



Canadian Martyrs Church

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday 11:30am

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

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

Christ the King

November 20/21 2021



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Brian Jackson, Shaun Barret, 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 Pope Francis, our Archbishop Marcel, and all the ministers of the Church, that their preaching and example may encourage the faithful to stand firm as witnesses of Christ the King, we pray to the Lord.

For the youth of the Church, celebrating this World Youth Sunday in every Diocese, that they will embrace its theme, “stand up. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen” with great confidence, we pray to the Lord.

For all who are rebuilding their lives, that God will restore the sick to health, guide the unemployed to new opportunities, provide the needed resources to those recovering from natural disasters, and comfort those who are grieving, we pray to the Lord.

For all our community, that the Holy Spirit will fill us with courage to be steadfast in the face of today’s challenges, and with charity to serve Christ, who reigns in love, we pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov. 20 Maurice Lapierre by Margaret Denny

Tues., Nov. 23 Amelia Mendonca by Ilario Pellizzari
Pasquale Cotroneo and family by Lidia Cotroneo

Sat., Nov. 27 Harold Allen by Robert and Brian Allen
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.

SUNDAY MISSALS 2021-2022

The 2021-2022 Sunday Missals have arrived. They are available at the office and will be available after Mass on the weekend and on Tuesdays for \$5 each.

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 by **Nov. 23** for our Advent 2021 issue.

CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES

Please order your Christmas cakes by [clicking here](#) and drop off payment to the office by Wednesday, **Nov. 24th**. 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 consultation and discernment. Archbishop Damphousse 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](#).**

36TH WORLD YOUTH DAY

The 36th World Youth Day (WYD) takes place on **Nov. 21** and will be celebrated in dioceses around the globe as the Church prepares for the 2023 WYD in Lisbon,

Portugal. Pope Francis released his message under the theme: “Arise. I appoint you as a witness of what you have seen” (Acts 26:16). [In the message](#), the Pope pointed to the important role that young people have to play in the world, especially as they have faced enormous setbacks and difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

DEMENTIA AND SPIRITUALITY

Facilitating Spiritual Reminiscence for People with Dementia, presentation given by Dr. E. MacKinlay. [Register here](#). Saint Paul University online, **Nov. 24**, 6:30-8:00 pm. Free. Hosted by Saint Paul University Ottawa Centre for Aging and Community. Info: pmarsdendole@archottawa.ca.

HOPE AND JOY AT ADVENT WEBINAR

Presented by Novalis *Living with Christ* on **Dec. 1**, from 2 to 3 p.m. Price: \$9.95. To [register click here](#).

Speaker: Simone Brosig, liturgist and author of the new Novalis title, *Holy Labours*.

This season of preparation for Christmas is supposed to be a time of joy, but often it becomes a time of anxiety and worry. How can we prepare ourselves and our families to celebrate the true nature of the season?

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Pandemic restrictions made it tricky for Hospice Care Ottawa to stage its house tour fundraiser, [Homes for the Holidays](#), in its usual format this year. But here's the silver lining: You can examine the six featured houses from the comfort of your own home, for as long as you like, in the event's virtual format in 2021. Send a donation and the organizers will send you a link to 3D online tours of the custom-decorated homes. Tourisme Outaouais recently posted [this suggested itinerary](#) for a weekend getaway drive in the eastern section of the region. Starting in Montebello, it features hiking trails, a café, an art gallery and more.



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.



CHRIST THE KING

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

The Gospel today gives us a scene filled with drama and colour as the two protagonists square off. Pilate is nervous. In his heart he knows Jesus is innocent. But in his mind he knows he must play the game of politics, and so he makes a compromise: he washes his hands and then sends Jesus off to his death.

Pontius Pilate comes down in history as the great compromiser. He represents all who compromise their principles and so continue to sentence Christ to his death. On the other hand, there are those who do not compromise, those who demonstrate by their lives that Christ is king and they will follow him. When Christ is king, when Jesus really matters to people, the compromises fall away before the truth. I have a couple of stories about people who would not compromise.

In April 1940, Nazi Germany invaded Denmark. There was little resistance because the Danes felt it would be hopeless. A puppet Danish government got on as best it could. But three years later, German policy toughened. It was decided to impose on Denmark the same policy of systematically exterminating Jews that was being practised in other occupied countries. Suddenly, there was a remarkable transformation within Denmark. German officers leaked the plan to the Danish resistance. Escape routes were quickly organized. Jewish people tell how strangers approached them in the streets with the keys to their houses so they could hide. Train guards and boat captains joined the plan. Within a few weeks, all but a few of the 7,000 Jews had been taken to safety in Sweden. Faced with the very human need of the Jews, it seemed that a whole nation, and many Germans, too turned their back on political compromise and performed true acts of love.

What makes people take such stands in life when others do not? What makes them spurn the role of Pilate when others embrace it? The answer is as simple as it is true, as this little bit of wisdom by Mary Rita Schilke Korzan tells us:

“When you thought I wasn’t looking you cared
And I wanted to be everything I could be.
When you thought I wasn’t looking – I looked . . .
And wanted to say thanks
For all those things you did
When you thought I wasn’t looking.”

In her book, *Out of Africa*, Isak Dinesen tells the story of a young man from an African tribe who worked for her on her farm for three months. He suddenly announced that he was leaving her to go to work for a Muslim man nearby. Surprised, Dinesen asked him if he was unhappy working for her. He told her that all was well, but that he had decided to work for a Christian for three months to study the ways of Christians, and then work for a Muslim for three months to study the ways of a Muslim. After experiencing both, he was going to decide whether to become a Christian or a Muslim.

What would this young man choose if he lived among us and saw what we did and how we acted and how we treated each other, when we thought he wasn’t looking? I wonder. Would he see Pontius Pilate? As always, the Gospel continues to challenge us. Light and darkness, right and wrong, principle or compromise, Pilate or Jesus. It was all there then, just as it is all here now. As Jesus said: “For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.”

VOCATION REFLECTION

“What Have You Done?” by Richard Beaudette, OMI
One of the Eucharistic Prayers for Various Needs speaks of Jesus “going about doing good” and that is what we are called to do as disciples of Jesus. The Gospel invites us, not to ask if Jesus is a king, but to ask ourselves if he is our king, and to further ask if I should follow him with my whole heart. Those are the essential questions for each disciple and they call us to ongoing conversion of heart and mind to live more fully the call of discipleship in whatever way is given to each one. Read the [reflection here](#).

When you thought I wasn’t looking
You said a prayer,
And I believed there was a God that
I could always talk to.

- *Mary Rita Schilke Korzan*

*Galilee Centre's
Old Fashioned Christmas
Radio Show*



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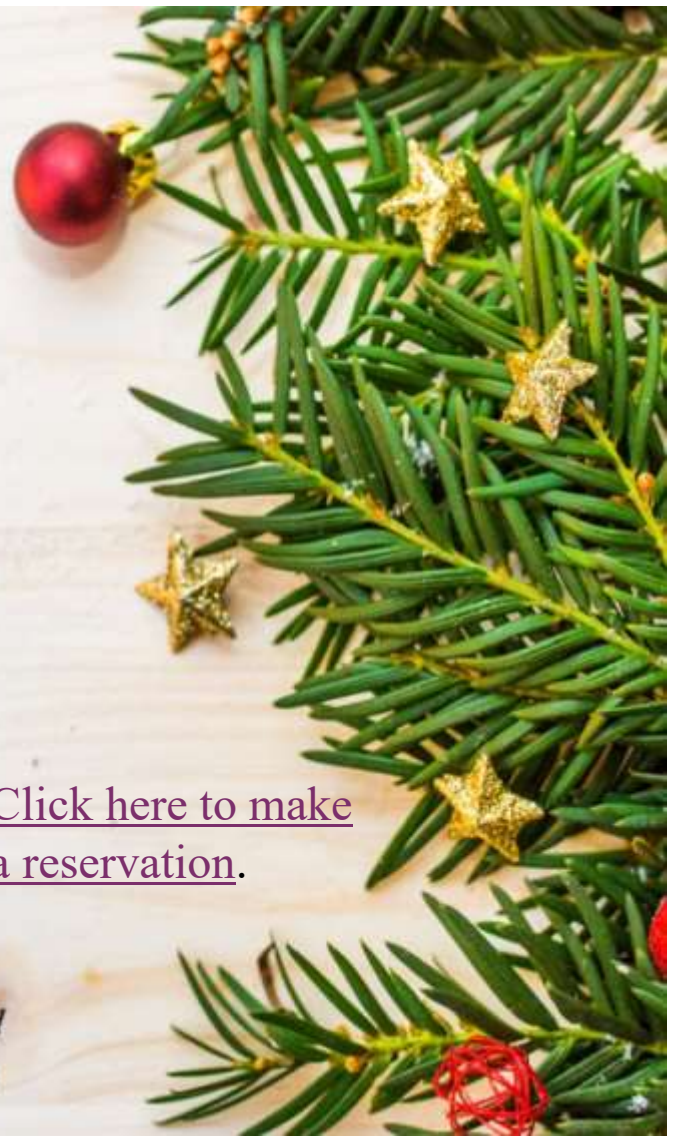
Friday, December 17, 2021

*Dinner 6 pm, Show 7:30 pm,
Dessert to Follow*

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a reservation.](#)

Tickets \$50 per person

*Reservations and proof of vaccination required
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A LADIES YOGA RETREAT – DECEMBER 9-13, 2021

Join Marie Morgan **at the Galilee Centre** for 5 days of meditation, yoga, fellowship, and more. The 5 day retreat program will include yoga, meditation, sacred circles, quiet time, walking and reading reflections, and renewal. Cost: \$50 for all 5 classes, accommodations and meals may be available at additional cost based on the group size.

To register, please contact Marie Morgan @ 613-325-7636 EXT 21 or mariemorgan85@gmail.com.

If you have any medical concerns, please consult your physician prior to registration. Bring your own mat, support props, and comfortable, warm clothes. All guests to Galilee Centre are required to provide proof of full vaccination for COVID-19.

For all events at the Galilee Centre, [click here.](#)

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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.