



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

613-232-9743

Immaculata HS

140 Main St.

613-237-2001

Cemeteries

Hope Cemetery

613-822-1212

Notre-Dame

613-746-4175

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 14/15, 2021



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: John Smart, 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

That our Church continues to spread Pope Francis' message of compassion and social justice in every corner of the world, we pray to the Lord.

That on the Feast of the Assumption, we renew our devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, seeking inspiration from her example and comfort when in need, we pray to the Lord.

That world leaders recognize the need for immediate action in the face of ever-escalating climate change, we pray to the Lord.

That God will guide the homeless to safe shelter, bring healing to the sick, and give strength and hope to those facing the effects of natural disasters, we pray to the Lord.

That Cecilia Maia, who is being baptized this weekend, becomes a faithful witness to the Good News with the support of her family and this community, we pray to the Lord.

That Thomas and Isla, who are receiving their First Holy Communion, may grow in their love and appreciation for Mass and for Jesus' presence with us in the Blessed Sacrament, we pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed., Aug. 18 Mary & Jim McMinn by Margaret Denny,
Filomena & Lorenzo Martino by Maria & Lidia

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

JULY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 6656.10
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 7,220.00
Canada Helps:	\$ <u>5,252.35</u>
Total:	\$ 19,128.45

Average monthly expenses: \$ 17,279.05

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

WEEKDAY MASS

Our weekday Mass will be moved to **Tuesdays starting on August 31st**.

THE BLANKET EXERCISE

Join KAIROS at Beechwood Cemetery on **August 15th at 10am** to experience and learn history most Canadians were never taught. Stepping onto blankets, attendees will be educated about pre-contact, treaty making, colonisation and resistance. Following the exercise, there will be a debrief to share and learn as a group. For more information and to register [click here](#).

SECOND DOSE VACCINE APPOINTMENTS & TRANSPORTATION WITH VAXAIDE

Have you not been able to book your 2nd vaccine appointment, or would you 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 or call 613-869-8221. A volunteer will be thrilled to help you.

GALILEE JAMBOREE

Come for an afternoon of music and community on **Sunday, Aug. 29th**, 3-6pm at the Galilee Centre, 398 John Street North, Arnprior ON. Tickets: \$20.00 Please contact Galilee (613-623-4242 or info@galileecentre.com) to reserve tickets, or buy on-site on event day. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Inclement weather updates will be posted on the website by 1pm on event day. COVID protocols of distancing and masks will remain in place. This fresh-air event is a fundraiser in support of the ongoing work of the Galilee Centre.

WHERE FAITH AND LIFE MEET MOVING FORWARD: PROMISING PRACTICES FOR A WISE AND HOPEFUL ADULT CHURCH

Join a virtual symposium for adult faith taking place via Zoom on **September 27 - 28** to explore and share wisdom that supports and strengthens our accompaniment of adult faith. Keynote: Dr. Jane Regan, Associate Professor Emeritus, Boston College, author of *Toward an Adult Church*. Panellists: Mgr. Paul-André Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau, Ms. Marg Shea-Lawrence, Director, National Office of Evangelization and Catechesis, CCCB, and Fr. Daryold Winkler, Ottawa Pastor and Anishinaabe from Manitoulin Island. Click [here to register](#).

Individual registration fee:

Early Bird by Aug. 27- \$ 50, after Aug. 27 - \$ 60

For more information and resources, [click here](#) or contact Gabrielle Dupuis at recentre@ustpaul.ca

2ND ANNUAL OLD OTTAWA EAST ART TOUR

The tour is on **August 21** from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, presented by The Mainstreeter, OOE's amazing newspaper. This annual event will feature 12 exceptional visual artists and photographers living and working in Old Ottawa East, and exhibiting their artwork outside their homes. A map will be available at <https://www.ottawaeastcag.org/>.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- Learn how stuff works at www.howstuffworks.com/.
- Head to the county and enjoy the [Perseid Meteor Shower show](#)! Look to the night sky on August 12th and 13th.
- Ottawa Free Tours offers walking tours of downtown Ottawa. New to the city? Just visiting? Lifelong resident? They've got the perfect tour for you. Check out their [free tours here](#) and reserve your spot!

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

Today we come together as a Christian community to honour Mary, the mother of God. From the Bible, we know that Mary was a very important person. She was the one chosen by God, for all eternity, to be the mother of the man-child who would be called Jesus of Nazareth. The various stories from the Bible tell us a good deal about who she was. Our faith and our practice tells us who she is. As Catholic Christians, we have always held the mother of God in very high esteem.

In 1950, Pope Pius XII assembled all the Bishops from around the world and pronounced in a most solemn way, that as Catholics, we believe that Mary, the mother of God, did not suffer the normal corruption of the body after death but was taken or assumed into heaven. It is the doctrine of the faith, not a new teaching. It was something that the Church has believed from the very earliest days to have been true.

What was it about the world that required, in 1950, that the head of the Catholic Church declare publicly and officially that the Assumption of Mary was a doctrine of our faith? Why would the Pope do that? What was it in the goings on in the world that would have inspired him to make that pronouncement at that time? We had just come through one of the most terrifying wars of all times. Maybe not the greatest in destruction of human life, but one that marked the beginning of the end of civilization as we knew it. Not so much the numbers of people killed, but the way in which death had been brought to humankind. We had learned of six million Jews who were systematically killed. Untold others of eastern Europe were destroyed in the most inhumane way. We had developed and used the atomic bomb. We now had the ability to destroy all human life. Never before in the history of the world had such evil been unleashed on fellow human beings. The seeds of despair had been sown, and the crop of meaninglessness of all human life was already being harvested. Despair and fear, and hopelessness were beginning to show themselves. So in the midst of a feeling of hopelessness and despair that had not yet come to the consciousness of many people, Pope Pius made a declaration to the prevailing sentiment of the time. Not only was it true of Jesus, that he had risen from the dead, and was alive and sitting at the right hand of God, but even one of us, Mary, the mother of God, also did not suffer the corruption of the body. She was taken bodily to paradise.

In the midst of all the bad news, and sentiments of despair and lack of hope, Pius gave to the world a single ray of

hope. All is not death and destruction, all is not evil and mad. Mary was assumed to heaven and, if Mary, then we, too, have a destiny that overreaches evil and death and the end. The message is that it is not through strength but through the message of the Gospel and especially through the message of Mary. The hymn of Mary in today's Gospel says it and restates these truths:

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

(Luke 1:46-55)

VOCATION REFLECTION

“A Well Discerned Life is Worth Living”

by Jarek Pachocki, OMI

Today's Feast of the Assumption of Mary reminds us that she was a woman of ultimate discernment, always listening for and answering God's call! Mary's whole life was a discernment of God's call and this confirms that a well discerned life is worth living!

Read the reflection [here](#).

*In Honour of the Assumption
by Pope Pius XII*

O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and
Mother of men...

And from the shadows of this vale of tears, we
seek in your heavenly assistance and tender
mercy comfort for our aching hearts and help in
the trials of the Church and of our fatherland.

Read the full prayer [here](#).

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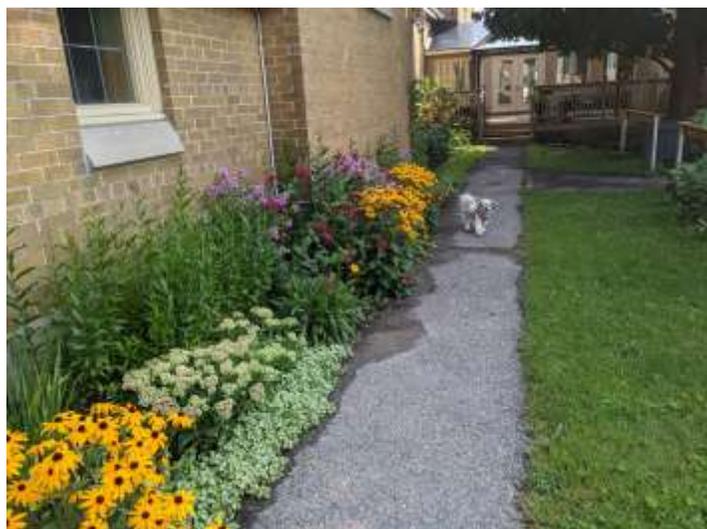
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DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH:

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. 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.