



Canadian Martyrs Church

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday 11:30am

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

**5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5/6, 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: 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 Bursey, Sandy Cano, Sheila & Edward Gasnick, Raul Esteban, Ping Cai, Chris Smith & family and Judette Budden.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the Church, that we learn to follow Jesus with the same faith that burned in the hearts of the Apostles, we pray to the Lord.

For all those on the frontlines who, when the question is asked, “whom shall I send?”, respond with open hearts and ready hands, we pray to the Lord.

For the dedicated staff in long-term care homes, who are tired and distressed, that they fight every day to meet the needs of our most vulnerable population with their unceasing care and love, we pray to the Lord.

For members of the clergy, that they find spiritual renewal in the Word of the Lord and the kindness of those in their communities, we pray to the Lord.

For those who have conflict and anger in their hearts, that they find a place of calm and can walk a path of peace, we pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Feb. 8 Rita McMahon by Marie Peart

Richard O’Reilly & Shawn Barrett by Anne Marie Bazinet-Miller

Sat., Feb. 12 Amelia Mendonca by Ilario Pellizzari

Ron Kasiban by Janet Kasiban

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.

THE 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 **Feb. 12th** for our Lent 2022 issue.

THE EXPERIENCE OF SYNODALITY

The Anglican Church of Canada has engaged in diocesan, provincial and national synods of clergy and laity since the late 19th century, for the purposes of governance and discernment. This presentation will explore the strengths and challenges of synodal governance through the lens of the Anglican experience. This webinar is part of the series presented by St. Paul University. Wed., **Feb. 23rd**, 7:00-8:00pm. [Click here](#) to register.

Find more Synod information on the [parish website](#) and the [Archdiocese's website](#). Please [click here](#) to read the special Synodal edition of our *Epistle* newsletter.

LET'S PUT PEOPLE AND PLANET FIRST

It is with renewed energy that Development and Peace invites you to attend a virtual Share Lent workshop on Saturday, **Feb. 12** at 9:30am. Kiegan Irish, the new animator for Development and Peace, will discuss the struggles of our partners in the Global South as they deal with the causes and effects of climate change.

Register in advance for this meeting by [clicking here](#). For more information: Anna Dorner, 613-739-0963 or anna.dorner@gmail.com.

STORIES OF RECONCILIATION

St. Basil's Webinar Series, [Conversations for Our Times](#), continues on Sunday, **Feb. 6th** at 2:30pm with a presentation by Sr. Eva Solomon, CSJ, "Healing in All Directions: Stories of Reconciliation". [Please register](#) in advance for this meeting.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

On **Feb. 11th**, we observe the World Day of the Sick. "The ministry of Jesus to the sick is central to the life of the Church. [This day] highlights the healing ministry of

the Church...[and] recognizes the great efforts of doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease" (*Ordo*, p. 144).

ABORIGINAL STORYTELLING MONTH

February has been declared Aboriginal Storytelling Month in Saskatchewan and to celebrate, the Library Services for Saskatchewan Aboriginal Peoples (LSSAP) has a lineup of 72 Indigenous storytellers ready to share their own tales. The month-long event kicks off February 1 with storytellers from across Saskatchewan sharing poetry readings, stories for children, cooking classes, musical performances, and cultural teachings. [Click here for a complete list](#) of the online events during the month of February.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Every February, Canada celebrates Black History Month to honour the legacies of Black Canadians and Black people living in Canada. The 2022 theme for Black History Month is: "February and Forever: Celebrating Black History today and every day," which focuses on recognizing the daily contributions that Black Canadians make to Canada. No matter where you live, we invite all Canadians [to learn more about these communities](#), and how they continue to help shape the story of Canada.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

[Three easy hiking trails near Ottawa](#): Just because it's winter in Ottawa doesn't mean you have to put away your hiking boots.

[The Snowsuit Fund's Snow Angel Challenge](#): Snow Angel Challenge is a 28-day winter challenge to get outdoors and experience socially distant winter fun, while raising funds and awareness to help The Snowsuit Fund keep Ottawa kids warm.

[Great Canadian Kilt Skate](#): a fun, free challenge that runs until Feb. 28. You don't have to have any Scottish heritage to participate.

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

Simon Peter was a fisherman. It was his livelihood. His life depended upon his skill and his talents in catching fish. The livelihood of the men who worked for him depended upon him, as well as the security and happiness of their family members. We find him in today's Gospel account in a moment of failure. He probably encountered many other such moments in the years he had been in business. Was this failure the last straw? Was he about to abandon his fishing business? We don't know. But many of us do know the feeling. Many of us have had moments of such profound doubt that we've been ready to give up. In those moments, we can severely and harshly judge ourselves to be failures. Have we made a difference in the lives of those around us?

In today's first reading, we find the prophet Isaiah in such a state of mind. His soul was heavy. He was in near defeat. His nation was divided between north and south. The Assyrians had conquered the northern Kingdom of Israel and then carried away the Israelites into captivity in Babylon. The southern Kingdom of Judah was languishing in one civil war followed by another. Religion had fallen into little more than observing a series of formalities. On top of all that, Isaiah, whom history would later regard as one of the greatest of all the Old Testament prophets, found himself held in contempt by those to whom God had sent him. No one was listening to him; some wanted to get rid of him by killing him. Isaiah was, to say the least, very conscious of his failures and limitations.

Once again, you and I are presented with the problem of failure. Failure raises questions: questions about ourselves and questions about God. If God is so good, why is there such terrible suffering in our world? And then others tell us: "I can't imagine a God who would allow evil and pain to afflict innocent people." Why, we need to ask, should our concept of God be limited by our imagination? The problem is with us, not with God. Peter was offered a window of opportunity that came to him when he least expected it, after a night of failure. He took the chance, gave God what little he did have, namely hope and trust, and suddenly defeat was transformed into victory. Peter, admitting he was a sinner, became the rock upon which Jesus would build his Church. Jesus was saying to Peter: "Look, I know you are brusque, impulsive, strong-willed, and even a racist bigot. But you've given me your best, and now I'm going to give you my best." People who have been wounded have become great healers.

Recovering alcoholics become the best rescuers of drinking alcoholics. Ludwig van Beethoven wrote his greatest symphony when he was stone deaf. Winners never quit and quitters never win. If we try to limit God by our own limitations, we will only succeed in limiting ourselves. The great Jewish prophet Isaiah, like Simon Peter, was given a window of opportunity in the midst of failure. He took the opportunity and said: "Here I am Lord, send me." Peter, having confessed that he was a sinner, heard Jesus respond: "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be a fisher of men." Peter responded to the challenge, the opportunity Jesus gave him, and became the chief of the Apostles.

How then, do we respond to failure? Do we see it as a challenge and then at a deeper level see that every challenge is but an opportunity? Do we respond as did Isaiah and Simon Peter? We are not responsible for everything that happens in our lives. We are responsible only for our responses. No one else is, only we are; not God, not others, not life. Faith is how we act in life, the arena in which God comes to us. You may think that everything depends upon you, but you would be very misguided in thinking that way. You may think that you are a failure and will never make a difference in the world. You would be equally misguided in thinking that way. The only way to face life is with the belief that "with God, anything is possible," and then live our lives while, with a leap of faith, we depend upon God.

VOCATION REFLECTION

"Fear not, nothing is impossible..."

by Margot Lavoie, Oblate Associate

Jesus' invitation to "Cast into the deep and let down your nets for a catch" calls upon the disciple to trust Jesus' word. Peter is amazed and falls on his knees as he experienced his "smallness" before the generosity of God. Nothing is impossible for God. Today, humanity is called to fall on its knees as our world is teetering before the great chasm created by our negligence in the care of the earth. The great chasm created by institutions of all kinds which have put first power and greed, and have forgotten our kinship as brothers and sisters.

Read [the reflection here](#).

"Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase."

- *Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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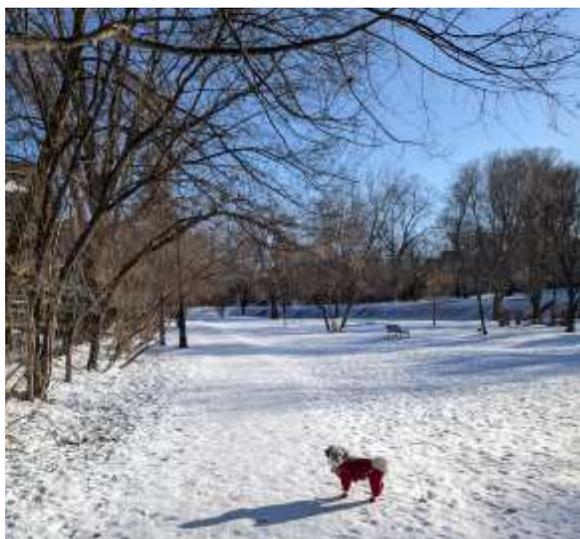
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Our parish still needs funds to cover recurrent expenses such as electricity, water and salaries of essential staff. If you wish to donate to the church, you can through Canada Helps, using a credit card on the secure link at <https://canadianmartyrs.org/donate/> 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.