



# 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

Immaculata HS

140 Main St.

613-237-2001

### Cemeteries

Hope Cemetery

613-822-1212

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613-746-4175

## Easter Sunday

April 3/4 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, Fr. Vaughan Quinn, Clare Dashney, Ping Cai, Judette Budden, and Marie Christine Maisog.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**For the Church:** that we may radiate the light and life of Christ each day and confidently live as daughters and sons of God. We pray to the Lord.

**For peace throughout the world:** that the Risen Lord will guide the human family away from violence and toward new efforts for peace in all areas of war and violence. We pray to the Lord.

**For all the newly baptized:** that they may faithfully follow Jesus and keep the light of Christ burning brightly in their lives. We pray to the Lord.

**For all children:** that they may live and grow in peace, safe from all harm, and celebrating God's love each day of their lives. We pray to the Lord.

**For the healing of hearts and relationships:** that the Risen Lord will open the path to reconciliation and healing amongst families, communities, and co-workers. We pray to the Lord.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Wed., Apr. 7 Amelia Mendonca by Ilario Pellizzari

Sat., Apr. 10 Jeanne Primeau by Janice Staples

## FEBRUARY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 7,067.70
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 7,660.00
Canada Helps:	\$ <u>2,785.24</u>
Total:	\$ 17,512.94

Average monthly expenses: \$ 19,357.82

*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

### 507 SANDWICH CLUB

At the end of March, the 507 Sandwich Club had 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](mailto:angieb3000@gmail.com)). Thank you!

### ARCHBISHOP'S EASTER MESSAGE

*You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place where they laid him.*

*But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you. (Mark 16, 6-7)*

I retain three key messages in this passage from the Gospel of Saint Mark, read at the Easter Vigil. [Continue reading](#).

### RON ROLHEISER RETREAT

Galilee Centre is presenting a live virtual retreat led by author, lecturer and facilitator Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI. On Fri., **April 16**, Fr. Ron will speak on the topic of "The Real Obstacle to Holiness - Our Pathologically Complex Nature". On Sat., **April 17**, he will lead a retreat entitled "Spiritual Wisdom from the Deep Wells of Christian Mysticism - Principles for Living a Mystically-Driven Life". [Info & registration](#)

### RESILIENCE IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

The past year has brought with it the need to cope with the loss and uncertainty caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. In the midst of these challenging times, how can we be more resilient? What role does spirituality

play? What about our relationship with God? In this talk, Fr. John O'Brien, SJ, will draw on the Ignatian (Jesuit) tradition, providing tools and tips for staying spiritually vital today.

Date: **April 8** - 7pm EST (1 hr - with 30-min. Q&A)

[Register and more information](#)

### VIRTUAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

[Virtual Easter Egg Hunt](#): Harder than it looks!

[The Met Opera](#): Watch world-famous operas from the comfort of your home!

Isolation Recreation for [adults/teens](#) and [kids](#): In this period of social distancing, Ottawa Public Library offers you content for leisure and learning...at the tip of your fingertips.

### COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT - FREE

[The Community Activities Group of Old Ottawa East](#) (CAG) Easter bunny has a fun activity planned for you all this long weekend! Between **April 2-5** there will be a number of special rocks with Easter Eggs painted on them hidden throughout Brantwood Park. Your goal is to find as many Easter Eggs as you can. But the catch is, there are three types of eggs you can find:

Blue eggs which are worth 3 points, silver eggs which are worth 5 points, and the elusive GOLDEN egg which is worth 10 points. Keep track of how many of each type egg you find and send the point total to us at [admin@ottawaeastcag.ca](mailto:admin@ottawaeastcag.ca) by April 5th.

### LOOKING FOR EASTER IN A FOREST OF TREES

From the manger to the cross, trees remained loyal to Jesus. Of all the great Triduum teachers, trees captivate me the most. I make a point to wander through my local arboretum each Good Friday. These Midwestern trees bear witness to the Christian rhythm of living and dying and living again. [Read the article](#) by Jessie Bazan.

## EASTER SUNDAY

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

When we read the accounts of the resurrection in the four different Gospels, we discover that there are a great deal of differences about what happened that Easter Sunday morning. Things become clearer when we understand how these Gospels came to be written. It wasn't until about maybe 40 to 50 years after Jesus' death that anybody tried to write what they remembered of that experience. As the different disciples were looking back and remembering what had happened on that first Easter morning, one disciple would remember it one way and another disciple would remember it another way; as anyone of us would do if we experienced something as extraordinary as someone being raised from the dead. They were trying to let us know that it was beyond anything in their human experience. One disciple wrote that it happened at dawn as the sun began to rise, a new day. This is a beautiful symbol of what happened: Jesus is raised from the dead. It's a new time, a new day. But another disciple remembers that it was in darkness. Jesus is the light of the world; he destroys darkness and brings forth light and life. So we have all these varieties of symbols and remembrances.

One of the most beautiful accounts of the resurrection is what we just heard in today's Gospel about Mary Magdalene. She remembers how Jesus is alive. Even more important, he is still her friend. Mary Magdalene had been a very special friend of Jesus. She was really upset because she couldn't find the body of Jesus. But then, suddenly, she experiences Jesus present to her in that special way of a close friend, as someone who really loves her. This helps us to remember that those who have gone before us into everlasting life are still our friends. We loved them in this world and still love them. We can't break those bonds of friendship, even by death.

The one thing that is common in all of the Gospel accounts of the resurrection is that the disciples are trying to share with us the fundamental truth, that Jesus is alive and present in this world. They knew and experienced Jesus. That's what each of us, too, has to try to do this Easter Sunday. In the quiet of our own hearts, in our prayers, through the faith that we share with one another, we must come to a deeper realization that Jesus is alive and is with us and has never really left this world. Jesus is among us. As we begin to experience that in our own heart and spirit, we can also think our family and our friends who have died. That's what the resurrection of Jesus means for every person. We never really die and those who have gone before us into everlasting life are alive. We can connect

with them through Jesus, whose life each of us shares. That is why the resurrection of Jesus is something that gives each of us a very special spirit of joy and of hope. We know Jesus is alive and that all of those who have died in Jesus are also alive and with us. Jesus, fully human and also divine, is transformed. That's the gift that will happen to every one of us. That's the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus that the first disciples kept struggling to express. That's the hope we carry with us today.

Ours is an Easter religion. We do not deny the evils that surround us: wars that have killed some 100 million people in the last century; the poverty that grips more than half of the human race; the hunger that kills millions every year and ruins the lives of millions more; the discrimination that divides the human family; and the COVID-19 pandemic that has effected as all worldwide. We do not deny these miseries, but we refuse to surrender to their power because of our faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Suffering will be vindicated; death will be overcome; a new life will arise. That is the Easter message.



"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

– *Martin Luther King Jr.*

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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.