



# Canadian Martyrs Church

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## Mass Schedule

Wednesday 11:30am

Saturday 5:00pm and Sunday 10:00am (must register)

## 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

July 24/25 2021



### 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

613-232-9743

Immaculata HS

140 Main St.

613-237-2001

### Cemeteries

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613-822-1212

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613-746-4175

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Mario Cerroni, Robert Bérubé, John Dorner, Peter McAllister, Joyce White, Devin Bursey, Sandy Cano, Liam Elder, Sheila & Edward Gasnick, Raul Esteban, Chris Smith & family, Leonardo Miseferi, Clare Dashney, Ping Cai, Judette Budden, & Marie Christine Maisog

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

**For the Church** to bring about the miracle of the multiplication of the bread of life and the word of salvation, so that no one lacks nourishment for the body or lacks hope that is born of faith, we pray to the Lord.

**For grandparents and elderly** worldwide, as we celebrate the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, that they may continue to provide essential care for their grandchildren and consolation for the poor, we pray to the Lord.

**For all who endure hunger each day**, particularly refugees and the marginalized, that God will open avenues for food to reach them and help our hearts to be more sensitive to their needs and more aware of our abundance, we pray to the Lord.

**For the children** who died in residential schools, and for those who suffered humiliation and deprivation in these institutions, and for their families who mourn them, we pray to the Lord.

**For those whose lives** have been lost or been adversely affected by fire, other natural disasters and accidents this summer, we pray to the Lord.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Wed., Aug. 11 Annette LaPierre by Margaret Denny

Wed., Aug. 18 Mary and Jim McMinn by Margaret Denny

Sat., Aug. 28 Fred Miller by Anne Marie Bazinet-Miller

## JUNE COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 9,716.70
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 7,820.00
Canada Helps:	\$ <u>2,631.47</u>
Total:	\$ 20,168.17

Average monthly expenses: \$ 17,389.52

*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

### WEEKEND MASSES AUGUST 7/8

Please note that Masses on **Saturday, Aug. 7 and Sunday Aug. 8** will be on a first come, first served basis (there will **not** be a registration email sent out on Monday as Heather will be on vacation). Please arrive early for Mass so that our ushers can seat you. Thank you for your understanding.

### 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.

### SECOND DOSE VACCINE APPOINTMENTS & TRANSPORTATION WITH VAXAIDE

Have you not been able to book your 2nd vaccine appointment, or who would like to advance the date of your existing appointment? Do you require a ride to and from the appointment, and/or assistance while getting the vaccine? Contact VaxAide. Please complete the online form at [www.vaxaide.ca](http://www.vaxaide.ca) or call 613-869-8221. A volunteer will be thrilled to help you.

### 2021 OLD OTTAWA EAST MAIN EVENT - FREE!

Join some of the activities on **July 24 and 25** if you can! This year's OOE Main Event offers a great line-up of activities for your enjoyment. Some for adults, some for children, and some for all ages including fitness classes, Spirit of Dance performances by Ottawa-based Indigenous Experiences, crafts, trivia night and the stilt walkers return! All activities except the Roving Stilt Walkers require registration. [Register here now!](#) (Select option: "Events, Volunteers and Birth Parties")

### FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

Pope Francis has inaugurated the first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly for **July 25**, 2021. The theme of this day of celebration is from the Gospel of Matthew: "I am with you always" (Mt. 28.20). In a video message, Pope Francis tells the elderly that God is always with them and reassures them that the Lord sends his angels to comfort them in their loneliness. Listen to Pope Francis' message [here](#) and read the prayer for grandparents and the elderly [here](#).

### THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FRIENDSHIP

**July 30th** was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly to be the International Day of Friendship with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities. To confront the challenges faced by our world, their root causes must be addressed by promoting and defending a shared spirit of human solidarity that takes many forms — the simplest of which is friendship. [Actions to Promote a Culture of Peace.](#)

### EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Live (COVID safe!) theatre:** CONTACT is truly a live theatre experience like no other: with headphones and mobile app downloaded to your smartphone, you will be immersed in the play's state-of-the-art 3D soundscape as you follow actors around Lansdowne Park. For tickets and more info [click here](#).

**The Capital Ukrainian Festival will be online for 2021.** Join the fun from Ottawa on Saturday, **July 24**. Available around the world. Connect with their social media accounts for a celebration of Ukrainian culture. More info: [www.capitalukrainianfestival.com](http://www.capitalukrainianfestival.com)

**Rainy day games from TVO:** [www.tvokids.com/school-age/games](http://www.tvokids.com/school-age/games)

## 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

The Bible has a long memory. When the Gospel writers try to describe the extraordinary impact of Jesus' ministry, they often colour their accounts with memories of previous great people in the history of Israel. Such is the case with today's reading from John's account of the multiplication of the loaves. The feeding of the crowds that follow Jesus recalls a number of Old Testament precedents. One of these is today's first reading from 2 Kings about the prophet Elisha who miraculously feeds a hundred people with only twenty barley loaves. More than any other figures, Elijah and Elisha represent the spirit-filled prophets who speak fearlessly and do marvellous deeds through God's power. For example, besides multiplying the barley loaves, Elisha miraculously saves a widow and her only son from starvation, assures a childless woman that she will bear a son and, later when the boy dies suddenly, brings him back to life! For the Gospel writers, Jesus was a great prophet and more than a prophet. If the spirit of God worked through great figures like Elijah and Elisha, Jesus himself embodied the divine presence.

But not to be overlooked in this Sunday's readings is the basic emphasis on providing food for the hungry. The story of the multiplication of the loaves is one account of Jesus' great works that is found in all of the Gospels. Mark relates two stories like this, one on each side of the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus feeds the multitude from what appears to be insufficient rations. There are other scenes in the Gospels where Jesus is also concerned about eating: asking that the little girl he raised from the dead be given something to eat; defending his disciples who were pulling off heads of grain to eat while walking through a field on the Sabbath because they were hungry; and preparing a breakfast of bread and fish for his disciples who had been fishing all night long.

This emphasis on feeding those who are hungry reminds us that Jesus was not concerned only about accurate religious teachings or practices. As a healer, Jesus reached out and touched human bodies in pain, healing them, comforting them, restoring them to life. So, too, Jesus was aware of what it means to be hungry and to have no provisions. He fed people. Our psalm response today picks up this basic motif: "You open your hand to feed us, Lord; you satisfy all our needs."

No doubt the presence of these miracle accounts in the Gospels are meant to underscore the divine power of Jesus, to help us realize his unique identity as God's prophet and, even more, God's only son. But there is another

important challenge here for us. Like Jesus we are called to be attentive to human need and to do something about it. Authentic Christian faith is not content to simply believe the right things and say the right words. James 2:15-18 states this: "If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,' and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works. Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.'" No one who reads the papers or listens to the news can escape the fact that world hunger is a terrible epidemic today.

What should someone who wants to follow the example of Jesus do when we hear or read these Scripture readings? Each of us needs to do our own examination of conscience, to be alert to the reality of urgent human needs, and see what is possible for us to do in response. Some can donate food or money to food banks and soup kitchens. Some can do volunteer work at their local food pantry. Some can press our local and national governments not to neglect the poor who go hungry every day in Canada. Some can make sure that in their own household they do not waste food or habitually consume food that contributes to some of the ecological problems that lead to inequitable food production and distribution. In each of the feeding stories in the Gospels, Jesus turns first to his disciples and asks them: "How will we get enough food to feed them?" On this Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus asks this question of us.

### VOCATION REFLECTION

"What is it that we are in need of today?" by Serena Shaw - Oblate Associate

What is it that we are in need of today? All of us have needs, whether they be personal or communal. How do we work together when our needs are so diverse? Or are they? What is the motivation, the moral imperative? If we can all agree that we are working for one purpose, then we can accomplish anything. And then we will realize our full potential. Read the reflection [here](#).

"If you can't feed a hundred people,  
then feed just one."

- Mother Teresa

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**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.