

Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Friday at 11:30am

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday-Friday at 10:30am

Saturday at 4pm

or call the office

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Meetings: 1st Thurs., 7:00pm

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Joseph Duggan

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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

613-232-9743

Immaculata HS

140 Main St.

613-237-2001

Cemeteries

Hope Cemetery

613-822-1212

Notre-Dame

613-746-4175

3rd Sunday of Lent

March 19/20, 2022



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Brenda Kearns, Leo Nantais, Sue Garry, Isabella Boles, Ben Westerman, Amy Gertz, Debbie Dufresne, Frances Ann Smeaton, Denis Laforest, 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, as it processes the heart-felt thoughts of its people in this current Synod, we pray to the Lord.

For the people of Ukraine, that peace soon finds them and their land, and that this terrible loss of life and freedom ceases, we pray to the Lord.

For those who defend human rights around the world, heeding the cry of the poor, often at great risk to their reputations, their security and their very lives, we pray to the Lord.

For clean water to be easily attained by people in all cities and countries, we pray to the Lord.

For our schools, that they can safely navigate the coming changes in the COVID health practices, and for those who continue to struggle with the economic, social and health challenges of the pandemic, we pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Mar. 19 Pat Denny by Margaret Denny, Mariella Penna by Marie Peart

Tues., Mar. 22 Jim Manion by Nancy MacDonald

Wed., Mar. 23 Gus Fraser by Molly Fraser

Thurs., Mar. 24 Frances Kuno by the Borg family

Fri., Mar. 25 Mass cancelled

Sat., Mar. 26 Carol Anne Copeland by Theresa Nieminen, Margaret and Adrien Beriault by Terri Beriault

FEBRUARY COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 6,101.50
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 6,810.00
Canada Helps:	\$ 2,092.86
Total:	\$ 15,004.36

Average monthly expenses: \$ 11,394.00

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

March 13-31	Synod Sharing Circles
Tues., Mar. 22	Water Zoom Conversation, 7:30pm
Wed., Mar. 23	Lenten Reconciliation Service, 7pm
Fri., Apr. 1	D&P Stations of the Cross via Zoom, 7pm
Tues, Apr. 5	Stations of the Cross in church, 7pm

WEEKLY ZOOM GATHERINGS

3pm Monday	Christian Meditation
8pm Tuesday	Lectio Divina and Meditation
6:30pm Thursday	Evening Prayer
11:15am Sunday	Liturgy of the Word

Our Parish News

WE NEED COOKIES!

We are very happy to announce that coffee and cookies after Sunday Mass will resume on Sunday, **Apr. 3rd!**

Therefore, we would appreciate donations of peanut-free cookies as our cupboards are bare!

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

We are finally allowed to gather again! The Sunday hospitality team is looking for two additional team members to make and serve coffee after Mass on Sunday mornings: one to commit to one Sunday a month and one to commit to 4 times a year, when there are 5 Sundays in the month. Please contact the office if you are interested. Thank you!

WEEKDAY MASS

Weekday Mass (Tuesday – Friday at 11:30am) resumed on Tuesday, **Mar. 15th**. There will be **no** Mass on Friday, **Mar. 25th**.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Our Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held on Wednesday, **Mar. 23rd** at 7pm.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

One of Development and Peace's strengths is their ability to mobilize thousands of Canadians like you to amplify marginalized voices from the Global South. That is why the People and Planet First campaign is asking you to help ensure that Canada adopts strong due diligence laws to prevent Canadian corporations from abusing human and environmental rights across their global operations. Sign the petition for this at devp.org/act or at the church, and spread the word.

WATER CARE!

The *Laudato Si'* Water Action Group reminds you to join the World Water Day conversation on water stewardship and hear from speakers from Water First (respectful partnering with Indigenous communities to improve water management on reserves) and Action Champlain (representing environmental concerns on water in Hawkesbury region) and then join in an open discussion. Online, **Mar. 22**, 7:30-9:00pm. Free. [Click here](#) for Zoom link.

DONATE TO HELP THOSE IN UKRAINE

Perhaps this Lent, with our prayers and fasting, we can consider supporting these organizations as part of our traditional practice of almsgiving or charity:
[Catholic Near East Welfare Association](#) (CNEWA): Help the people of Ukraine survive the war.
[Development and Peace](#): Solidarity, prayers and support for Ukraine: Development and Peace joins relief efforts.
[Red Cross](#): Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal.
[Missionary Oblates](#): Help the Oblates help the people of Ukraine. Donate on their [website](#) or call 1-866-432-6264.

LENTEN RESOURCES

The pastoral team for the Archdiocese has created a weekly one page bulletin for families to help with their Lenten journey. You can download the bulletins each week below:

[February 28](#) (Ash Wednesday)

[March 6](#) (Week 1)

[March 13](#) (Week 2)

Diocesan and Community News

CRAFT SALE FOR THE MIRIAM CENTRE

Proceeds to help pregnant women and their families in Ottawa at the Gloucester Centre, 1980 Ogilvie Rd., Fri., **Mar. 18**, 3-9pm & Sat., **Mar. 19**, 10-6pm. Info: centremiriamcentre@gmail.com.

SACRED WATER

Join Faith and the Common Good on World Water Day, **Mar., 22**, 6-7:30pm, for “Sacred Water: An Interfaith Conversation”, to learn about what diverse faith and spiritual traditions have to teach us concerning the importance of water and how we can deepen our connection with it. [Register here](#) to receive the Zoom link.

RENEWING COURAGE: EIN DEUTSCHES REQUIEM

Ein Deutsches Requiem (A German Requiem) by Brahms presented by the Rideau Chorale, Sat., **Apr., 2**, 7:30pm at Southminster United Church, 15 Aylmer Ave. This is a truly beautiful, impressive and uplifting work and it is different from most other requiems as, instead of the text of the Latin mass, Brahms has put to music a number of texts from Scripture, including the Psalms, Gospels and the book of Revelation. For more information and to buy tickets, [click here](#).

NOVALIS WEBINAR

Grit, Grief and Gratitude: in this near-end-of-Lent event on **Apr., 7** at 2pm, Greg Kennedy (poet) and Lorraine Roy (textile artist) will roll out their latest two volumes of *Reupholstered Psalms*, books that try to stay true to the beauty, hurt and hard humour alive in the destruction and resurrection all around us today. Lorraine and Greg

plan to offer participants an artistic, reflective, hopeful lift on the road to Easter 2022. To register for this free event, [click here](#).

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

The Jesuits have more than 500 years of experience journeying alongside individuals and groups around the world. Join them on Sat.-Sun., **Apr., 2-3** to experience time-tested methods to delve deeper in the spiritual life. Make connections, build community and be inspired. Experience healing, transformation, and hope. For more info and to register for free, [click here](#). Fr. Peter Bisson, who is a parishioner at Canadian Martyrs, is a presenter.

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

[OttFreeFit](#) is holding its monthly free BIPOC community hike on Sunday, **Mar. 20**, at 1pm at Shirley's Bay. The event is free, but you need to [register online](#).

To celebrate the Feast day of Saint Joseph on Fri., **Mar. 19**, take a virtual tour of Saint Joseph's Oratory. [Click here](#) to start your visit.

[Take a walk in New Edinburgh](#), a small, historic Ottawa neighbourhood. This one-hour walk will take you along the Rideau River to a waterfall; past several significant residences; and to some nice places to eat. Get out and enjoy the warmer temperatures!

[Sigwan \(Spring\) Festival](#): Please join Indigenous Experiences on **Mar. 25-27** for this free event to celebrate the spring season in the context of Indigenous culture. Everyone is invited to reconnect with the land while learning about Indigenous traditions during this beautiful change of season. [Registration required](#).

Events at Galilee Centre, Arnprior

SPIRITUALITY OF THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Sat., **Apr. 9**, 9:00am - 4:30pm, Facilitator: Monique deBaets, spiritual director, Upper Room Home of Prayer Community. The Paschal Mystery holds together, as one, that marvelous Passover journey that takes us through a cyclic process of dying, rising and transformation. This central mystery of our Christian faith will be pondered. The story of the Paschal Mystery will be contemplated with our lives speaking what has gone before and what is now. Cost: \$60 (lunch and the book, [The Spirituality of the Paschal Mystery](#), included)

EASTER SUNDAY BRUNCH

Come join us on Sunday, **April 17** for an Easter Sunday Brunch. \$20 per person. Time: 11:30am – 2:00pm. Registration required.

To register for events at Galilee Centre, call 613-623-4242, ext. 21 or email info@galileecentre.com. For more information, visit www.galileecentre.com.

3rd Sunday of Lent

“The Lord is merciful and gracious.”

Read: Luke 13.1-9

Reflect: Think about our natural resistance to change and how, through the mercy of God, we are given the opportunity to flourish.



Act: What opportunities have I been given? What opportunities can I give to others so that they may reach their full potential?

Prayer: Loving God, I know you are present with me and that I am greatly blessed. I pray that you will remind me often to stop, listen, and remember. Amen.

Pope Francis, *Living Lent with Love*

Song: In these days of Lenten journey, we have seen and we have heard the call to sow justice in the lives of those we serve.

We open our ears to the weary and hear the cry of the poor. To the voices that echo the song of despair, we will show our compassion and care.

(Breaking Bread 128)

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

In our newspapers, we read of disasters and we watch catastrophes on TV. We deal with painful tragedies in the lives of our friends and loved ones, and ask how can God allow these things to go on. That was implied in the question put to Jesus in this Gospel about the Roman Governor of Judea, murdering a number of Jews in Jerusalem while they worshipped! He mingled their blood with the blood of their temple sacrifices. Some people explain away tragedies by telling us that it is sinners who suffer tragedies. Tragedies, they claim, are justified punishments from God inflicted upon us for our sins. That, of course, may or may not be true.

Sometimes, bad things happen to good people; people who are totally innocent suffer terrible tragedies. Jesus makes it clear that personal suffering and personal sin are not always connected. Most sins bring their own punishment with them. There are a whole lot of diseases, pains and illnesses, both physical and mental, that result from behaviour that is unhealthy. Still, personal suffering does hit the innocent. Suffering comes from many causes, not the least of which is simple, random chaos. If God were to directly link all suffering with our personal sins, the world would not be habitable. We simply couldn't survive; no one would be safe. As it is, God has not absented himself from our world. He has so loved us that he has sent his only-begotten Son into our world, not to condemn it, but to save us. God has given his son for the life of the world. We need to realize that the world will be saved only to the extent that we receive what God gives us in order to save our world. God offers and then waits for us to respond. To the extent that we do not respond, either because of active refusal to surrender to God, or because of our indifference, chaos and the forces of sin will enter into our lives with more pain and suffering.

Jesus points out the terrible sin of uselessness in his parable about the fig tree. Fig trees are supposed to provide figs, to produce the fruit that God made them to produce. And we, too, have been put on this earth to produce the results for which God gave us life. Fig trees in Palestine produce crops of figs three times each year. When the master found this fig tree to be yielding nothing, he had every right, if not the duty, to eliminate that fig tree. All it was doing was soaking up water and other precious resources needed by the other trees to produce their fruit. This tree was good for nothing. The response of the owner here in this parable was extra tenderness. The owner allowed three seasons to be

productive, before the tree was scheduled to be cut down. That fig tree could not complain that it wasn't given a chance to produce.

What, then, about us? God has planted us in the midst of his love and grace. Our families and our friends have given us love, our schools have given us education, and our Church has given us God's holy graces. God has offered us his tender, loving care in abundance. How have we responded? How will we respond?

Notice that the parable of the fig tree has no real ending. It just sort of stopped and we don't know what eventually happened to that fig tree. God wants us to finish the story for ourselves. God has given us life and launched us out into our world, with a script to follow and with Jesus to guide us. But how our life stories are eventually written depends entirely on how we respond to what God has given us. A merciful God has spared us all. Just how fruitful will the rest of your life be? Will we do nothing, or will we give God useful and productive lives spent in accomplishing his work?

The responsibility rests upon us, not God.

VOCATION REFLECTION

"God of Second Chances"

by Jarek Pachocki, OMI

This weekend's Gospel parable reminds us that our God is a God of second chances, "... let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good" (Luke 13:8-9). Life can get complicated, sometimes because of the choices we make or circumstances that come upon us. We cannot go back in time and change the past. The only way is to learn from the past, "dig around it and put manure on it" and, with gratitude, embrace God's mercy. I don't know what would have happened to me if God hadn't given me a second chance... "The Lord is kind and merciful" (Psalm 103).

Read [the reflection here](#).

"The best place to find God is in a garden. You can dig for him there."

- *George Bernard Shaw*

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DONATIONS: PAD forms are available on the Welcome table if you wish to make donations to the church through direct deposit. If you wish to donate via credit card, you can through Canada Helps on the secure link at <https://canadianmartyrs.org/donate/>. Please call the office if you would like a box of offering envelopes. Thank you!

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.

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES: The minutes of Pastoral Council meetings are available at <http://canadianmartyrs.org/pastoral-council-minutes/>

FOOD CUPBOARD: Non-perishable food items for the Centretown Emergency Food Centre are collected on an on-going basis. Please place food items in the crates in the breezeway.

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.