



Canadian Martyrs Church

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday 11:30am

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 30/31, 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

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Immaculata HS

140 Main St.

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Cemeteries

Hope Cemetery

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Notre-Dame

613-746-4175



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Sophie Pilgrim, Fr. Peter Bisson, Brian Kerr, Barbara White, Michael McManus, Clifford Payette, Ramon de Rosayro, 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

For the Church, may we extend God's love and acceptance to all on the fringes of society and help them find acceptance in our community. We pray to the Lord.
For the gift of peace, that God will inspire dialogue that will reduce arms races and bring an end to conflicts and terrorism. We pray to the Lord.
For all who are suffering, that God will guide those living in areas of war to safety, open the channels of food for those in famine, and send his healing Spirit to all who have been tortured or abused. We pray to the Lord.
For Gabrielle, Chloe, Louis, Leah, Benjamin, Megan and Beatrice who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, that the Holy Spirit will inspire an ever-deepening love for God and for all of God's creation. We pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Oct. 30 Fred Miller and Emily Miller-Beck by Anne Marie
Ron Allen by Louise Blanchett-Smith
Tues., Nov. 2 Erich Boyer by Laurence and Rick O'Reilly
Sat., Nov. 6 Rita Denny by Margaret Denny
Patricia Pilgrim by Theresa Nieminen

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 and friends 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

Canadian Martyrs' Truth and Reconciliation

Committee is looking for members! In August, Parish 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 on Oct. 14, and Parish Council approved them. A new committee – the Truth and Reconciliation Committee – has been created to continue this work, reporting to Parish Council.

Interested in getting involved? Please read the [Recommendations](#) and fill out the [online form](#) or send an email to canadianmartyrstc@gmail.com by **Nov. 15**.

Younger parishioners are invited to be part of this important project, too.

Thank you / Miigwetch / Maarsi / Nakurmiik / Merci!

FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH:

COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION

“A humble journey of listening that aims towards unity.”

Pope Francis has opened a three-year synodal journey of consultations and discernment. Archbishop Dampousse has recorded [a video](#) inviting all to participate in the Synodal process from Nov. 1, 2021 to Feb. 28, 2022. The Church (and specifically our Diocese over the next three months) will give greater focus to listening to the Holy Spirit spoken through the people of God on how we can better journey together. You can find more information on the Synod on the [Archdiocese's website](#). **We are looking for parish representatives. If you are interested in being involved, please [email the parish office](#).**

D&P PEOPLE AND PLANET FIRST

Let's listen to the voices of our brothers and sisters fighting for their right to a healthy environment. Although the powerful decision makers at the UN Climate Change Conference are debating the future of the planet, they are probably too far removed from the realities of its most vulnerable people. It is up to us to hear and amplify the voices of those who are defending their rights and the environment against economic ravage. Let's make Canadian companies operating abroad responsible for protecting human and environmental rights. Watch an informative [video here](#).

AT THE GALILEE CENTRE, ARNPRIOR

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

You are invited to come away and pause awhile for a two 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](#).

WATER DROPLETS FROM THE LAUDATO SI' WATER ACTION GROUP

Wait-water isn't waste-water! Collect the tap water that isn't yet the temperature you want and use it for cooking or for watering plants.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- **The Museopark and the Vanier Optimist Club** are happy to invite children (ages 3 and up) into [the spooky Richelieu Forest](#) where they can join in frightfully fun games and activities to collect Halloween candy on **Saturday, Oct. 30, from 1:30 to 3:30pm**.

- **At the Canadian Museum of History**, bats are hidden in public places all over the museum. [The Bat Hunt](#) runs **until Sunday, Oct. 31**.

- **A heritage fire tower, a covered bridge and a mountain lookout** are among the cool sites you could discover along [the lesser-known trails in the Vallée-de-la-Gatineau](#), a bit farther from the capital.

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Excerpt from [an article](#) by Ron Rolheiser, OMI

God's Unconditional Love

If God loves us no matter what we do, then why keep the commandments? If we are not to be punished or rewarded for our efforts, then why make sacrifices? Why indeed? Why be good and try to keep the commandments if God loves us anyway? Simply put, we don't try to be good so that God loves and rewards us. God loves us no matter what we do and heaven is never a reward for a good life. Are these glib statements? No.

God's love, as Jesus assures us, is always both unmerited and unconditional, nothing we do can ever make God love us, just as nothing we do can ever stop God from loving us. God loves just as God does everything else - perfectly. God loves everything and everybody perfectly. In fact, part of Christian belief (a dogma, in fact) is that God's love is what keeps everything in existence. If God stopped loving anything, it would cease to be. This raises an interesting question: if God loves everything and everyone perfectly, does God then also love Satan? Indeed, does God love Satan as much as he loves Jesus' mother, Mary? The answer can only be "yes," God loves Satan as much as God loves Mary. The difference is not in how God loves them, but in how they, each in turn, love God. God loves each of them in the same way, namely, perfectly. But obviously Mary's response is very different from Satan's. In that difference we see what creates hell, a certain attitude in the face of love. However notice that in neither case is the love either merited or deflected. God just loves us, pure and simple. God cannot be offended. God's love cannot be driven away. God does not reward or punish us on the basis of whether we have been good or bad. God simply loves us.

Then why be good? Why keep the commandments? What difference does our response make? Our response makes a big difference, but not in terms of offending God, driving God away, or making God punish or reward us. It makes a difference in how we stand and feel in the face of love. We cannot offend against God, but we can offend against others and ourselves. We can, like Satan, live in bitterness and unhappiness right within love itself and we can deeply hurt others. The spiritual and moral precepts of the faith, all of them, including the ten commandments,

are therefore meant to do a couple of things: first, for anyone who is mature in the faith, living out what faith and morality asks of us is, in fact, a natural response of gratitude for being loved and a natural expression of sensitivity to others. The desire to be good and to keep the commandments, as Martin Luther once said, follows from genuine faith and love, the way smoke follows fire. The intent is never to earn love or reward, but to respond properly to them. This is true in the case of mature love and faith. However, for those of us who are still struggling to be mature, the spiritual and moral precepts of the faith are meant as a discipline - precisely as a discipleship, that helps teach us what it means to be a spiritual and a sensitive human being. Trying to be good should still not be an attempt to somehow earn love or heaven, but rather an acknowledgement, a humble one, that one still needs a lot of help in knowing how to live in the face of love.

Why be good if God loves us anyway? For the same reason that an artist doesn't deface a masterpiece and a lover doesn't violate his or her beloved. Ethics follow naturally when truth, beauty, and love are properly appropriated.

VOCATION REFLECTION

"Love God, Neighbour, Self"

by Richard Beaudette, OMI

The greatest commandments, as spoken by Moses and Jesus focus on love: love of God, of self and of neighbour. But, what is this love? As expressed in Jesus' teaching and ministry, we know that love is more than feelings and good intentions. Love involves relationships that are mutual, life-giving, that focus on justice and willing the good for the other. Love calls us to work toward self-knowledge, self-reflection and healing in our lives in order to engage respectfully with life, others and all of creation. It calls us to establish right relationship with God and with all that exists. Read the [reflection here](#).

"I want you to be concerned about your next door neighbor. Do you know your next door neighbor?"

- Mother Teresa

ALL SOULS' DAY, NOVEMBER 2

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI



November is the month of the Holy Souls. Today, we remember the members of our community, who died during this past year. I would like to spend a few minutes reflecting on one article of our faith: "I believe in the Resurrection of the Body and life everlasting." Just as Christ is truly risen from the dead and lives forever, so after death the righteous will live forever with the risen Christ and he will raise them up on the last day. Our Resurrection, like Jesus', will be the work of the Holy Trinity. As St. Paul stated: "If the spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you." Belief in the Resurrection of the dead has been an essential element of the Christian faith from the beginning. St. Paul stated in his first letter to the Corinthians: "How can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching has been in vain, and your faith is in vain. But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep."

Belief in the Resurrection was a gradual thing. The martyrs mentioned in the first reading, the Maccabees, expressed it in this way: "The King of the universe will raise us up to an everlasting renewal of life because we have died for his laws." The pharisees and many of their contemporaries hoped for the Resurrection. Jesus taught it firmly. The Sadducees did not, and were blamed by Jesus as people who did not know their Scriptures. To be a witness to Christ is to be a "witness to his Resurrection". Encounters with the risen Christ characterize the Christian hope of resurrection. God will definitely grant incorruptible life to our bodies by reuniting them with our souls, through the power of his Resurrection. All will rise, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment. How resurrection happens exceeds our imagination and understanding; it is accessible only to faith. Yet our participation in the Eucharist already

gives us a foretaste of Christ's transfiguration of our bodies. United with Christ by baptism, we truly participate in the heavenly life of the risen Christ. That is what we believe when we say we believe in the Resurrection of the Body, and life everlasting. It was September 1994, Maggie and Reggie Green and their two children, Nicholas and Eleanor, were driving through Italy on a vacation. Nicholas was a clever and inquisitive young lad, full of life and interested in everything they saw. They were making their way toward Sicily along a deserted highway. As they drove along, their car was overtaken by another car. At the time, Nicholas and Eleanor were asleep in the back seat. Three shots were fired at the Green's car. The bandit's car dropped back and eventually gave up the chase. It was only when they stopped, did they realize that Nicholas had been shot. The ambulance took him to the hospital. His father recalled: "When our family drove through Messina, Sicily, to our hotel in the early hours of the morning, I felt that I had never been in a bleaker place. We didn't know a soul, the streets were deserted, and we were leaving our son in a deep coma in the hospital. It had been the worst night of our lives. The next morning we took the bus back to the hospital. There had been no deterioration but no improvement either. In lives that only a few hours before had been full of warmth and laughter, there was now emptiness. We looked at each other, "Now that he's gone, shouldn't we give his organs?" one of us asked. "Yes," the other replied." And that was all there was to it. They decided to donate Nicholas' organs to people who needed transplants in order to continue life. His liver went to a young girl, his two kidneys went to two others, a 30-year old woman got cells from his pancreas. Andrea, a 15-year old, received his heart. In all, seven young Italians received the vital organs they desperately needed. His father explained later, "Nicholas' future was taken from him. We thought it was very important to give his future to someone who had lost theirs." At the funeral back home in California, his father said: "Nicholas has already helped save the lives of other children. He could have lived to be a hundred, and done less. Nicholas has struck a spark of love in the hearts of millions and of children throughout the world. If this is not immortality, it surely must be very close."

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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.