



Canadian Martyrs Church

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday 11:30am

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

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22-23, 2022



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: Amy Gertz, 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

For greater attention to God's Word, that we may recognize the words of scripture as sources of spirit and life that will help us live more fully and faithfully each day. We pray to the Lord.

For peace and a reduction in international tensions, that God will give all leaders a bigger vision, and remove fear from their hearts, so that they will pull back troops in Eastern Europe. We pray to the Lord.

For all who steward the Earth's resources, that we may recognize all of creation as God's gift to us and grow in awareness of our responsibility to care for the Earth. We pray to the Lord.

For all who struggle with emotional and mental illness, that they may come to know a time of God's favour and receive peace and relief from their struggles. We pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan. 22 Catherine Allen by Robert and Brian Allen
Katie Stadtmueller by Coonen family
Tues., Jan. 25 Carl Kelly and Clare Brown by Rosemarie Hoey
Rollie Goulet by Margaret Denny
Tues., Feb. 1 Richard O'Reilly by Maryalice Nugent

DECEMBER COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 15,583.12
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 7,110.00
Canada Helps:	\$ <u>9,993.33</u>
Total:	\$ 32,686.45

Average monthly expenses: \$ 18,329.54

Thank you for all of your end of year donations!

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.

JANUARY FOOD DRIVE

Please bring **non-perishable food items** for the Centretown Emergency Food Centre to the weekend Mass that you attend, or drop off your donation at the parish centre. Thank you!

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS ALL THIS TALK ABOUT A SYNOD?

Pope Francis has invited all of us throughout the world to share with him our experience of journeying together as Church and how that experience can be improved. In order to hear more about this and how you can participate, we have asked Fr. John Renken and Professor Cathy Clifford to tell us more.

The dates and times of the presentations are the following: Friday, **Jan. 28**, at 2pm with Fr. John Renken and Wednesday, **Feb. 2**, at 7pm with Cathy Clifford. **You can register for one or more of these sessions [by clicking here](#). Find the [Zoom link for the presentations here](#) or on the [Church Google calendar](#).**

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

PARISH COOKBOOKS

The parish cookbook, to which many of you contributed recipes, is for sale at the parish office. You can purchase one for \$25. Please bring cash (correct change is appreciated!) or a cheque made out to Canadian Martyrs Parish. All proceeds will be donated to the parish.

OBLATE STUDIES

In recent years, there has been a noticeable growth and interest in the charism, spirituality, and mission of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The Kusenberger Chair of Oblate Studies is, therefore, responding to this by providing the opportunity to study some of these aspects in greater depth. If you are interested in learning more, please [consult their brochures](#) and enroll as soon as possible as courses start **January 24th**.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The 2022 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on the theme "We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him" (Mt 2: 2), prepared by the Middle East Council of Churches, offers a propitious occasion to pray with all Christians that the Synod will proceed in an ecumenical spirit.

The General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops and the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity are pleased to offer this prayer inspired by the theme:

Heavenly Father,

as the Magi journeyed towards Bethlehem led by the star, so by your heavenly light,

guide the Catholic Church to walk together with all Christians during this time of synod.

As the Magi were united in their worship of Christ, lead us closer to your Son and so to one another, so that we become a sign of the unity that you desire for your Church and the whole creation.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

HEROES FOR THE EARTH

Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si*, challenges everyone to engage in environmental education and action inspired by a Christian spirituality of Creation. This group is created by youth for youth (ages 11-16). Come join the team, launching Tuesday **Jan. 25th**, 5-6 pm.

Register (for Zoom link): creationcare@archottawa.ca

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Feast of St. John Bosco, the Friend of Youth: On **Jan. 31**, the Church celebrates the feast of St. John Bosco. For this occasion, the four Salesian Sisters of Cornwall invite you to get to know Don Bosco better by watching [an excellent movie](#) in the comfort of your home as a family.

One-Hour Walk in Old Ottawa South: If you're looking to shake up your daily stroll (admit it—we're all getting just a wee bit sick of our own neighbourhoods just now), check out this [55-minute loop](#) around one of Ottawa's most charming central districts.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

Today's first reading describes a very moving scene. The Prophet Nehemiah tells us that Ezra brought the book of the Law of Moses out and actually read it to the people. It had been many, many years since they had heard their sacred books being read in public. They were overjoyed to hear the word of God directly addressed to them. On hearing it, they wept, and had to be reminded, "This is a day of joy, not sorrow. Celebrate this event".

In today's Gospel, Jesus returned to his hometown, went into the synagogue, and after being handed the sacred text, found this passage from the Prophet Isaiah: "The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, the spirit has anointed me, he has sent me to bring good news to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives..." After reading this passage, he said to them: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing".

I had an experience that gave me some brief insight into what these people experienced. A number of years ago, I was in the city of Aix in Southern France, following an Oblate program. The program required that we visit some of the places where St. Eugene, the founder of the Oblates, lived and preached. When he was a young man, Eugene de Mazenod studied in Paris and became a priest in 1811. A year later, on the first Sunday of Lent, he went into the pulpit of one of the churches in Aix to deliver a sermon that would be the model for his life and for the congregation that he would eventually found. As one of the Oblates involved in that year's program, I was asked to read part of the sermon that De Mazenod preached in the same church in which he preached. It was for me, a deeply moving experience to give part of that same sermon, in the same spot where St. Eugene had given it some 178 years earlier.

Eugene de Mazenod began his sermon by stating that the Gospel must be taught to all people in a way that they could understand. In this opening sermon, De Mazenod called on the poor to listen to him. His words were:

"Come therefore whoever you may be, come diligently. Come especially you the poor of Jesus Christ." He began by telling them what the world thought of them:

"Artisans, you are people destined to work in occupations and depend on the whims of others. Household servants, you are slaves to those who pay you. Farmers and peasants, you are only as good as the strength of your arms. You, the poor and needy, the world considers you the scum of society, unbearable in its sight. That is what the world thinks of you. Come, learn from us what you

are through the eyes of faith. You are the poor of Jesus Christ, my brethren, my dear brethren, my dear respectable brethren, listen to me. You are the children of God, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. You are a holy nation, a people set apart; in some way, you are gods. So lift up your heads, stop crawling on the earth. Raise yourselves towards heaven. For once, let your eyes see through the rags you wear, you have been created in the image of God; you have been redeemed at the cost of the blood of Jesus Christ. You are more precious before God than all the riches of the world, than all the kingdoms of the earth. Therefore, O Christians, recognize your dignity."

That was the way St. Eugene de Mazenod spoke to the poor he was addressing. In the Gospel, Jesus said that the prophecy of Isaiah was being fulfilled in his time and place. In 1813, in southern France, the poor had the Gospel preached to them by St. Eugene de Mazenod. This prophecy was being fulfilled then. Today, here, in this church, this prophecy is being fulfilled as well.

VOCATION REFLECTION

"Priest, Prophet, and King"

by Serena Shaw, Oblate Associate

We can only achieve this in community; and often, when we think we are healing another, we are being healed ourselves. Even though this story happens in the temple, Luke will always show us that we need to live out our faith on the road, on our journey with others. It isn't enough to be in church and pray together. It is by being in relationship with others that we can work through our pain and share our joy. It is in relationship with others that we see the face of Christ, and in that face, we will see pain, need, mercy, compassion, and love. How we respond to that face will help us become who God has intended us to be.

Read [the reflection here](#).

"What good is the warmth of summer,
without the cold of winter to give it
sweetness."

— *John Steinbeck*

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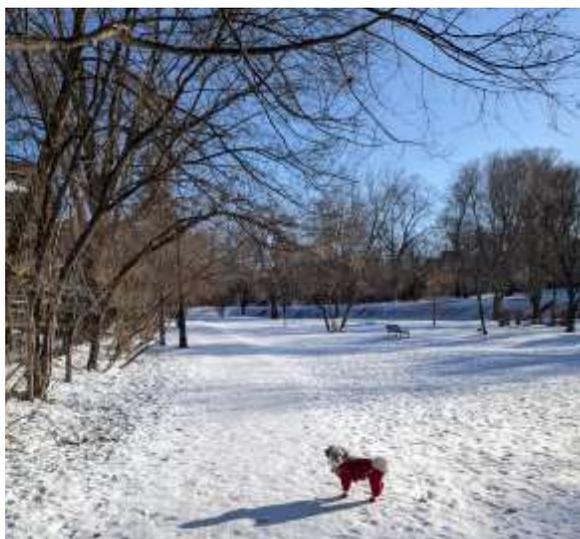
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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.