



# Canadian Martyrs Church

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## 6th Sunday of Easter May 8/9 2021



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Joe Lochnan, Pat Mavis, John Dorner, Frank Groten, Peter McAllister, Rabbi Bulka, Joyce White, Devin Burse, 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 we, whom Jesus has called friends, may remain in his love and be instruments of love and healing in the world. We pray to the Lord.  
**For the people of India**, who in this time of great trial, need our action and support more than ever. We pray to the Lord.  
**For the women in our lives**, who have cared for us, sacrificed for us, and taught us to be strong and independent that we may reflect on them and express our gratitude. We pray to the Lord.  
**For those most in need** of kindness and love, that we open our hearts to them and support and shelter them in their time of need. We pray to the Lord.  
**For our community**, that we continue to work together to stop the spread of Covid and act with responsibility and strength to keep each other safe. We pray to the Lord.  
For all who have died, especially George Caluori Sr. and Steven Caluori, and for those who mourn them, we pray to the Lord.



# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



## 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 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.

### 2021 NATIONAL WEEK OF LIFE AND FAMILY

This week will be observed **May 9-16**, with the theme, “Family, the Domestic Church: A Sign of Hope and Life”. This week why not make some Bible Cookies in a Jar. Recipe can be found [here](#).

### NATIONAL MARCH FOR LIFE EVENTS

Click [here](#) for up-to-date information & virtual links to the National March for Life events. EWTN is offering live coverage of March, Thurs., **May 13**, 11:30-2:30 pm ([www.ewtn.com](http://www.ewtn.com)) and the Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral at 10:30am, celebrated by Archbishop Dampousse with greeting from Cardinal Collins and Archbishop Lépine.

### PATRIS CORDE

A series of reflections on Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, “With a Father’s Heart”, from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops can be found [here](#) along with other resources celebrating the Year of St. Joseph.

### ROSARY FOR THE MONTH OF MAY

Join St. John the Apostle Parish on Zoom or Facebook daily at 9:00am to pray the Rosary for the end of the pandemic, as requested by the Holy Father. All are welcome! Click this link to participate: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82690991609>.

### POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

The world of finance: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate financial markets and protect citizens from its dangers.

### VIRTUAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### [Mainstreeter Social Issues Discussion Series:](#)

Community Advocacy in Old Ottawa East. Wednesday, **May 19**, 7:30pm, free community webinar.

#### [Ontario Family Fishing](#)—Fish Ontario Licence Free:

Introduce a friend to fishing or go out on your own to join an event, **May 8-9**.

#### [Tulip Garden Live Eye](#): See what’s in the garden today!

### THE ENVIRONMENT/CLIMATE CHANGE

From the *National Catholic Reporter*: “The Vatican’s Peace and Justice Office is [inviting Catholic communities across the world](#) to join a grassroots movement to gradually work toward “total sustainability” in the coming decade, a path that would include carbon neutrality, simpler lifestyles and divestment from fossil fuels.

### DE MAZENOD DOOR OUTREACH PROGRAM

On April 8, the De Mazenod Door Outreach program in Hamilton, Ontario, announced the launch of the De Mazenod Farm, another initiative to help the poor and marginalized. Read more about this project started by Fr. Tony O’Dell, OMI and Fr. Jarek Pachocki, OMI [here](#).



## 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” (Jn 15:13) Today’s readings speak of how God befriends humanity and shows no partiality. In today’s reading from Acts, Peter struggles with this new insight. Three times God speaks to him in a vision, so that he is able to say to Cornelius, “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.” Peter recognizes that in every nation whoever fears God and acts uprightly is acceptable to God. The “fear” about which Peter speaks is not cowering before one who has the power to crush you. Rather, it is becoming enraptured with awe at the Holy One whose immense love is beyond comprehension, and then responding by acting uprightly, that is, in right relation towards God, self, others, and all that is created. Even as Peter is speaking, the Holy Spirit pre-empts any further attempts at explanation, and in the divine inexplicable way, falls upon all without distinction. As Peter rightly asserts, those who consider themselves already to be God’s friends, must not try to put any obstacles in the way of the new friends upon whom the Spirit falls. Like a parent who loves each child differently yet equally, so, too, is the divine embrace.

The Gospel is a continuation of the last discourse of Jesus to his disciples. The Fourth Evangelist uses the term disciple more than seventy times to refer to all the women and men who followed Jesus. The Twelve do not figure in any prominent way in the narrative; they are mentioned only in passing. In today’s Gospel, Jesus speaks of having befriended all who have remained with him. The offer of friendship to disciples is part of a chain of love that begins with the Father, whose love is poured out in the self-gift that is Jesus, who offers friendship to all. Jesus then tells his friends how to keep that chain unbroken: pay the love forward to others, befriending them in the way that he has done for them. He speaks of this as a commandment, which seems an odd term in the context. How can one be commanded to love another person? In biblical parlance, love designates deeds of loving kindness toward others that communicates that they are part of the community of chosen friends of God and Jesus. We are commanded to act this way toward others, no matter how we might feel about them or if they reciprocate the love. Jesus demonstrated what such love entails when he washed the feet of all his beloved friends gathered for their final meal with him. He did not skip Peter and Judas. He explains this as the greatest kind of love: the willingness to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. This is not an obligatory

service. The most challenging aspect to this kind of love is that friends of Jesus are asked not only to embrace all those whom Jesus befriends, but even to be willing to risk their own lives. When this seems an impossible choice, Jesus assures his disciples that when they ask God, the necessary grace will be given. Abiding with Christ in communion with all his best friends, brings an inner joy that is full to brimming over.

### **A MOTHER’S DAY PRAYER BY CARL KELLY, OMI**

“God, our Creator, we pray for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for those who are tired, stressed or depressed; for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family; for those who are unable to feed their children; for those whose children have disabilities; for those who have children they do not want; for those who raise children on their own; for those who have lost a child; for those who care for the children of others; for those whose children have left home; and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled. Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.” Amen.

### **VOCATION REFLECTION**

“How to Survive (or Thrive Through) a Mid-life Crisis”  
by Jarek Pachocki, OMI

When you reach a certain age in life you might experience a crashing transition of identity, purpose and self-confidence, often referred to as a mid-life crisis. The experience of Covid-19 pandemic might intensify this painful experience even more. So how does one survive a mid-life crisis? You can dye your hair, buy a motorcycle or a boat, travel the world or you can take more fiscally affordable approach and actually thrive through the experience. Read the reflection [here](#).

### **CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK MOVIES**

[Movie List](#) related to the five sub-themes of Catholic Education Week: Nurturing Hope, Preparing the Earth, Sowing Seeds of Gratitude, Cultivating Relationships, Harvesting New Fruit, and Marvelling in Wonder. Movies are a great medium for exploring these themes with children. [Catholic Education Week, May 2 – May 7, 2021](#)

“There’s no way to be a perfect mother and a million ways to be a good one.”

—Jill Churchill

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**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.

