

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 call the office

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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

Corpus Christi

798 Lyon St. S

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613-746-4175

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 26/27, 2022



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Sue 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 Bursey, Sandy Cano, Sheila & Edward Gasnick, Raul Esteban, Ping Cai, Chris Smith & family and Judette Budden.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the grace of discernment, that the Spirit will help us recognize what motivates us and inspire us to choose those actions that lead to fuller life, we pray to the Lord. For the people of the Ukraine who are facing a struggle for their survival as an independent nation, that there may be a peaceful solution brokered, we pray to the Lord.

For greater stewardship of fresh water, that we may wisely use water and share this valuable resource with all who have limited access to it, we pray to the Lord.

For our parish community and for the Catholic Church around the world, that God will help us to grow as a family in his love during this Lenten season, we pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Feb. 26 Mary McMinn by Margaret Denny

Tues., Mar. 1 Patrick Barr by Marie Peart, Brendon Bulger by Terri Beriault

Sat., Mar. 5 John Gerard Miller by Ellen Dickson, Jim Chambers by his family

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

We will gather in “sharing circles” to reflect on these two questions: *How are we doing Church?* and *How can we do Church better?*. In preparation for your “sharing circle”, please consider your thoughts, feelings, experiences - and whatever the Holy Spirit inspires you to bring forth. Please register to attend [one](#) of the small sharing circles that are being offered in early March.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is on **March 2nd**. There will be Masses at 11:30am and 7:00pm. No registration is required.

ASH WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER

Next week, the weekly Zoom Evening Prayer normally held on Thursdays will be held exceptionally on Tuesday, **March 1st**, at 6:30 p.m. to mark the beginning of Lent. In the long Church tradition of marking solemnities, major feast days and liturgical days with liturgies on both the vigil and the actual day that is being marked, we will celebrate Evening Prayer I of Ash Wednesday. You can join us by using the regular Evening Prayer Zoom link found in the bulletin email and also [provided here](#).

RECONCILIATION DISCUSSION SERIES

St. Joe’s Parish presents a discussion series exploring questions, insights, and new opportunities for reconciliation here in Canada. This series will be hosted by Canadian Martyrs parishioner, Sue-Anne Hess, who holds an MA (Conflict Studies) from St. Paul U. She has previously worked with Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Victoria (AUS). Initially offered via Zoom, this series is intended to run on alternate Mondays at 7pm, beginning **Feb. 28th**. If you have any questions, please email reconciliation@st-josephs.ca, or phone 613-233-4095, ext. 235. To register, please [click here](#).

COPING WITH LONELINESS

Throughout these pandemic months many of us have suffered from a weariness and the languishing feeling of loneliness and isolation. St. Basil’s Parish invites you to an inspirational reflection on loneliness with Rosemary O’Toole, CSJ on Sat., Feb. 26 at 10:30am on Zoom. [Click here to join](#).

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

This year, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada’s People and Planet First campaign calls you to support our sisters and brothers in the Global South in defending their rights and the planet. Click here [to donate](#), [sign the petition](#) or [learn more](#).

HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR OTTAWA RESIDENTS

[This list of resources](#), both practical and mental health related, was shared with us by a parishioner to help those who may have been significantly impacted by the Freedom Convoy protests.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

On February 22nd, the universal Church celebrated the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter. [Click here](#) to visit the Altar of the Chair of St. Peter, in Saint Peter’s Basilica.

In honour of Heritage Week 2022 (February 21 to 25), here are [10 questions](#) about our region’s history. See how many you know!

[Some maple sugarbushes](#) (aka suceries) across Eastern Ontario and the Outaouais are going to be open to visitors in spring 2022!

Planning ahead for summer? Check out this [Montreal Gazette article](#) about a new lavender farm in the Eastern Townships.

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

The Gospel today is part of the sermon given by Jesus, which began with Luke's version of the Beatitudes we heard two weeks ago. In stark statements, Jesus makes it very clear who are the blessed ones: the poor, those who mourn, and those who are persecuted. The people who are without any power at all are the most likely to depend totally on God. They are the blessed ones.

The passage today appears to keep up this very strong language, where Jesus talks about the blind leading the blind and so both fall. Jesus gives his disciples some stories pointing out how they are to act. Only if they heard his words, internalized them and made them really part of themselves would they be able to act out of what they had learned.

Jesus' teaching stresses the fact that we often tend to criticize and find fault with others in exactly the very things of which we, ourselves, are most guilty. Until we have corrected our own faults, we ought to be hesitant to correct others. Judging another person and finding fault with them is something that we all seem to do. Jesus is giving us principles by which we are to guide our lives. Unless we are converted within, unless we change our personal way of living, unless we are truly changed in our very being, we will have nothing but a negative influence on others. This seems to be true, not only for ourselves as individuals, but also true for us as a church, as a community or as a neighbourhood.

The first reading also seems to reinforce this idea when it says that it is by what we do, that we are to be judged, not by what we say. "Its fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so a person's speech discloses the cultivation of his mind." We are all judged by our actions. What we say has to correspond to what we do, or we are living a lie.

The second reading gives us hope in the midst of the recognition of our sin. Death is the result of sin, and our sin should be very obvious to us when we stop to consider it. We are not to be discouraged or without hope. Paul says, "But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain."

A little story from a monastic community in Egypt: When a monk in the community committed a fault and another brother, Moses, was invited to a meeting to discuss an appropriate penance, he refused to attend. When he was again called to the meeting, Moses took a

leaking jug filled with water and carried it on his shoulder. Another version of the story has him carrying a basket filled with sand. When he arrived at the meeting place, the others asked why he was carrying the jug. He replied, "My sins run out behind me and I do not see them, but today I am coming to judge the errors of another." On hearing this, the assembled brothers forgave the erring monk.

"Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?"

VOCATION REFLECTION

"Help Us To See Clearly"

by Serena Shaw, Oblate Associate

It is likely that at some point in our lives we will all end up with something in our eye that distorts how we see things. We all carry with us wounds or scars, that are often beyond our control, that manifest themselves in interesting ways. As we mature, if we are willing to do some real work on ourselves, we may notice the things that cloud our vision. If we can see things more clearly by changing something in ourselves, it is possible we will find out that our neighbour never had a speck in their eye to begin with.

Read [the reflection here](#).



"It is the peculiar quality of a fool to perceive the faults of others and to forget his own.

You can't clear your own fields while you're counting the rocks on your neighbor's farm."

- Cicero

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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.