

Mass Schedule

Tuesday at 11:30am

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday at 10:30am

Saturday at 4pm

or by appointment

Canadian Martyrs Church

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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

1209 Michael Street North,

Suite 200

613-738-5025

Schools

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798 Lyon St. S

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613-237-2001

Cemeteries

Hope Cemetery

613-822-1212

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613-746-4175

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12/13, 2022



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Susan Garry, Isabella Boles, Ben Westerman, Amy Gertz, Debbie Dufresne, Frances Ann Smeaton, Denis Laforest, Fr. Peter Bisson, Barbara White, Michael McManus, Ramon de Rosayro, John Dorner, Peter McAllister, Devin Burse, Sandy Cano, Sheila & Edward Gasnick, Raul Esteban, Ping Cai, Chris Smith & family and Judette Budden.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the Church, that the power of Christ's resurrection may give us vision and perspective for our lives. We pray to the Lord.

For national leaders, that God will give them wisdom in addressing the issues that challenge society, free them from self-reliance, and inspire them to work for the common good. We pray to the Lord.

For the protection and renewal of the Earth, that God will inspire and guide us as we strive to be good stewards of air, land, and water. We pray to the Lord.

For the Synod, that the Spirit will renew the Church as we listen to one another. We pray to the Lord.

For decisions makers in our city that their actions will lead to the resolution of the occupation and restore peace to our Nation's Capital. We pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb. 12 Amelia Mendonca by Ilario Pellizzari

Ron Kasiban by Janet Kasiban

Tues., Feb. 15 Pat and Fern Denny by Margaret Denny

Richard O'Reilly and Shawn Barrett by Kaye Boone

Sat., Feb. 19 Pauline Aselin by Margaret Denny

JANUARY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 5,495.08
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 6,810.00
Canada Helps:	\$ <u>2,289.79</u>
Total:	\$ 14,594.87

Average monthly expenses: \$ 22,788.06

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.

SYNOD SHARING CIRCLES

Pope Francis is eager to hear from you! Our parish Synod Committee is inviting you to participate in the Synod on 'Synodality'. Please register to attend one of the small sharing circles that are being offered in early March. We look forward to sharing in this valuable work with you.

If you would like to register for an in-person session, [click here](#).

If you would like to register for a Zoom virtual session, [click here](#).

We encourage participants to use the guide found on the [parish website](#) to prepare themselves before attending a session.

HOW DO WE WALK TOGETHER AS CHURCH?

Free webinar on **Feb. 16** at 11am: "Embracing Pope Francis' New Call to Synodality". Join authors, Moira McQueen and Massimo Faggioli, for a robust conversation on the topic of synodality and how the faithful at all levels can contribute to a rich reflection on a vibrant future for the Catholic Church. [Click here](#) to register.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The heart of Catholic education is centred around the foundational belief that we are all created in God's image. There is beauty in diversity. Throughout February, the Ottawa Catholic School Board acknowledges and celebrates Black Canadians' contributions through activities and virtual celebrations. See their [Black History Month Google Slideshow](#) of influential and accomplished people of African descent.

'CATCH THE ACE' FUNDRAISER

The Ottawa Central Council of the Society of St-Vincent de Paul has launched its website and is inviting everyone to purchase Catch the Ace tickets to support an affordable housing project in Ottawa. Cost: \$10 per ticket. Info: www.ssvpottawa.ca.

DATES FOR ROME DELEGATION

The delegation to Rome, originally planned for December 2021, is now scheduled for March/April 2022. The Holy Father is scheduled to meet with individual Indigenous delegations the week of March 28 and a final audience with all participants will take place on Friday, April 1. For more information, please click [here](#).

A LOOK AT DIVESTMENT FROM A CHRISTIAN POINT OF VIEW

Tuesday **Feb. 22nd**, 7-8:30pm

1. What is the link between faith and investment?
2. How can we use our position as investors to help the climate transition?
3. What options do we have as individual investors?
4. What can our churches and dioceses do?
5. Is there cause for hope?

Guest Presenter is Kevin Thomas, CEO of SHARE. SHARE is a leading not-for-profit organization for responsible investment services, research and education. Registration: creationcare@archottawa.ca

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

On the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes as well as the World Day of the Sick, Lourdes might be the perfect place for a [virtual tour/pilgrimage](#).

From romantic outings with gourmet meals, spa treatments and live entertainment, to unique options such as animal encounters, fun classes and moonlit skating, Ottawa offers countless ways to show someone you care. Need inspiration? [Here are some ideas](#).

If you have cabin fever and you're eager for outdoor winter adventures in Ottawa, Eastern Ontario or the Outaouais, [here are three spots](#) for outdoor fun and a good meal.



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kely, OMI

In the Monty Python movie, “Life of Brian”, Jesus goes up on the mountain side to teach the people. There is a huge crowd gathered around him, so huge that some of the people who are on the outer edge of the crowd cannot hear his words and must ask others what Jesus has said. As Jesus pronounces what have become known as the Beatitudes, one of the characters, desperate to know what Jesus is saying, asks a man in the crowd, “What is he saying?”. The man checks with a person in front of him, who in turn checks with someone else and then the message is relayed back. The master says, “Blessed are the cheese makers”.

Who are the blessed ones anyway? Who is it that God favours? Who is it that God warns with troubles and woes? The author of the third Gospel, the physician we know as Luke, clearly thought about how we get mixed up about whom God blesses and whom God does not. Luke’s account of what we call the Sermon on The Mount is different than Matthew’s version. Luke doesn’t contradict what Matthew had to say, rather he gives us a different view of Jesus’ sermon. It is set on a plain, on a level place, where a large crowd has gathered and pressed in upon him, and where Jesus has been walking among them. Jesus not only is portrayed by Luke as announcing who is blessed in a somewhat more graphic manner, than does Matthew. Jesus is portrayed as announcing a series of matching curses or woes: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God; woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled; woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh; woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on the account of the Son of Man; woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets”. God reverses all our expectations, the expectations that we learn from the world. The promise of Christ, in the sermon on the plain in the Gospel according to Luke, is that there is joy on the other side of grief. There is laughter on the other side of tears, and fulfilment on the other side of hunger. There is joyful reward on the other side of the abuse and the ridicule we receive because we cling to God. I feel God’s power most, his presence most, when I am helping someone who is in need; I feel it most when someone touches me and looks me in the

eye, and says to me, “God understands”. Jesus is where you are. He had doubts, uncertainties, and fears. He had no home to call his own. He had no friends that he could really count on when times got tough. He wept and he cried, and got angry too, and God was with him in all those times. God strengthened him and gave him the victory.

God can accomplish something for us, and in us, and through us, when we are open to him in our need. What God can’t deal with, because we don’t let God deal with it, is our plastic smiles, our ignorance, our self-righteousness, and our couldn’t-care-less attitudes toward those who are in need around us. Happiness, or blessedness, is not found in wealth, in three square meals a day, in mindless laughter, or in the good opinions that others may have of us. Blessedness is found surrendering, in letting go, in knowing our need and the need of the world around us and in knowing that God really cares about those needs. God is really present with us to meet those needs and that God will vindicate all those who cling to him in the midst of those needs. Blessedness is found in trusting in God.

VOCATION REFLECTION

“Who Do I See?”

by Jarek Pachocki, OMI

It’s a common scene in the inner-city of Hamilton, ON, where, when you stop your car at a red light, a person will approach your vehicle with an empty Tim Horton’s cup asking for change. What do you see, or rather, I should ask, who do you see when this happens? Do you see annoyance, laziness, a misfit in life? Or rather, a person with their story of broken relationship, some physical or mental illness and/or unfortunate circumstance in life? Do you see a person’s dignity, or a poor person who is blessed? Read [the reflection 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.