



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 Davis

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

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Immaculata HS

140 Main St.

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Cemeteries

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613-746-4175

12th Sunday of Ordinary Time

June 19/20 2021



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Robert Bérubé, 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

That we might have faith in the Lord to quell the storms in our lives and find calm in the warmth of his embrace, we pray to the Lord.

That God will open communication between people of diverse cultures and ethnic groups so that new avenues may be found to build trust, and promote justice and peace for everyone, we pray to the Lord.

That in this challenging time for the Catholic Church, our clergy can lead their parishes with an eye for justice, love and reconciliation, we pray to the Lord

That places of worship, community and business in Ontario welcome back their members safely and joyfully, we pray to the Lord.

That particularly during Pride month, our LGBTQ2S+ members feel welcome, accepted and supported, we pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., June 19 Jeanne Primeau by Janice Staples

Wed., June 23 Amelia Mendonca by Ilario Pellizzari

Sat., June 26 Jack Lavoie by Shirley Lavoie

Wed., June 30 Mr. and Mrs. Tony Brennan and Barbara by their family

MAY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 3380.00
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 7,820.00
Canada Helps:	\$ <u>2,743.73</u>
Total:	\$ 13,943.73

Average monthly expenses: \$ 19,216.80

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

INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH

In June, Canadians commemorate [National Indigenous History Month 2021](#) to recognize the history, heritage and diversity of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples in Canada. **June 21st** is National Indigenous Peoples Day. It is at this time, and particularly in light of the recent finding of 215 unmarked graves of Indigenous children at the former Kamloops Residential School, that we need to take some time to learn more about Indigenous peoples and their history here on this land called Turtle Island. In particular, we need to consider and understand that we, who have come here from other lands, are occupying the territory of the Anishnaabeg/Algonquin, who have never surrendered nor ceded it to us.

If you are interested in deepening your knowledge and understanding of Indigenous peoples in Canada, there is a [free online course](#) offered by the University of Alberta which can be taken at one's leisure. It is an excellent resource and highly recommended.

SUMMER SOLSTICE INDIGENOUS FESTIVAL

This annual, multidisciplinary arts festival brings together Indigenous artists, performers, educators, students and community members to share knowledge and celebrate Canada's diverse Indigenous cultures. Visit <https://summersolsticefestivals.ca/> to find out the many great activities happening between **now and June 21**.

SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

Let's help fill the shelves at the Centretown Emergency Food Centre! They specifically need: peanut butter (small 500g jars are preferred), tuna or salmon, and pasta and pasta sauce. The Food Centre prefers tins of pasta sauce to glass jars as it is safer for their clients to carry home. Please bring your donations to the church.

CENTRE 507 DONATIONS

Centre 507 is in need of deodorant, underwear and toilet paper. Please drop items off at the parish centre or at Centre 507, located at 507 Bank St. at Argyle, behind Centretown United Church. To access the Centre, turn right off Bank onto Argyle, then take an immediate right turn under/between church and grey condos. The entrance is at the back of the church. Please ring the bell.

CONVERSATIONS FOR OUR TIMES

L'Arche and Jean Vanier One Year Later - A Constructive Response with Kevin Burns, Sunday, **June 20** at 2:30pm. Focusing "What do we do now?", writer and documentary producer, Kevin Burns, explores the impact of witnessing a celebrated hero fall. He offers some "building blocks" that can help as we work to rebuild resilience both individually and as a community. He hopes to promote a thoughtful conversation about remembering and moving forward beyond disappointment, given the vital importance of L'Arche. Please click the link below to join the webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88518968745?pwd=U29UTWg2MG1GQWhQNVlxWlVZdmNuZz09>
Passcode: 824360

VIRTUAL EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Celebrating Indigenous Peoples in Canada: [Learning and activity guide](#)

The [Canadian Canoe Museum](#) is continuing to inspire connection, curiosity, and new understandings from home!

Tusaalanga means "Let me hear!" and [this website](#) features thousands of sound files to help you learn Inuktitut quickly and easily.

How to [host a kids' book club](#) this summer (and why you should): A children's book club is a fun, memorable and super effective way to raise kids who love to read.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

In the Gospel today, we have a familiar scene: Jesus and his disciples are in a boat. This time, instead of catching great numbers of fish, or preaching to the crowds on the shore, we have a storm on the lake, and Jesus is asleep. He is awakened, calms the storm and reassures his disciples. It's a story about fear. But not only fear, but what we are called to do when faced with fear. In the Gospel story, we have a fierce storm on the lake, but the disciples were experienced sailors and fishermen. They knew the lake, they knew storms, so if they were frightened, it had to have been a dangerous situation. They were thoroughly frightened. Jesus' remark to them must have seemed particularly sharp, "Why are you so terrified? Have you still no faith?" Then, at a word, the sea becomes calm. Jesus shows his power over the storm.

This is where we are reminded of the first reading. It is taken from the book of Job, a delightful but disturbing story. Job had lost all his possessions and is reduced to sitting by himself, covered with sores. He is approached by three friends. They talk to him, and try to convince him that he is a sinner, and is being punished by God. The arguments go on for some thirty chapters of the book. Job says no, he is not at fault. In Chapter 31, Job demands an explanation from God as to why he is suffering and out of the storm God speaks. The answer is not an answer to Job's demands at all.

The first reading begins. "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? I will question you, and you shall declare to me." Then he begins to ask Job if he was there when God created the universe. Was he there at that time? Of course, he wasn't. Only God was there. God is the one who can bring order out of chaos. So by bringing calm to the sea and quieting the storm on the lake, Jesus demonstrates his claim to be God. Jesus was there to bring peace and calm out of the storm. Jesus showed his power. He made his divine presence felt. He was God.

If only it were like that in real life. If only the Lord would intervene when we are caught in the middle of some storm, and then with a simple command, restore calm to our troubled lives! We, too, encounter various kinds of storms, bad situations of one kind or another, which disrupt our lives and sometimes even threaten to sink us. This is not surprising. For each of us the dangers are different, the things we fear vary from person to person. There are people who are afraid to drive in city traffic, others who dread speaking in public, and still others who are terrified by the thought that they might get cancer. Some people

fear being alone, others worry and fret about becoming unemployed, or having to face an abusive spouse, still others must fight against the giants of addiction. There are many dangers out in the world. The fact that we are trying to follow Christ is no guarantee that we will be spared the storms. The implication of following Jesus is that we will have to pass through many stormy waters. When the storm strikes us, we know that God has not abandoned us. He certainly is not punishing us for our sins. In some of these storms, we may feel that we can no longer cope on our own. Our own resources are not sufficient. The waves of anger, fear, pain and despair threaten to engulf us. It is then that we must believe that Christ is with us and that his help is available to us.

That night on the lake, Jesus showed his power and his presence. The disciples were in danger, but not the danger of being drowned. The real danger was in giving up. The danger to yield to fear, fear that incapacitates. The temptation is always to yield to fear, but as St. Paul says in his famous epistle on love: "Love bears all things, endures all things, hopes all things". Love rebuked the wind and the storm died down. You and I are full of fears, neuroses and compulsions, but we are also full of dreams and wishes, full of hopes and possibilities, full of grace, and full of the Spirit who casts out fear. We, too, are full of the faith and love which the Lord has planted in our hearts. These are what we must believe in. We are called to believe in Jesus. He is in the boat with us. He will calm our fears and make us strong.

VOCATION REFLECTION

"Faith in a Time of Crisis" by Susai Jesu, OMI
The call of Jesus today is, "Let us cross over to the other side". Human life is filled with lots of necessary crossings from one shore to the other. For example, crossing from a lack of faith to a fullness of trust in the Lord, crossing from a selfish life to a selfless life with others, crossing from hatred to forgiveness, crossing from scorn to respect, etc. So let us awaken the Christ of our Spirituality, let us awaken ourselves to Divine Love, let us awaken ourselves to the belief that God is greater than our mistakes, sins, and crises, and do the next right thing for the kingdom. Read the reflection [here](#).

"The pessimist complains about the wind;
the optimist expects it to change; the realist
adjusts the sails."

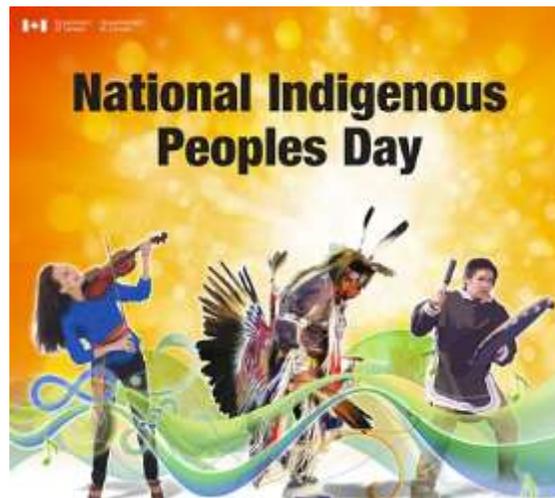
— *William Arthur Ward*



Towards Truth and Reconciliation

Many are aware of the discovery of the remains of 215 young people buried on the grounds of a former residential school in Kamloops, BC. The effect on the Indigenous peoples of Canada has reopened wounds from their experience with the residential schools, directly or through the experience of their relatives. This is a shameful part of our past and, as a member of the Catholic Church, we are deeply sorry for our participation in the residential school system and the effects it has had on those who died in our care, former students and their descendants.

We would like to draw your attention to three things for a moment: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has been working for two years with members of the Indigenous communities on a special delegation to formally meet with Pope Francis. The CCCB announced this delegation with Indigenous peoples is going forward. The official announcement is on the CCCB website (cccb.ca) and it is also on [our website](#). This is an important step that we pray will lead to a papal apology. The second thing is Archbishop Dampousse has been in dialogue with local Indigenous people, including the Kateri Native Ministry. He had a meeting to discuss, with representatives, some practical things we can do here in our archdiocese to support, listen to and journey with the local Indigenous communities. He will be sharing the fruit of this discussion soon, once some details have been finalized. Finally, a reminder that **June 21st** is [National Indigenous Peoples Day](#). Let us keep the Indigenous people and all who suffer because of the residential school system in our prayers.



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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. If you attend Mass, there will be a collection basket for donations at the registrar'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.