



# Canadian Martyrs Church

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Meetings: 1st Thurs., 7:00pm  
**Finance Committee**  
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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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**Cemeteries**  
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613-746-4175

## Pentecost Sunday May 22/23 2021



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** John Dorner, Peter McAllister, Rabbi Bulka, Joyce White, Devin Bursey, Sandy Cano, 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 Pope Francis, that he continues to inspire the world as a beacon of compassion and a champion of the poor and oppressed, we pray to the Lord.

For world leaders, that they may do their utmost to share vaccines and other medical equipment with the developing world, especially India and Africa, we pray to the Lord.

For an end to the conflict in the Middle East, that both sides agree to a cease fire and mediation to establish and maintain peace, we pray to the Lord.

For young people struggling to finish their school year with online instruction, and for relief from the mental stress that so many students are experiencing, we pray to the Lord.

For the power of the Holy Spirit to guide us through life's challenges and give us the confidence to play our role, as we celebrate Pentecost today, we pray to the Lord.

For all who have died, especially Fred Miller, and for those who mourn them, we pray to the Lord.

## APRIL COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 9,705.00
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 7,710.00
Canada Helps:	\$ 3,942.87
Total:	\$ 21,357.87

Average monthly expenses: \$ 19,580.77

*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 electricity, water 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.

### ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

From Pope Francis: "Let us implore the protection of Mary by offering up the Daily Rosary during the month of May, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, for an end to the pandemic." Throughout the month, 30 shrines worldwide have been designated to help us pray, saying the Rosary in their language, with intentions related to the pandemic. [Click here](#) for the list of Shrines where the Rosary is prayed each day at 12pm EST with links to watch live, or afterwards on demand.

### THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Centre Oblat's Joe Gunn has put together a video which includes comments from two of the former Truth and Reconciliation Commissioners, as well as his own presentation on the history and importance of Bill C15. He also describes four possible actions that individuals and religious groups can take at this critical time to support this hugely important bill. Joe Gunn's presentation is [here](#).

### VIRTUAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

[Random Acts of Green](#): What are YOU doing for our environment?

[Free downloadable tip sheets](#): ideas and resources for greening our faith communities, our spirituality, and our homes.

[Heygo](#): Discovery at your fingertips: join a live-streamed tour and learn something new about the world today.

### AN URGENT APPEAL

In India, a terrible new wave of the COVID-19 pandemic is infecting over 400,000 people and killing more than 4,500 every day. To help Caritas India cope with this emergency, Development and Peace has committed an initial sum of \$50,000. Given that much of the Indian subcontinent is vulnerable to this crisis, much more help will be needed. Caritas India's executive director, Fr. Paul Moonjely, has appealed to "the community of [the] faithful, institutions and people of goodwill to contribute generously." Let's respond with open hearts! [Please donate generously](#) to help D&P's partners respond to this COVID-19 emergency.

### VAX AIDE—VACCINE SUPPORT

- Need help booking your vaccine appointment?
- Need a ride to and from your vaccine appointment?
- Would you like to volunteer to drive members of the community to their appointment?

Canadian Martyrs parishioner, Malcolm Britto, is leading Vax Aide, a group of volunteers to help those that need help. You can make your request at [www.vaxaide.ca](http://www.vaxaide.ca) or by calling 613-869-8221.

### LAUDATO SI WEEK

Programming via Zoom online includes **May 20**, "Sowing Hope through Prayer"; **May 21**, "Action Day Ideas"; **May 22**, "Issues of Biodiversity"; **May 23**, "Prayer Gathering for the end of *Laudato Si* Jubilee Year"; **May 24**, "Water, Sanitation & Hygiene"; and **May 25**, "Promoting Integral Human Development". Free. Info: <https://laudatosiweek.org/>

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

A mother hurries into her son's bedroom "Look," she cries, "it's Sunday. Time to get up and go to church." The son mumbles, "I don't want to go." "What do you mean, 'I don't want to go'?" responds the mother. "That's silly. Now get up and go to church!" He says, "No, I don't want to go and I'll give you two reasons why not." "First, I don't like them and second, they don't like me." The mother replies, "Now, that's just plain nonsense. You've got to go to church and I'll give you two reasons why you must. First, you're fifty-one years old and, second, you're the pastor!"

Ah, first surprise, then laughter. Such is the basis of today's feast of Pentecost. Return to the Scriptures, to the Gospel. The disciples of Jesus were hiding in fear behind closed doors, shutting out the rest of the world which was hostile. They felt better huddled together in isolation, planning what to do next. And then, a surprise! Into their isolation through closed doors, Jesus comes. Surprise first, but surely there must have been laughter, at first nervous but afterwards long and loud as the impact of their friend's presence sank in. What Jesus would ask was what the mother in the story asked: get out of bed, get out of your isolation and fear, and into the world, and announce the Good News. They, too, are quite correct to protest: We don't like them, and they don't like us, that's why they were hiding. But the answer they get is this: You're thirty or forty years old and you're the shepherds of a needy flock, and the announcers of salvation and forgiveness. You have a mission. But since they're unsure, Jesus promises them another surprise. The Spirit, he says, will come at Pentecost and will enable them to do what they cannot do by themselves. And when that promise is fulfilled, the disciples of Jesus, in turn, surprise others. They run out of their isolation and they speak openly and even speak in tongues so that some of the crowd think they're drunk. The disciples don't care. And as each page of the *Acts of the Apostles* turns, the Spirit continues to cause surprises: surprises of cures, of courage, of martyrdom, and the remarkable spread of the Good News. For most of us, the surprise of the Spirit is likely to be more gentle and unfolding. The key is to be open to it. Today's Scripture remains steady and comforting throughout the ages and we who are today celebrating Pentecost must remember the cause of our joy: with God, today's feast says, the book is never finished, life is never over, the door is never closed. Put him off as we might, Pentecost says that Jesus will break all the barriers down

and breathe a mighty Spirit upon us, the Spirit who forgives, the Spirit who calls, the Spirit who can make a difference. It is true: From the apostles to ourselves, the Spirit is full of surprises.

The Greek word for Spirit is sometimes translated as *Paraclete*. To help in the understanding the word, here is what Gerard Manley Hopkins writes:

"A Paraclete is one who comforts, who cheers, who encourages, who persuades, who exhorts, who stirs up, who urges forward, who calls on ... What the spur and word of command is to a horse, what clapping of hands is to a speaker, what a trumpet is to the soldier, that a Paraclete is to the soul:

one who calls us on to good ...

The Paraclete cheers the spirit of a person, with signals and with cries,

all zealous that they should do something and full of assurance that if they will, they can, calling them on, springing to meet them halfway, crying to his ears or to his heart:

This way to do God's will, this way to save your soul. Come on, come on!"

("Sermon at Liverpool", April 25, 1882)

### VOCATION REFLECTION

"He Was Among Them" by Serena Shaw

This was something that was very dear to St. Eugene de Mazenod, the founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He was driven by the belief that we are all God's children, regardless of which community we belong to. And in order to reach out to other communities, he found it necessary to learn their language. This is a gift that he had, that remains important to Oblates today. I encourage you to research St. Eugene to learn more about him.

Read the reflection [here](#).

"One of the greatest discoveries a man makes, one of his great surprises, is to find he can do what he was afraid he couldn't do."

- Henry Ford

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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.