here](#).

CONVERSATIONS FOR OUR TIMES

On Sunday, **April 18th** at 2:30pm, Sr. Nuala Kenny will challenge us about how we can learn from and be transformed by the pandemic. Find the Zoom link for the presentation, organized by St. Basil's parish, in the body of the Bulletin email.

FEAST OF ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

On **April 17**, the Church celebrates the feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks. Kateri Tekakwitha was born in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon in present-day New York state. She lost her family to a smallpox epidemic and her face was permanently scarred by the disease. She converted to Catholicism at 19 and was given the name Catherine after Catherine of Siena. She chose to live a celibate life of mortification and lived the five remaining years of her life at the Jesuit mission at Kahnawake, south of Montreal. She is the first native American to be canonized. She is the patron saint of ecologists and environmentalists, of people in exile, of those ridiculed for their faith and of native Americans. As we work toward reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters, it is important to remember St. Kateri and to ask her to pray for us all as we continue on this journey of understanding, reconciliation and celebration of the Indigenous people who were the first to inhabit this land and who are an example to us of how to be good stewards of creation.

DINNER WITH THE SAINTS

Dinner With the Saints is a charming new book that blends faith, history, and food for a delightful read.

The story is an imaginative account of 16 saints (including St. Kateri) who are attending a potluck dinner party in heaven. Each saint's chapter includes a biography with interesting and lesser known information about their lives, including myths, legends, and miracles. Read more [here](#).

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

Today's first reading and the Gospel are both about recognizing the presence of Jesus Christ and who he really is. In the first reading, Peter and John are at the Temple in Jerusalem. They miraculously had cured a man who had been crippled from birth and who had been begging for money from people who passed by him. His miraculous cure caused a big stir, and gave Peter and John the opportunity to remind people of their failure to recognize who Jesus really was and that they had called for him to be crucified and put to death. Today's Gospel account took place immediately after the appearance of the risen Christ at Emmaus. The two disciples are back in Jerusalem in their community. They were telling the Apostles about their encounter with the resurrected Lord at Emmaus and as they were giving their account Jesus once again appeared, this time to the whole group of disciples. We learn that they were terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. Jesus invited them to touch him and then he even ate some of their food. With that Jesus began to teach them, opening their minds to what the Scriptures had to say about God's anointed one, finished by commissioning them to preach the message to all the nations of the world. They were not the only ones who had difficulty in recognizing our risen Lord. Thomas certainly did. On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene encountered our risen Lord and at first did not recognize him. She thought he was the gardener. No doubt others failed to recognize him also. When he appeared to them they couldn't believe their eyes. To everyone it was all quite unbelievable. This presents us with the question of whether or not we recognize the presence of Christ in our own lives. When and where do we recognize him? As Catholics we believe he comes to us in the Blessed Sacrament. A problem for many people is that Jesus identifies himself with the poor, with foreigners, with troublesome in-laws, and "those other" people that we don't particularly like. He told us that where two or three are gathered in his name he would be present. Recognition is something that's deeper than mere perception. Recognition can be that one sees with understanding. That's one of the gifts that God is giving us in the Resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ. That is what Jesus is giving us in his appearances to his disciples following his Easter resurrection. To those first Christians to whom he appeared, it was their shared experience of seeing Jesus' betrayal, followed by his trial, and crucifixion. They had all been plunged into the darkness of grief, despair, guilt, and fear. They were a shattered and broken community of

grieving people who had lost everything. They were frightened and no doubt mistrustful, perhaps even of each other. After all, one of their number, Judas Iscariot, betrayed Jesus and if he was capable of that, what might others do?

We should not fail to note the obvious. By the end of the events in today's Gospel account, we find that the Apostles and disciples had been transformed. Now they were sufficiently changed enough so that Jesus could commission them to go out into the whole world to bring the Good News of God's mercy and forgiveness. Many of you reading this have your own stories of experiencing the presence of God in your own personal lives. Each of us has had our own encounters with our risen Lord. Some of us have yet to recognize Christ's coming to us. Perhaps our risen Lord has come to some of us already, but we have yet to recognize what happened. Some of us have yet to recognize just how deeply and how wonderfully we have been loved by God. Perhaps we have known the despair that Judas experienced and "sold out" on Jesus, religion, and even God himself. Who among us has not had their own agonies? Today there are times when unexpectedly we encounter the risen, living Christ and our faith can be strengthened. Just as each of us has a different story, we, like those disciples in today's Gospel account, will journey on in different ways in our own lives and in the lives of others. Remember, "you are witnesses of these things."

VOCATION REFLECTION

"Jesus had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread" by Serena Shaw

We have an opportunity like no other through the Eucharist, to hear what God is calling us to. As we are in community, it will become apparent not only in the needs of those among us, but also, in the gifts and opportunities in others. It is here at the Eucharistic table, with our sisters and brothers, that we will understand the mission of the church and the role that each of us are called to within that mission.

Read the reflection [here](#).

"God's dream is that you and I and all of us will realize that we are family, that we are made for togetherness, for goodness, and for compassion."

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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.