



# Canadian Martyrs Church

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**Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday 11:30am**

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

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 11/12, 2021

### Pastor

Fr. Tim Coonen, OMI

### Parish Life Coordinator

Maureen Cerroni

### Administrative Assistant

Heather Duggan

### Pastoral Council

Cheryl Khoury

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



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

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

That we may clothe ourselves in faith, and find solace and protection in the Lord as we face adversity, we pray to the Lord.

That our brothers and sisters, who are facing uncertainty and struggle in Afghanistan, find strength in themselves and support from the international community, we pray to the Lord.

That our leaders on the campaign trail are moved to present and implement policies that will protect the weak, shelter the poor, and speak for the silent, we pray to the Lord.

That all nations and all peoples, in Canada and in the world, have access to clean water, we pray to the Lord.

That we, like Jesus, uphold the dignity and value of those with less material possessions, and recognize that wealth and status are not signs of inner worth, we pray to the Lord.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Sept. 14 Gertrude LaViolette by Pat LaViolette

Cammara Family by Lidia Cotroneo

Tues., Sept. 21 Mr. & Mrs. T. Brennan and Barbara by their family

## AUGUST COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 6,923.00
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 7,317.50
Canada Helps:	\$ 5,211.47
Total:	\$ 19,451.97

Average monthly expenses: \$ 17,410.80

*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

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR THE FALL

If you have a child in Grade 6 (or older) who you would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please email Maureen, [parishlife@canadianmartyrs.org](mailto:parishlife@canadianmartyrs.org), by Monday, **Sept. 27**. Classes begin the week of **Oct. 17**.

### THE SEASON OF CREATION

Thank you God for the gift of water!

Pope Francis calls us **to use water rather than consume water!** Valuing water means to be more responsible in the protection and use of this element which is so fundamental. Here are a couple tips to conserve the precious gift of water. Instead of running the tap: put a jug of water in your fridge for cold drinking water and use a bucket/tub of water to rinse your dishes.

### OTTAWA SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & SPIRITUALITY

Connecting people on the path of faith and learning, courses are available in both the fall and winter terms and are held on Monday evenings starting at 7:30 p.m. Due to COVID-19, the 100% online format will continue for at least the fall term. Adult learning - no exams. ZOOM tutorial available if required. [Register and view courses here.](#)

### PASSION & ACTION AT GALILEE, ARNPRIOR

Perhaps we are witnessing the beginning of a new chapter of social and cultural change. Some of this is gaining momentum through grassroots movements that are understandably energized by compassion, anger, frustration, hope, and desperation. Without these passions would we ever confront injustice? This retreat, led by Fr. Mark Slatter, on **Oct. 1-3**, will bring the range of our passions to the power of Transformative Love so that our social action does not pivot, as the adage goes, on "seeing things as they are, but on seeing things as we are". For more information or to register, [click here.](#)

### KENDAASAWIN: HOW WE LEARN

Join a cross cultural experience at the Galilee Centre, Arnprior on **Oct. 8-10**, designed to provide transformative opportunities for both Indigenous and non-Indigenous learners on the path of healing, reconciliation and spiritual growth. You will participate in ceremony, teaching and sharing circles under the guidance of knowledge-keepers. Facilitators: Donna Naughton, Peter Bisson S.J., Gabby Fayant and others of Kateri Native Ministry. To register for in-residence attendance, please contact 613-623-4242, ext. 21 or [info@galileecentre.com](mailto:info@galileecentre.com). To register for virtual attendance, [click here.](#)

### NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION AT BEECHWOOD

In honour of the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the Beechwood Cemetery Foundation is hosting a public Day of Reconciliation education and action to learn from residential schools and other forms of colonialism, so we can all implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. This program will be offered from sunrise to sunset on September 30, 2021. You can register for a specific time, starting every 45 minutes. [Click here to register.](#)

### EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Visit the [rock sculptures at Remic Rapids](#) along the Ottawa River.

Go for a hike on the boardwalk trail over an ancient bog at [Mer Bleue Conservation Area.](#)

Discover the foot-paths around the eastern shore of McKay Lake and the Pond, that wind through the [Conservation Area in Rockcliffe Park.](#)

## 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

In many situations asking the right question is important, but coming up with the right question at the right time is an art. Asking the right question is a skill, an art, one that allows you to avoid going down a lot of blind alleys.

Friends will spend hours and hours, asking each other questions because they want to know everything about each other. Asking certain questions can lead to deepening their friendship. Questions are asked because to know is to love, and to love is to know.

Jesus Christ is God's revelation of himself to us. We find Jesus in today's Gospel account asking his disciples an important question. He asks them to tell him who they think he really is. St. Mark reports: Jesus and his disciples set out for Caesarea Philippi. Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" They said in reply, "John, the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ." It may be that Jesus had two reasons for asking this question. One was in order to have his disciples give some serious thought to just who they thought he was. The other was to take the opportunity to teach them about what was going to happen to him, to teach them about just what kind of a Messiah he was going to be for them, and what he had to endure in order to fulfil the mission his Father in heaven had given him. In considering today's Gospel passage, we ought to pay attention to just why it was Jesus put the question to his disciples back then. We might easily conclude the only reason was that he wanted to take the opportunity to teach them about just who he was and what it was he had to do. If we think that was the reason, we would, of course, be correct. But there was another reason, a reason that I think was the most important of all, and that was to cause them to realize for themselves just who and what he was. It was what they knew in their hearts and minds to be true that was uppermost, I think, in his mind. Jesus wanted them to articulate what was already deep within their hearts and souls, and then to realize the answer in their lives.

St. Mark reports this whole episode not just for the sake of entering it into the historical record, but to confront you and me, two thousand years later, with the same question that confronted those disciples back then. Just who do you think Jesus is for you now? Is he just an interesting historical figure? Is he, as the Muslims say, a great prophet? Is he just one among many in a long line of Jewish rabbis? Or is Christ Jesus God's expression of himself made human so that we can see him, know him,

and love him as one of us? Christ Jesus is God among us, making himself available to us. Christ Jesus is God the Son, the second person of the Blessed Trinity, made human flesh and blood for us so we can encounter him in his mystical body, the Church. The point is that God is close to us, not distant or remote.

As Christians, we believe that God has made himself available to us. He is available to our minds, our hearts, our souls, and our bodies. As Catholics, we believe God has made himself readily available to us in his Christ, who comes to us after his resurrection in special ways in the seven sacraments of our Church. As Catholics, we believe that God is especially present to us and deep within us in Holy Communion. But all of this would not have happened were it not for what Jesus went on to tell Peter and the other disciples in today's Gospel passage. All of this would not have happened unless Jesus had told them what he was going to do: to suffer terribly, to be rejected by the chief priests and elders, to be put to death, and after three days to rise again. Is Jesus Christ simply an interesting historical figure? Is Jesus Christ just one religious leader among others? Just who is Jesus Christ for you? Just who do *you* think he is? Peter and the other disciples gave their answers. We have to ask ourselves the same question.

### VOCATION REFLECTION

"I Came to Bring Fire to the Earth" by Margot Lavoie

With some "in your face" facts, James tells us about our faith and about our behaviour, as disciples of Christ. We are all of the same Body of Christ, rich or poor, pleasant or unpleasant, wearing clean clothes or dirty rags, fragrant or smelly... we are all part of the Body of Christ, all deserve to be treated with dignity and love. Yes, it is necessary to pray, to pray for the needy; but are we ready to give of ourselves, to give up some of our "precious time" for our brothers and sisters? Do we carry in our hearts Christ's fire of love and are we able to deliver this compassion and warmth especially to those who are shunned by or invisible to most of society, and those who are seldom addressed by their name? Read the [reflection here](#).

A prudent question  
is one-half of wisdom.

- *Francis Bacon*

# VIRTUAL WALK FOR THE CENTRE

Supporting Centretown  
Emergency Food Centre

Sunday October 3, 2021  
1:00 - 4:00 pm

**2 - 4 KM WALK**

around your  
favorite trail or  
neighbourhood

Join  
the  
Fun

Centretown Emergency Food Centre is a  
project of the Centretown Churches  
Social Action Committee.



Prizes for Photos, Virtual Teams,  
Online Donations  
[www.centretownchurches.org](http://www.centretownchurches.org)

Support or join our Canadian Martyrs team for the Virtual Walk for the Centre on Sunday, October 3rd, in support of the Centretown Emergency Food Centre by [clicking here](#).

The Walk-a-thon has been a celebration in solidarity, serving Christ in our neighbours. All are welcome to join us in this event. Thank you for your consideration. For more information:

[www.centretownchurches.org/walkathon/](http://www.centretownchurches.org/walkathon/)

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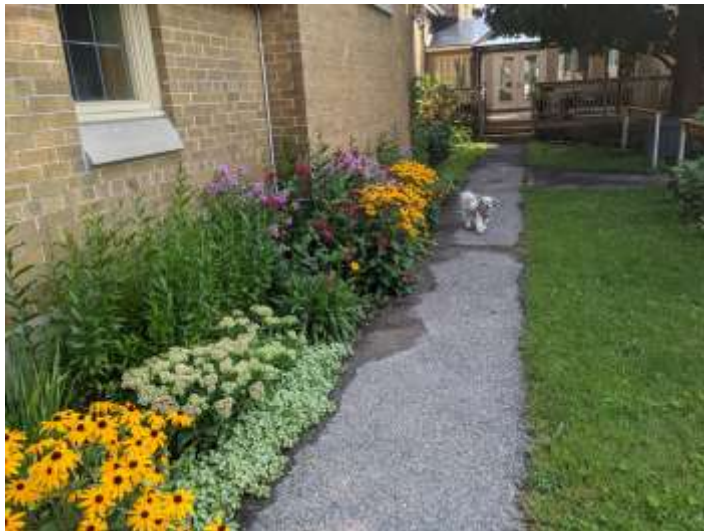
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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**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.