



Canadian Martyrs Church

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday 11:30am

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

Pastor

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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

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613-237-2001

Cemeteries

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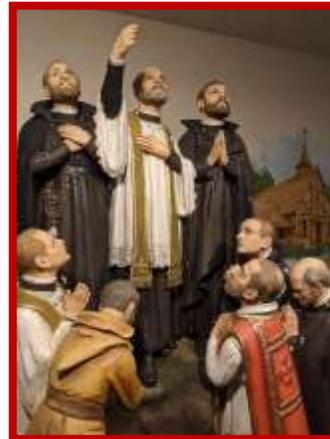
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The Feast of Canadian Martyrs

September 25/26, 2021



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Michael McManus, Clifford Payette, Ramon de Rosayro, John Dorner, Peter McAllister, Joyce White, Devin Burse, 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

We pray for the Catholic Church in Canada, built upon the sacrifices of the Jesuit Martyrs whom we honour today, that through our faith and example it may be renewed in the world today and grow in service to the people of God. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for the Oblate and Jesuit Fathers and for all clergy, that they may be guided and sustained by the Holy Spirit as they work to build the Kingdom of God. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for the continued healing and reconciliation of the Indigenous people of Canada and for peace throughout the world. We pray to the Lord.

On this the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, we pray for all refugees, searching for welcome, peace and security in their new homeland. We pray to the Lord.

We pray for our parish as we work to establish an initiative on Indigenous Reconciliation within our own community. We pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Sept. 25 Amelia Mendonca by Ilario Pellizzari

Tues., Sept. 28 Gertrude LaViolette by Pat LaViolette

Tues., Oct. 5 Gertrude LaViolette by Pat LaViolette

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.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION THIS 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, by Monday, **Sept. 27**. Classes begin the week of **Oct. 17**.

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE OTTAWA AGM

Featuring Bishop Alfredo Vizcarra, S.J., President of Peruvian Bishops' Commission on Youth and Lay People, Peruvian member of the Pan-Amazonian Ecclesial Network & the Amazon Centre for Applied Anthropology (CAAAP).

Via Zoom on Sat., **Sept. 25**, 10 am. Registration required: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsd-gsrjkoHNwVQsBf9URy5ZAYBiAtJobf> or call Priva at 613 738- 9644 ext. 224.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Pope Francis highlights the importance of inclusiveness and fraternity in his 2021 Message for the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Sunday, **Sept. 26**, stressing that an ever wider "we" will help renew the human family, build a future of justice and peace, and ensure that no one is left behind. To read the Pope's message, [click here](#).

MASS FOR HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

On the eve of the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Fr. Daryold Winkler, St. Basil's pastor and a member of the Ojibway First Nation, will preside at Mass, then bless trees planted in memory of the Indigenous children lost at residential schools. Holy Redeemer Church, 44 Rothesay, Kanata, Wed., **Sept. 29**, 7:00 pm. Info: creationcare@archottawa.ca.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY

On **Sept. 30**, [Orange Shirt Day](#), we remember the Indigenous school children who were sent to residential schools, and learn about the history of the residential school system and its effects on the lives of Indigenous peoples. Wearing an orange shirt on this day is a visible way to show solidarity with Indigenous peoples.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN

Forty days to pray and fast for an end to abortion. Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in our community from **Sept. 22 to Oct. 31**. For more information on events in Ottawa [click here](#).

THE ALPHA EXPERIENCE

At St. Mary's Parish, Ottawa via Zoom, [the Alpha Experience](#) helps prepare us for Eternal Life via dynamic films and interactive discussions which explore the basics and help deepen the Christian faith. Register via <https://tinyurl.com/StMarysAlpha>. Starts Tues., **Sept. 28**, 7:00 pm. No cost.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE WEEK

From **Oct. 3-9**, National Catholic Health Care Week is marked across Canada, recognizing the important work of Catholic health care organizations in our province and across Canada. For resources, daily reflections and prayers, please [click here](#).

VOCATION REFLECTION

"One Who Has Loved Him Too Late"

by Jarek Pachocki, OMI

This weekend's Gospel reading brings us rather terrifying images of a great millstone hung around the neck, cutting off hands and feet, torn out eyes...Jesus is a master in parable teaching; and he knows how to use shock value. Obviously, Jesus' comments cannot be taken literally here. It's an invitation to make a radical decision to follow Jesus in missionary discipleship through witness and action. Read the reflection [here](#).

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

If you are a fan of Jeopardy, check out these [Ottawa sites linked to Alex Trebek](#).

Thinking about putting an international meal on your menu? [These grocery stores](#) might have the ingredients you need!

Take a hike on the [Shoreline Trail](#) at Shirley's Bay Conservation Area.

THE FEAST OF CANADIAN MARTYRS

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

The Canadian Martyrs are role models who lived the ideal of the Gospel to the fullest, and handed on to us values that are important in our own day. These missionaries had very clearly declared their plans to preach the Gospel and not associate themselves with the commercial goals of the European nations who were exploring the land. They learned the Huron language and the customs of the land. They adopted Huron ways of living and eating. They encountered what for them were appalling living conditions, harsh winters like they had never seen before, and totally new food and inadequate shelter. The missionaries were convinced that the Hurons, like any other people, were capable of becoming saints. The truth is, the missionaries were full-time martyrs, living only for Christ, and in the end they resembled the Lord. Their martyrdom involved completely surrendering themselves in the ultimate offering of their lives. For too long, Christian martyrdom has been looked at in terms of torture, execution and hatred of the faith. This view completely misrepresents what is most profound about being a martyr. The Second Vatican Council has taught that martyrs follow in the footsteps of Jesus to the point of making even their death a gift to Christ. Martyrs attest that salvation comes from the Lord and the Gospel. Jesus, the Son of God, showed his love by laying down his life for us. No one has greater love than those who lay down their lives for Christ, and for their sisters and brothers. Through their deaths, martyrs became like Jesus in shedding their blood. What determines martyrdom is to give one's life for Christ and for one's brothers and sisters out of love. It is not the executioner, not the persecutor and not the historian who declares someone a martyr. It is a decision that the Church makes on the basis of what motivated the martyred person. Thus, we cannot separate the death of these missionaries from the meaning death had for them. In dying for us, Jesus is not so much put to death but chooses to lay down his life for us. In this light, these missionaries are martyrs, because of their faith, and because of the love they had for the Indigenous peoples for whose sake they gave up their lives. In this, they followed in the footsteps of Jesus. In proclaiming Christ and his Gospel, they were fully aware that they risked death.

In our days when many Christian values are at odds with our society, what the Canadian Martyrs handed on to us, is even more evident. Their spirit of self-sacrifice and openness to others challenges each of us. Most importantly, they had an intense devotion to Jesus Christ. This was the principle on which they based their entire existence. For them, Christ was a living presence who was always with them - in their travels, in their ministry, and in their suffering and in their martyrdom. For the Huron people, the missionaries were a visible expression of Christ, loving them even to the point of dying for them. It was this zeal that inspired Saint John Brébeuf to state: "My God, would that you were better known! Would that this whole Native People have converted itself completely to you! How you are loved! Yes, my God, if all of the torment endured by the captives of this land . . . should fall upon me, I would offer myself to them with all my heart and I alone would suffer them!" It took twenty missionaries to bring the Gospel to an entire nation and to raise its people to the heights of holiness. Totally prayerful in all their actions, they saw God present everywhere. Those who had been converted became the core of a Christian presence both among the Iroquois and among Indigenous nations more to the west. Thus through the Huron Christians and the blood of the Jesuit martyrs, the faith was kindled throughout North America. We are encouraged by the witness of the Canadian Martyrs and their devotion to Christ, their courageous zeal and their spirit of prayer.

"We ask the Jesuit Martyrs to help us to acknowledge truth, to take steps toward reconciliation, and to move forward in hope."

*From Novena to the Martyrs for those hurt
by Residential Schools*

Season of Creation



SEASON OF CREATION – OUTDOOR MASS

The Kateri Ministry and St. Basil's Parish invite you to celebrate the Season of Creation at an outdoor Mass, followed by an "eco lunch" on Saturday, **Sept. 25, 11:00 a.m.** on the Kateri land, 5642 Ferry Road, Fitzroy Harbour. Bring your own chair and cup. Please call the St. Basil's Parish office at 613-729-5149 if interested in attending. (Rain date: Oct. 2).

ELECTRIC POWER & RENEWABLE ENERGY

Replace all light bulbs with LED light bulbs. Use renewable energy sources (solar heat and wind) to dry laundry!

Municipalities in Ontario cannot ban clotheslines outdoors due to the Ontario Green Energy Act.

Consider switching over to electric lawn mower and an electric car. (Or share a ride, share a car, share a truck or take public transit!)

BIKE TO CHURCH

Mark your calendar: **Walk or bike** to church on the weekend of **Oct. 2-3**. Get together with family and friends and attend Mass by walking or biking to church. Reduce your carbon footprint and get in shape! Make it a new practice!

HEALTHY PLANET, HEALTHY PEOPLE PETITION

In 2021, we have an opportunity like no other. At the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in October, world leaders can set meaningful targets to protect creation. In November, at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), countries will announce their plans to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement. Ahead of those meetings, it is our responsibility as Catholics to lift up the voices of the most vulnerable and advocate on their behalf. We must act now. Let's be the change. Sign the petition at www.thecatholicpetition.org.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your beloved pet to the side lawn of Queen of the Most Holy Rosary parish to receive a blessing. All animals welcome! 20 Grant St., Ottawa (near the Parkdale Market), Sat., **Oct. 2**, 2:00 pm. Info:

ottawaholyrosary@gmail.com.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FEAST DAY

Mass for St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day: Closing the Season of Creation and praying to the patron saint of nature and simple lifestyles, a bilingual Mass will be celebrated by Msgr. Kevin Maloney. In person and livestreamed. Holy Redeemer Church, 44 Rothesay, Kanata, Mon., **Oct. 4**, 7:00 pm. Info: creationcare@archottawa.ca.

RESOURCES

The Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall website: <https://en.archoc.ca/care-for-gods-creation>

Season of Creation: The *Laudato Si* Connection: <https://laudatosimovement.org/seasonofcreation/>

Development and Peace: <https://www.devp.org/en/laudatosi>

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

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/

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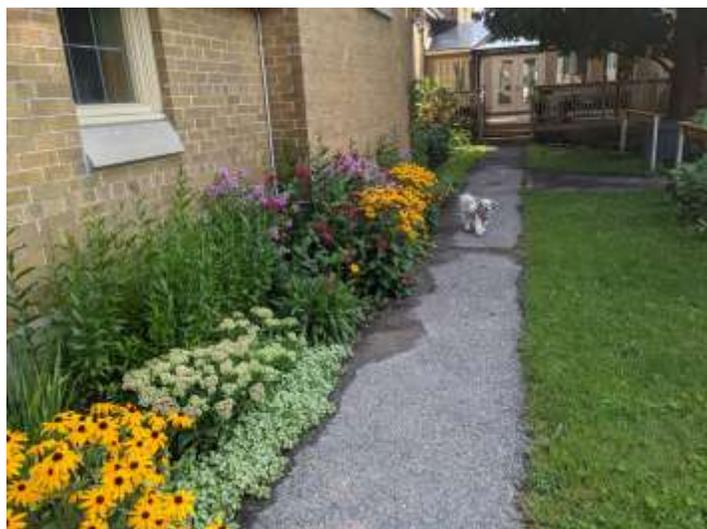
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DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH:

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.