



# Canadian Martyrs Church

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## Mass Schedule

Tuesday 11:30am

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

## 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 13/14, 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:** Denis Laforest, Fr. Peter Bisson, Barbara White, Michael McManus, Ramon de Rosayro, John Dorner, Peter McAllister, Joyce White, Devin Bursey, Sandy Cano, Liam Elder, Sheila & Edward Gasnick, Raul Esteban, Chris Smith & family, Ping Cai, Judette Budden & Marie Christine Maisog.

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the Church, working to overcome divisions between persons, races and nations. We pray to the Lord.

For all those who face famine because of climate change and war, that their hunger may be filled and that we may work together to change the course of destruction of the planet on which we are currently walking. We pray to the Lord.

For the vulnerable in our community, that as we enter into winter, we remember to act with kindness and love in all our actions to protect them. We pray to the Lord.

For our parish community, that we live our lives with fortitude and love so that when we stand to be judged our minds and hearts are light. We pray to the Lord.

For the grace of discernment, that we may understand that we are blessed in receiving the Lord's ever loving forgiveness and justice. We pray to the Lord.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov. 13 Ron Allen by Brian O'Connor & Margery Gunn

Tues., Nov. 16 Mr. & Mrs. Tony Brennan and Barbara by their family

Living and deceased parish elders by the Pastoral Care Team

Robert Remillard by Denise Remillard

Sat., Nov. 20 Maurice LaPierre by Margaret Denny

## OCTOBER COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 5,968.00
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 7,420.00
Canada Helps:	<u>\$ 4,338.35</u>
Total:	\$ 17,726.35

Average monthly expenses: \$ 17,517.75

*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.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

This year we have up to 5 vacancies to fill on Parish Pastoral Council. The nomination process has been simplified for the current recruitment campaign. You may self-nominate, if you are interested in participating OR you may nominate another parishioner – no seconding is required. ALL nominations will be done by email to [office@canadianmartyrs.ca](mailto:office@canadianmartyrs.ca). The deadline for nominations is **Thursday, Nov. 18**. Please consider putting forward your name, or the name of someone you feel is ready, willing and able to serve on Council. Every heart, mind and voice called to this ministry makes an irreplaceable and blessed contribution to our parish. Thank you.

## ADVENT 2021 EPISTLE NEWSLETTER

Do you or your parish committee or group have information or thoughts to share in *The Epistle*? Send your articles and photos to [office@canadianmartyrs.org](mailto:office@canadianmartyrs.org) by **Nov. 23** for our Advent 2021 issue.

## TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

**Canadian Martyrs' Truth and Reconciliation Committee is looking for members!** Interested in getting involved? Please read the [Recommendations](#) and fill out the [online form](#) or send an email to [canadianmartyrstc@gmail.com](mailto:canadianmartyrstc@gmail.com) by **Nov. 15**.

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

Thank you / Miigwetch / Maarsi / Nakurmiik / Merci!

## CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES

Please order your Christmas cakes by [clicking here](#) and drop off payment at the office by Sunday, **Nov. 21st**. The parish is only taking orders for the 600gms cakes for \$20. Please pay with cash or cheque. Make cheques payable to Canadian Martyrs Church and write Christmas cakes in the memo line. Cakes will be available for pickup at the church in early December. You can order other [products here](#) and pay for shipping to your home.

## 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. The Church (and specifically our Diocese) 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](#).**

## 507 SANDWICH CLUB AND CENTRE 507

Thank you to all who have continued to donate to our 507 Sandwich Club. Our 507 Sandwich Club volunteers have resumed making sandwiches for Centre 507. If you would like to donate towards this project, please make cheques payable to Canadian Martyrs Church. Please contact Adele, whom we welcome as our new coordinator, at [cm507sandwich@gmail.com](mailto:cm507sandwich@gmail.com) with any questions or if you wish to volunteer.

At this time of year, Centre 507 starts asking for ‘gently used’ winter boots as people start shopping for new ones for themselves. Boots can be dropped off at the parish centre for delivery to Centre 507. Thank you!

## ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Novalis presents: *Rome, At the Heart of the Church*. You're invited to follow the steps of the first pilgrims who arrived 2,000 years ago, and explore the marvels that the “Eternal City” has to offer. ePilgrimage, **Nov. 18- Nov. 21**. [Register here](#).

Follow these [6 expert-designed self-guided walking tours](#) to explore Ottawa on foot at your own pace.

[Where to feed chickadees in Ottawa](#): Only feed the song birds. Ensure that seeds are unsalted, and bring any extra home with you. Don't feed them bread - it doesn't provide the birds with the nutrients they need.



# Christmas Boxes 2021

The chill is in the air telling us that it is time for Christmas preparation in our families and especially for those less fortunate than we are. This year, we are inviting families to make up a shoe box for a youth in need closer to home. Below we have provided a list of suggested ideas for youth, ages 10-16, living here in Ottawa.

We ask you to label the box with the age and gender you have chosen, and then fill it with as many new items as you are able. You are welcome to come together with another family to complete the box, or fill it yourselves with items you think the youth might need and others they may enjoy!

There is no time like the present ... we will need to collect the shoe boxes by **November 27/28** in order for the Centretown Community Health Centre (CCHC) to be able to deliver them to families in need by Christmas. Please bring your filled shoe boxes to the parish, unwrapped, and we will make sure they get into grateful hands by Christmas.

Thank you in advance for helping us to spread the cheer this Christmas!!

**Pick an age range and fill a box for a child in need: 10-12 years old, 12-14 years old, 14-16 years old (male, female, or non-binary)**

**Suggested contents:**

**Toiletries:** toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, hand towel or washcloth, hairbrushes, combs

**Clothing:** t-shirts, socks, tuques, ball caps, hair accessories

**Art:** journals, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, craft kits, colouring books, art supplies

**Games and toys:** brainteaser puzzles, juggling balls, card games (e.g., Uno, Skipbo, Sushi Go), travel-sized board games, playing cards

**Please label your unwrapped box with age range & gender and include a Christmas card.**



### 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

We live in an ever changing world, one that's filled with dramatic collapse and rebuilding, but there is hope. Those who are older can testify to that fact from their own personal experiences. Many of our earliest memories are of the Great Depression. People thought it was the end of the world. Then followed World War II, and people thought it was the end of the world. This was followed by the revolutionary days of the late sixties and early seventies, and people thought it was the end of the world. There are times when we can think our culture is facing collapse.

Crime, drugs, and the collapse of our society surround us. There are times when we truly feel as if the sun has darkened, the moon has shed its light, and the stars have fallen from the skies. Our challenge is to recognize the constant, steadfast, and always near presence of God in the midst of our sometimes shattered and changing world. Christ has said to us, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away", nor will his truth or his justice. His words of promise remain in full force and effect.

Consider for yourself: has anything happened to the essential meaning of Christ's words to us? The great commandment to love your neighbour as yourself remains in full force. Christ's other teachings, such as: "Whoever would be great among you must become the servant of all" remain in effect. The Church that Jesus Christ founded continues to be vital and effective, and Jesus continues to steadfastly and constantly come to us through all that's happened to us. He is here with us in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

The Catholic Church has witnessed the collapse of the Roman Empire, the Barbarian Invasion, and the Dark Ages. She has witnessed the rise and fall of Feudalism, the French Revolution, and the rise and fall of Fascism and Soviet Communism. Through the ages, she has witnessed many worlds come to an end. We all know of countless people who have their own experiences of the presence of God in Christ, and who have been given strength by him, in their own times of collapse, loss, and endings. The light of God's presence in Christ has shone in the darkness throughout the many dark nights they have faced. Many people admit that they've turned to God only in time of great trouble. They then feel unworthy to

approach God because of that. But we ought to realize that God is our loving Father. He wants to be sought out when we are in need and when we are in trouble. What father doesn't? Christ is the light of our world. Soon we will be observing once again that ancient star that led the wise men and will lead us to Bethlehem. God comes to us in the midst of collapsing worlds. Perhaps that's why Jesus could tell us with deep feeling and great compassion: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." We need to rely on that, especially now.

### VOCATION REFLECTION

"Let's Start In Our Catholic Schools" by Serena Shaw  
And while it may seem to be counterintuitive to talk about other vocations besides the priestly one when we are seeing less and less young men joining the priesthood, I feel that by helping our young people think about their future in a different way, we may actually increase vocations to religious life. The path that we discern is not only about ourselves, but about our families and the broader community. Let us create a vocation culture in our communities, and let's start in our Catholic schools.

Read the [reflection here](#).

"All that is gold does not glitter,  
Not all those who wander are lost;  
The old that is strong does not wither,  
Deep roots are not reached by the frost.

From the ashes a fire shall be woken,  
A light from the shadows shall spring;  
Renewed shall be blade that was broken,  
The crownless again shall be king."

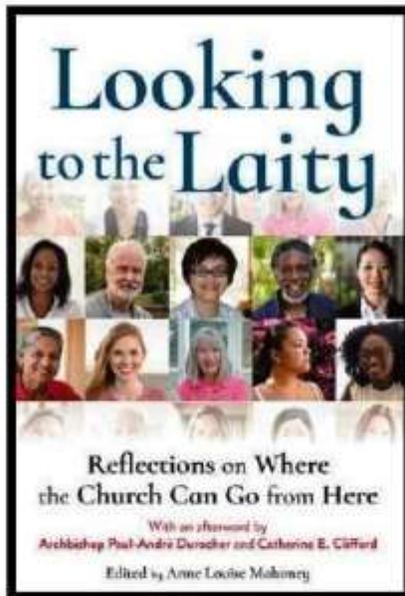
— J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Fellowship of the Ring*



**Sunday, November 14, 2021** at 2:30pm -- Zoom information below

St. Basil's Parish, Ottawa Series  
**Conversations for Our Times**

**“Looking to the Laity”**  
**Anne Louise Mahoney, editor**  
with Mary Ross, Anne Galla,  
John Power and Maria Constantini



*Join us for a conversation on how lay women  
and lay men are ready to share their gifts  
with the Church to continue Christ's mission.*

**Zoom Link:**

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pwd=Nm4ybGZaRlBwVWpveTVGNTk5QytYZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89420642706?pwd=Nm4ybGZaRlBwVWpveTVGNTk5QytYZz09)

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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.