



# Canadian Martyrs Church

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## Mass Schedule

Wednesday 11:30am

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

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21/22, 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

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Immaculata HS

140 Main St.

613-237-2001

### Cemeteries

Hope Cemetery

613-822-1212

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613-746-4175

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Joe Lochnan, 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 Misesferi, Ping Cai, Judette Budden & Marie Christine Maisog

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the Church, that we will find nourishment and sustenance in Christ, the Bread of Life, for our daily journey and the fulfillment of all the hungers and yearnings of our hearts. We pray to the Lord.

For the people of Afghanistan, those who are fleeing and those that remain, that their suffering be seen and that they find safety. We pray to the Lord.

For Michael Spavor and Michael Kovrig, who are being detained in China, and for all those who are falsely accused. We pray to the Lord.

For the indigenous peoples of Canada, who have felt the weight of residential schools become heavier, and for our own communities as we move towards true acts of reconciliation. We pray to the Lord.

For those who hear the words of eternal life that they be moved to follow the path of truth, and not be swayed by stumbles or weariness. We pray to the Lord. For each of us, that we reflect on the gifts we have been granted and use them to serve the Lord in love and justice. We pray to the Lord.

### MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sat., Sept. 4 Fred Miller by Theresa Nieminen

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>**.

### 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](http://www.vaxaide.ca) or call 613-869-8221. A volunteer will be thrilled to help you.

### DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE STEPS IN

A powerful 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti's Tiburon Peninsula on Saturday, August 14. D&P's partners, ITECA and Caritas Haiti, have jumped into action by sending relief trucks and assessment teams to the affected regions. D&P is asking for your support to intensify their relief efforts and to develop a sustainable recovery program. For more information or to donate, please [click here](#).

D&P is also asking for your support to fulfill the objectives of their 2020-2022 Lebanon program framework. With the COVID-19 pandemic compounding ongoing economic and political crises, Lebanon's overall situation remains alarming. For more info or to donate, please [click here](#).

### 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](mailto:info@galileecentre.com)) to reserve tickets, or buy on-site on event day. 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](#). For more information [click here](#) or contact Gabrielle Dupuis at [recentre@ustpaul.ca](mailto:recentre@ustpaul.ca)

### 2ND ANNUAL OLD OTTAWA EAST ART TOUR

The tour is on Saturday, **August 21** from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. This annual event will feature 12 exceptional visual artists and photographers living and working in Old Ottawa East, exhibiting their artwork outside their homes. For more information, [click here](#).

### WATER DROPLETS FROM THE LAUDATO SI' WATER ACTION GROUP

Consider growing clover as an alternative to grass. Clover is lush and hardy. It saves water and attracts bees.



## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

We have come to the last of the Gospel readings on the bread come down from Heaven: the Eucharist. For the last five weeks, St. John has been telling us of the events that took place after Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish to feed an immense crowd. Jesus took what the people gave him, and, with the little they had to offer, performed a miracle and nourished a large crowd. The people had great difficulty when Jesus asked them to move from what they thought was his gift, namely, being given food in some miraculous way.

He asked them to move to a deeper consideration of the gift: food for eternal life, a life of union with God. The people rejected Jesus' claim to have come from God, since they said they knew him and his family. They could not recognize God in a person, certainly not in one they thought they knew. After answering several objections from the learned people, Jesus continued to insist that they believe in him, and take part in the total offering he made of himself to the Father.

Today's Gospel shows that the time has come to choose. Jesus had made his offer, the objections have been answered, and a leap of faith is demanded. They are being asked to accept or to reject. The first reading gives us an incident from the Old Testament to help us realize that the same kind of crisis had risen in their lives before this. The people listening to Jesus knew their own history, and how God had always been a part of their lives, and they had to choose to make it real.

This story is taken from the period after the people had been led out of slavery in Egypt, and had wandered in the desert under the leadership of Moses. Joshua was now their leader. Under his guidance, the people had entered the land promised to them. Everything they had been told to do, they did and God had indeed blessed them. They now were in possession of the best land any of them had ever seen. They were now beginning to settle in. Joshua called the leaders of the people to him to rally them one more time. He reminded them of what God had done and how they had been blessed when they followed God, and how disaster had fallen on them when they decided to go their own way. Joshua now says to them: you must choose. Follow God or follow the pagan gods around you. You cannot do both, choose one or the other. The people chose to follow Joshua and God. We can be pretty sure that some did not follow.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells his listeners that they also have to choose. Some chose to follow Jesus and some chose not to. Today, the same choice is ours. Some choose to follow

Jesus and some choose not to. The Eucharist is the point of total unity between Jesus and his Father. For us, the Eucharist is the point at which we also meet our God, the source of life. We also must choose whether we want to make that total commitment to God involved in the Eucharist, or not. Some choose not to make that commitment, and as we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus let them go. Jesus then turned to the Disciples to give them the same choice.

In our days, there are people who choose not to follow, who choose not to take part in the Mass, or the gift of the Eucharist. This is a particularly difficult thing for parents to accept, when their children choose not to follow in the practices set out for them. What I want to say to you today is that the choice is always there. Each of us must make the choice for ourselves. We cannot choose for anyone else. Know as well that faith is a gift from God. Jesus tells us that. It is not anyone's right or fault. God chooses to give the gift. We, each of us, choose whether we wish to follow or not. "No one can come to me unless it is granted them by my Father," Jesus says. It is our prayer that we too may make our own the statement made by Peter when Jesus asked him: "Do you also wish to go away?" "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

### VOCATION REFLECTION

"Freedom to Choose" by Susai Jesu, OMI

Jesus never forced anyone to follow him. Jesus knows that the only thing that has moral value and which helps us to grow is what is done freely. Virtue is when we have a choice to do good or evil. Virtue also cannot be imposed. It has to be freely chosen. In fact, virtue has great strength when it is deliberately chosen. Read the reflection [here](#).

### VOCATIONS CAFÉ

Join the discussion with Fr. Susai Jesu, OMI and Fr. Mark Blom, OMI from Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples in Edmonton, AB. They will share their personal vocation story and experience of ministry with Indigenous Peoples. All are welcome to join the conversation! It will be streamed LIVE at [fb.me/missionaryoblates](https://fb.me/missionaryoblates) on Thursday, **August 26** at 3:00pm.

"August is like the Sunday of summer."

– *Unknown*

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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.