



Canadian Martyrs Church

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday 11:30am

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 23/24, 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: Fr. Peter Bisson, Brian Kerr, Barbara White, 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

That, like the blind man in the Gospel, our faith leads us to a truer and better life in Jesus. We pray to the Lord.

That the United Nations climate change conference will outline new paths for protecting the earth for future generations. We pray to the Lord.

That all those who find themselves called to leadership follow in the footsteps of Jesus and act as servants to their people. We pray to the Lord.

That all those suffering from illness, isolation and poverty may feel God's presence in their lives and receive the help they need through the Christian community. We pray to the Lord.

That all members of our community can feel gratitude and joy at the bounty that the Lord has shared with us, and that we pass on our joy in generosity to others.

We pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Oct. 30 Fred Miller by Anne Marie

Ron Allen by Louise Blanchett-Smith

Sat., Nov. 6 Rita Denny by Margaret Denny

SEPTEMBER COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 8,956.00
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 7,220.00
Canada Helps:	\$ <u>1,693.22</u>
Total:	\$ 17,869.22

Average monthly expenses: \$ 17,222.50

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.

MEMORIAL MASS

Our Memorial Mass to remember our deceased relatives will be celebrated on **Tuesday, Nov. 2nd at 7:00 pm**. Due to COVID restrictions, only those parishioners who have lost loved ones this year are being invited to attend. If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend, [please email](#) the office.

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

In August, Canadian Martyrs Pastoral Council created a working group to provide recommendations for a forward-looking agenda on Indigenous reconciliation for the parish. The working group submitted its recommendations last week, and Pastoral Council approved them. A new committee – the Truth and Reconciliation Committee, which will report to Pastoral Council – will offer more details in the coming weeks about how you can get involved.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

From Pope Francis' message for World Mission Day: "The theme of this year's World Mission Day – 'We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard' (Acts 4:20), is a summons to each of us to 'own' and to bring to others what we bear in our hearts. This mission has always been the hallmark of the Church, for 'she exists to evangelize' (Saint Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 14). Our life of faith grows weak, loses its prophetic power and its ability to awaken amazement and gratitude when we become isolated and withdraw into little groups. By its very nature, the life of faith calls for a growing openness to embracing everyone, everywhere." Read the full [message here](#).

D&P PEOPLE AND PLANET FIRST

Together, let's act for the planet and its defenders! Development and Peace's [People and Planet First campaign](#) is inspired by the words of Pope Francis, "a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth

and the cry of the poor" (*Laudato Si'*, 49). These cries are too often silenced by companies (many Canadian) that plunder resources in countries of the Global South, without regard for people's fundamental human and environmental rights. [Sign the petition](#) asking the federal government to enact laws that will compel Canadian companies to conduct due diligence across their overseas operations, that will give the victims of their abuses access to justice in Canadian courts.

AT THE GALILEE CENTRE, ARNPRIOR

The Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit: A Guided Silent Retreat for Advent, **Friday-Saturday, November 26-28**

Facilitator: Helene Goulet, a certified spiritual guide and trainer for Contemplative Outreach of Eastern Ontario and West Quebec, a chapter of Contemplative Outreach. You are invited to come away and pause awhile for a 2-day period in the silence of community prayer, in the silence of nature, in the silence of the heart opening to Advent hope.

For more information and to register, [click here](#).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE - MASS/ADORATION/PRAYER

At Resurrection of Our Lord Parish, 1940 Saunderson Dr., **Thurs., Oct. 28**, 1:00-4:00pm, Feast Day of Sts. Simon and Jude Apostles, Mass 1:00pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2:00-3:00pm, Prayer Hour 3:00-4:00pm. Info: resurrectionchurch@rogers.com.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

[Rock Dunder Hiking Trail](#): Rising 275 feet above Morton Bay, Rock Dunder provides breathtaking views of the surrounding lakes and woodlands.

[Sly Fox Trivia](#): Join weekly for online trivia league action, free-for-all competition, or a weekly theme night.

[Free events at the NAC](#): Enjoy music, dance, and conversation from the comfort of your home.

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

When Jesus asks a question in the Gospels, we can assume that it must be an important question for us as well as the person to whom the question is addressed. Today's question: "What do you want me to do for you?" is that kind of question. About six weeks ago in the Gospel, we heard Jesus ask his disciples, "who do people say I am?" and Peter answered for them. From that question and the answer that Peter gave, Jesus led his disciples to a consideration of all the implications of making such an act of faith. In last Sunday's Gospel, James and John told Jesus that they wanted to sit beside him when he inaugurated his kingdom.

Today's story about Bartimaeus is a very different story. It is the story of a suffering, deprived, neglected person who is not only blind, but also a beggar. He has been thrust out of the way by the people around him who tell him to be quiet when he calls for help. He calls on Jesus and he is heard and helped, and his confidence in Jesus is justified. As always is true with the Gospel, when we reflect on the passage, we begin to see the story at another level that takes us to deeper levels of meaning. For example, when Jesus cures a blind person in the Gospels, we begin to see that the blindness he is cured of is not only physical blindness, but also an inability to understand. When we look at the story in this manner, it is not just about a blind beggar who is cured. The story is about us, who come in our blindness asking to see, asking for life to make sense, to offer meaning and purpose. The story can say to us that it is faith that cures or saves us, and Jesus invites us to follow him. It is easy to see ourselves being challenged by this Gospel story. The story has other meanings for us as well. The story is placed in Jericho, a place that had all kinds of meaning for those familiar with the history of God's people. Jericho was the city that Joshua marched around and was the first obstacle on the way into the promised land. It was on the road to Jericho that the story of the Good Samaritan took place. Jericho is on the way to Jerusalem, the place where Jesus was to suffer and die. Jericho meant many things to people who understood the history of the chosen people. This story suggests that Bartimaeus followed Jesus as a disciple.

Today's Gospel is in contrast to the event that took place in last week's Gospel. When James and John

made a request of Jesus, they want to be rewarded for being his disciples. Today's man, Bartimaeus, an outsider, blind and a beggar, is not only allowed to see, but he is called to follow as a disciple. As we reflect on this story, and consider the question asked by Jesus: "What do you want me to do for you?", we recognize that his question is one that is addressed to us as well as to Bartimaeus. The answer to that question will indeed lead us to have our eyes opened. We will be able to see and, because of our belief, be invited to follow Jesus as his disciple. There are many examples in both Scripture and in our own experience when our requests of Jesus are granted in ways we would not have anticipated.

VOCATION REFLECTION

"We Need More Than a Sight... We Need a Vision!"
by Jarek Pachocki, OMI

There are many forms of blindness besides physical blindness. Selfishness might blind us to the needs of others. Ignorance might blind us to the hurt we're causing to others. Prejudice might blind us to the true dignity of another person. It is not with the eyes only that we see. We also "see" with the mind, the heart, and the imagination. A narrow mind, a small heart, an impoverished imagination – all of these lead to loss of vision, darken our lives, and shrink our world. Read the [reflection here](#) (uploaded on Friday).

"The one who knows all the answers has not been asked all the questions."

– *Confucius*



St. Basil's Parish Conversations for Our Times

Zoom Series

Sunday, October 31, 2021

2:30 p.m. EST

Zoom Link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85427821638?
pwd=eXZ6VXdLR1hOdCtSeUNScjFTTk0dz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85427821638?pwd=eXZ6VXdLR1hOdCtSeUNScjFTTk0dz09)

Meeting ID: 854 2782 1638

Passcode: 757688



Healing in All Directions: Personal Stories of Reconciliation with Sr. Eva Solomon, CSJ

Tagwàgi (Autumn) Festival

Mādahòki Farm on West Hunt Club Road in Ottawa is a new place to celebrate the region's Indigenous heritage. The name of the farm, which is located in the Greenbelt at 4420 W Hunt Club Road, means "to share land." And this weekend and next, it will play host to the Tagwàgi (Autumn) Festival (October 16 and 17, and October 23 and 24). Among other activities, you can meet endangered Ojibwe Spirit Horses, learn about Indigenous traditions on a trail hike, enjoy live music and storytelling, buy crafts, eat bannock and smoked fish, or let your kids loose on a playground. Admission is free, but you must register in advance online.

For more information, [click here](#).

FREE ADMISSION - FREE ON-SITE PARKING

Visitors must register in advance.

Staggered entry in 30-minute arrival windows.

For a complete experience, plan to spend 2- 3 hours onsite.

Proof of double vaccination required.

Weekdays (Oct 18-22): Reserved for group bookings of 15+ (a small per person fee applies).

Weekends (Oct 16-17 & Oct 23-24): FREE public admission (with reservation).



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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.