



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

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Maureen Cerroni

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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

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 4/5 2021



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Debbie Dufresne, Frances Ann Smeaton, Brian Jackson, Denis Laforest, Fr. Peter Bisson, Barbara White, Michael McManus, Ramon de Rosayro, John Dorner, Peter McAllister, Devin Bursey, Sandy Cano, Sheila & Edward Gasnick, Raul Esteban, Ping Cai, Chris Smith & family and Judette Budden

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

That in this time of joy, we prepare our hearts with acts of kindness and love, and bring the peace of Jesus' love to all we meet. We pray to the Lord.

That we show our appreciation and gratitude for the gifts we have been given by actively advocating for those who are impacted by political upheaval around the world. We pray to the Lord.

For all those who continue to be impacted by COVID, especially in the Southern Hemisphere, that affluent nations work with greater dedication towards vaccine equity. We pray to the Lord.

For the children who are being confirmed this weekend, that in hearing the call of the Lord, that they find their paths made easy and their hearts light in the knowledge that they will never walk alone. We pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec.4 Fred Miller by Don Pilon

Brian Kerr by Anne Marie Bazinet-Miller

Tues., Dec. 7 Urban Curley by Molly Fraser

Reine Paule Remillard by Denise Remillard

Maurice Lapierre by Margaret Denny

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“And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you determine what is best...”

Read: Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11

Reflect: Explore ways you can be ready to serve others, such as allowing extra time in your schedule to accommodate another person’s preference and be willing to see another’s needs.



Act: Schedule a date to volunteer with a specific service in the parish or community, and work together as a family on this action plan.

Prayer: Loving God, open the eyes of our hearts to see which people need support that we can give. Help us this week as we reach out to (e.g., friends, elderly, refugees...).

ADVENT CANDLE SONG

Light the Advent candle two
Think of humble shepherds who
Filled with wonder at the sight
Of the child on Christmas night.

Candle, candle burning bright
Shining in the cold winter night
Candle, candle burning bright
Fill our hearts with Christmas light.

NOVEMBER COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 9,028.62
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 7,120.00
Canada Helps:	\$ <u>2,805.08</u>
Total:	\$ 18,953.70

Average monthly expenses: \$ 16,797.19

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.

CENTRE 507 DONATIONS

Centre 507's current needs are toilet paper, men's socks and men's deodorant. You can drop donations off at the parish centre or deliver directly to Centre 507, located at 507 Bank St. at Argyle behind the Centretown United Church. For access, turn right off Bank onto Argyle, then immediately right turn under/between the church and the grey condo building. Please ring the bell.

SYNODAL PRAYER

To begin our Synodal journey, we ask you to join the church around the world in praying for this Synod.

Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before you, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in your name. With you alone to guide us, make yourself at home in our hearts; teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in you our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of you, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

Find more information at the [parish website](#) and the [Archdiocese's website](#).

WATER DROPLETS FROM THE *LAUDATO SI'* WATER ACTION GROUP

To reduce the amount of water used to clean vegetables or fruit, use a bowl of water rather than running the tap. The addition of a teaspoon of vinegar to the water will help in cleaning fruits and vegetables.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

You are invited to participate in [Beechwood Cemetery's Christmas Candlelight Service](#) on Sunday, **Dec. 12**, at 6:30pm, 280 Beechwood Ave. To remember loved ones, the service features a candlelight memorial with carols and a tree-lighting ceremony. The event is outdoors, please dress warmly. Masks required if you want to sing.

LIVE MUSIC IS BACK!

If you feel ready to experience a concert in person for the first time in almost two years and be uplifted by "glorious" seasonal music, look no further than the Rideau Chorale. On Sat., **Dec. 11**, at Southminster United Church, the chorale will present "A Baroque Christmas" featuring selections from Handel and Bach. For more information and to purchase tickets, please [click here](#).

ST. BASIL'S CONVERSATIONS FOR OUR TIMES

["Building a Better World for All"](#) with Mark Carney on Sun., **Dec. 12**, 2:30 p.m.

Shaped by a distinguished career in finance that included serving as Governor of the Bank of Canada and of the Bank of England and, more recently, as the UN Special Envoy on Climate and Action and Finance, Mark Carney shares his vision of building a better world for all. [Webinar Link](#) and Passcode: 683005

THE SPIRIT OF THE TREATIES

This series is offered by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCBB) as a tool for reflection during this Advent season, as we continue to walk with Indigenous Peoples on the path of healing and reconciliation. The hope is that this series will inform Catholics and encourage discussion and prayerful accompaniment in preparation for the Indigenous Delegation to Rome. Click here for [the video resources](#).

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- Check out the Archdiocese's [virtual Advent calendar](#).
- [CatChat for kids](#) would like to take you through the Advent season with reflections, fun activities, and an ongoing Christmas story.
- Get inspiring daily video Advent reflections sent straight to your inbox—for free. [Click here](#).
- Shop from over 200 local and Canadian makers under one roof. Visit the [Maker House in Hintonburg](#).

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

Today's readings point us not to the birth of Christ and Bethlehem, but to Jerusalem. Baruch gives us a poem about the restoration of the people of Israel to Jerusalem after their captivity in Babylon. The idea of gazing towards the East in anticipation of the return of the people from exile fits in perfectly with the idea of the Church watching and waiting for the second coming of Christ. This waiting for Christ is also highlighted in the second reading where Paul urges the Christian community in Philippi to increase their love for each other, so that they will be ready to meet Christ when he comes in glory.

Luke's Gospel begins the account of the life of Jesus with the appearance of John the Baptist. John is presented to us as the final prophet of the Old Testament, the one foretold by Isaiah, the voice crying in the wilderness. Luke solely focuses on John's preaching of repentance. John doesn't make another appearance in Luke's Gospel. As soon as Jesus is firmly on the scene, John bows out. So for Luke, John is the last and most important of the Old Testament prophets. His task is to announce the impending arrival of Jesus. John proclaims: "Salvation is at hand, Jesus is here, repent and get ready."

So although we are in our preparation for Christmas and Christ's first coming, we are directed also to his second coming as judge and Saviour at the end of time. These are the historical and spiritual facts that make up the story of our salvation. The facts are important because we are talking about actual events that happened in a particular time and in a particular place. God didn't create mankind and then leave us alone. God intervened with Noah and with Abraham. God intervened with David, with Mary and with John the Baptist. All these interventions were part of the greatest intervention of all: the sending of Jesus into our world to bring us salvation. The problem is that even when we do acknowledge our need for salvation, we think that we can accomplish it by ourselves. God wants us to accept the teachings of his Son. We need to experience more deeply the love of God; we need to acknowledge our dependence on God; we need to come together with other Christians to celebrate the sacraments.

God tells us that we need to get to know Jesus and realize the depth of the salvation Jesus won for us. The first lesson of the season of Advent is that God actually has intervened in human history. The second lesson of Advent is that God hasn't stopped intervening in human history. We know Christ came on that first Christmas day

and we know God will come at the end of time, but what we often fail to acknowledge is that God is coming into our lives right now. Your presence in this church, and in this family, and in this moment, is not by accident; it is in the eternal plan of God. Advent is about expectation; about expecting the first and second comings of Christ. One is far in the past and the other is far in the future, but what about the here and now? We should expect Christ to come into our hearts right now. Lord, come into our hearts right this minute, come and bring us your healing and salvation. Come and fill us with your joy and hope. Come into our lives and make us perfect followers of your word. Come and save us, come and be with us.

VOCATION REFLECTION

"Prepare the Way for the Lord"

by Vijay Deivanayagam, OMI

Advent is a time of hope, and of openness to change - a change not only in our outfits or approach, but a true renewal of hearts and minds. In the words of Cardinal Newman: "To be human is to change. To be perfect is to have changed often." The Advent season reminds us that we must be always ready to receive the Lord when he comes. We must prepare a straight path for the Lord, removing all obstacles which stand in the Lord's way preventing him from coming. Let the season of Advent be a time when we look forward with great expectation to the coming of the Lord, trusting that He will do great wonders in our life. Let us prepare ourselves morally and spiritually to receive him. Read the [reflection here](#).

"Nothing makes one feel so strong as
a call for help."

- Pope Paul VI



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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.