

## 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

# Canadian Martyrs Church

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## 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

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

## 2nd Sunday of Easter April 23/24, 2022



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Theresa Ponto, Kevin Dashney, Brenda Kearns, Eileen Kearns, 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

That the message of Easter resonates in us, strengthening our belief in Jesus as the risen Son of God, nurturing our love for each other, and reminding us of our hope for salvation. We pray to the Lord.

That all world leaders continue to work for a peaceful diplomatic solution to the war in Ukraine and in other areas of the world where conflict is destroying peoples' lives. We pray to the Lord.

That the coming of spring remind us of our dependence on nature for our health and wellbeing, encouraging us to do more to be good stewards of the Earth and urging our governments towards policies that protect the environment. We pray to the Lord.

That planning for Pope Francis' visit to Canada continue to progress, leading to greater reconciliation and understanding between the Church and Indigenous peoples in Canada. We pray to the Lord.

That those suffering from physical or mental illness, loneliness, poverty or marginalization may find comfort in their faith, and feel the power of God's love in their lives. We pray to the Lord.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Apr. 23 Joyce White by Mary Croke

Tues., Apr. 26 Bryan Peart by the Peart family, The Carolen family by the Peart family

Wed., Apr. 27 Prayers to Sue Garry by her friends

## MARCH COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$ 8,425.00  
Direct Deposit (EFTs): \$ 6,985.00  
Canada Helps: \$ 2,396.99  
**Total: \$ 17,806.99**

Average monthly expenses: \$ 23,042.78

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

8pm Thurs., May 5 Parish Council Meeting  
6pm Sat., May 7 Pizza Supper after Mass

## WEEKLY ZOOM GATHERINGS

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

# Our Parish News

## THANK YOU!

Many thanks to our lectors, our musicians and singers, our ushers and mass coordinators, and all who helped behind the scenes during our Easter Triduum services. Thanks to all of you everyone was able to feel a part of the celebrations. We are so fortunate to have so many people willing to share their gifts within our community!

## A NOTE OF THANKS DURING MY RECENT ILLNESS

As many know, I have been out of commission for 2 weeks. Covid couldn't have struck at a worse time and yet you all pitched in to make Holy Week and Easter truly a blessing for all. I cannot be more proud of our community and more grateful for each one of you.

Many thanks, Maureen

## COOKBOOKS

We have more parish cookbooks for sale just in time for Mother's Day! The cookbooks are \$15 each (black and white edition). All proceeds will go to the parish!

## 507 SANDWICH CLUB

Many thanks to all who continue to support and volunteer for our 507 Sandwich Club. An article on this parish initiative was included in the latest newsletter from the Centretown Churches Social Action Committee. You can [read it here](#).

## UPCOMING AT ST JOE'S PARISH

The Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa will be leading St. Joe's Sunday Mass (174 Wilbrod St.) on Sunday, **April 24th** at 10:30am. After Mass there will be beverages and refreshments available. There is no registration required – all are welcome!

St Joe's Reconciliation Discussion Series: Our next gathering will be on Monday, **April 25th** when we will

welcome Fr Daryold Winkler as our special guest. He will be discussing the importance of Indigenous Catholic spirituality in the church today. Once again, we will meet via Zoom at 7pm. If you have not yet attended, you can register at the link below.

<https://stjosephs.breezechms.com/form/cd3791>

For any questions or comments, please contact [reconciliation@st-josephs.ca](mailto:reconciliation@st-josephs.ca) or 613 233 4095 ext.: 235.

## PLANET BOOTCAMP IS UNDERWAY!

Whether you're continuing, starting, or re-starting your sustainability journey – [Random Acts of Green](#) is ready to help coach you into climate action for Earth Day on Friday, **April 22nd**. Complete as many Green Acts as you can!

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

[Watch Father Stu at a local theatre](#). The movie is based on the [real-life story](#) of Stuart Long, a failed boxer who moves to Hollywood to pursue acting, only to discover he has a different calling in life.

**Trivia Night (Pop Culture Through the Ages)** to benefit Carty House via Zoom! Friday, **April 29**, 7:30pm-9:30pm. \$10 Student, \$20 General. To register, [click here](#). Household Hazardous Waste Depot (take care of the Earth!): Sunday, **April 24**, 8am to 4pm at Tunney's Pasture.

## Discover Earth Day Canada's Campaign for 2022:

Climate change is already affecting us, and more and more of us are experiencing mental health symptoms because of it. It's called eco-anxiety. [The 2022 Earth Day campaign](#) highlights this little-known mental illness that is gaining traction and the ways we can remedy it together!

# Diocesan and Community News

## NEGLECTED NO MORE - THE URGENT NEED TO RETHINK OUR ELDERCARE SYSTEM

Hosted by St. Basil's Parish, "Conversations for Our Times" Series on Zoom. Health reporter, André Picard, reveals the full extent of the crisis in eldercare, and offers an urgently needed prescription to fix a broken system. Sunday, **April 24**, 2:30pm. [Register here](#). The confirmation email will contain the link to join. Info: parish office, 613-729-5149.

## WHAT MAKES EDUCATION CATHOLIC?

Explore with Thomas Groome, one of North America's foremost thinkers in religious education, why the mission of Catholic education has become more important in a deeply polarized, increasingly secular world.

Register for this Novalis webinar on Monday, **April 25** at 10am by [clicking here](#). The webinar is free, but registration is required.

## ACTION LIFE – 31ST ANNUAL HIKE FOR LIFE

Join the 5k fundraising walk to raise awareness about the value of life at all stages, from fertilization to natural death. St. Patrick's Basilica, Saturday, **April 30**, 9:00am. Info: 613-798-4494; [www.actionlife.org](http://www.actionlife.org).

## 'BRAHMS' EIN DEUTSCHES REQUIEM

Presented by the Ottawa Choral Society (Fr. Tim sings in this choir) on Sunday, **May 1** at 3pm at St. Francis church, 20 Fairmont Ave. Described by Brahms as a "human" requiem, the German Requiem eschews religious judgement and instead offers consolation and solace. In honour of the many lives lost to the Covid-19 pandemic. For tickets and more information, [click here](#).

## WAITING TO EXHALE: ECOLOGICAL JUSTICE FOR THE EARTH'S LUNGS'

The Amazon, the Congo Basin, and the Boreal Forest are often described as the planet's lungs. Rigobert Minani SJ, Laura Vicuña Pereira Manso, CF, Ron Thiessen and Stephanie Thorassie will speak about the challenges that these regions and their people face in this webinar presented by Canadian Jesuits International on Tuesday, **May 17**, 12:00-1:30pm. [Click here](#) for more info and to register.

## BUY YOUR 'CATCH THE ACE' TICKETS

Every ticket purchased will help to fund the Affordable Housing Project launched by the Ottawa Central Council of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, in concert with the Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI). Through various fundraising activities, the OCC aims to raise sufficient funds to cover the down payments of 46 apartments for Indigenous families in need. Cost: \$10 per ticket, every week. [Click here for a ticket](#). If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to this project, under "Please direct my donation to:" select Ottawa Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI) <https://www.imakeanonlinedonation.org/ssvp-national/DONATION/>

## SUPPORT THE HOLY LAND

Traditionally, the collection on Holy Friday supports the work of the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land. If you were unable to make a donation, please consider doing so during the Easter Octave. [Click here to learn more about their good works](#).

# Events at Galilee Centre, Arnprior

## SISTER WATER AND THE SULTAN

Wednesday **May 4, 11, 18 and 25**, 7:30 to 9:00pm  
Join us to invite St. Francis to lead us to a deeper love of the earth and of our enemy. This virtual retreat is offered by Len Desroches, a leading authority on the life and teachings of St. Francis.  
Cost: \$70 – Virtual Attendance Only

## Monthly Eucharist – April 30, 2022

The monthly Eucharist is held the 3rd Saturday of each month at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome! **Please Note:** In April, the monthly Eucharist will be held on April 30th.

## MONTHLY WALK AT GALILEE

Around the grounds of Galilee and surrounding area, 1st Friday of each month 2022. Our next walk is at 10am on **May 6**. With following walks at 10am on: June 3; July 1; August 5; September 2; October 7; November 4 and December 2.

**To register** for events at Galilee Centre, call 613-623-4242, ext. 21 or email [info@galileecentre.com](mailto:info@galileecentre.com). For more info, visit [www.galileecentre.com](http://www.galileecentre.com).

## UPDATE – TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

Since its creation by Pastoral Council in the fall, the Canadian Martyrs' Truth and Reconciliation Committee has been meeting regularly to begin the work of advancing truth and reconciliation (T&R) in our parish and the broader community.

The past year has seen a necessary and difficult national refocusing on T&R following the discovery of hundreds of unmarked graves at former Oblate-run residential school sites across Canada. The formation of a T&R committee at Canadian Martyrs reflects the level of concern expressed by a number of parishioners about the need for our parish to do its part.

As was previously communicated to parishioners, the committee's mandate focuses on four main workstreams:

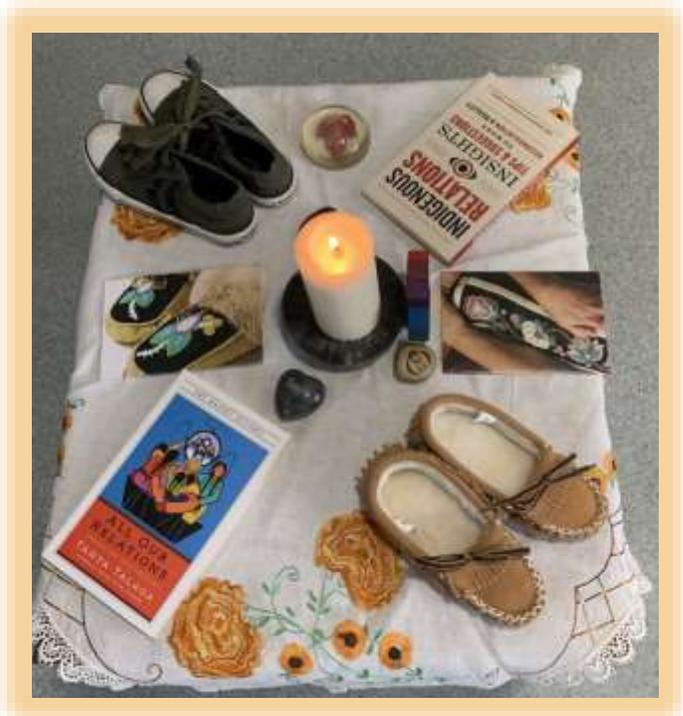
- ➔ communications with the parish and our community;
- ➔ work with parish ministries and committees to embrace truth and reconciliation in all we do;
- ➔ education led/guided by Indigenous peoples and residential school survivors; and
- ➔ engagement with the Oblate leadership toward greater transparency and accountability to residential school survivors.

It is this last workstream – engaging with the Oblate leadership – that has been the committee's starting point and singular focus over the past few months. This initial focus is based on the committee's view that any efforts toward reconciliation must be rooted in truth. More specifically, the committee has identified three areas where we believe the Oblate leadership can and should do more to provide a basis of meaningful truth for reconciliation efforts going forward: (1) Revisit and update the [Oblate apology of 1991](#); (2) Release of all Oblate records; and (3) Full disclosure of the Oblate's financial compensation to date.

The committee was very pleased that Father Ken Thorson, Provincial of OMI Lacombe, and Father Richard Beaudette, Vicar Provincial of OMI Lacombe, accepted our invitation to meet. In the discussion on April 6 in the parish centre, the committee's overarching request to Father Ken was for the Oblate leadership to better and more meaningfully engage and communicate with the laity in Oblate parishes across Canada so that we can all better understand the work that has taken place and that is left to do. The conversation was direct and productive, and we appreciated the openness and commitment by Father Ken and Father Richard to consider our feedback.

The ongoing journey toward full truth and reconciliation will be long and, at times, very painful. Within our parish, we have barely begun this important work. One entry point is through our parish study group, using the dialogue guide *Listening to Indigenous Voices* by the Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice. This group meets every two weeks on Zoom. For more information, please contact Maureen Cerroni at the office ([parishlife@canadianmartyrs.org](mailto:parishlife@canadianmartyrs.org)).

The Canadian Martyrs' Truth and Reconciliation Committee is committed to this parish journey. We will continue to provide updates on our work, and we welcome your feedback and participation going forward. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Louise Mahoney (T&R committee chair) at [annelou11@sympatico.ca](mailto:annelou11@sympatico.ca).



## 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI*

Many Christians think the great believers of the faith never doubted. They know about the faith of the famous Christian leaders, but not about their inner struggles. In today's Scripture passage, we find that kind of struggle among one of the twelve disciples, Thomas. It's not always easy for us to believe. We are more like Thomas than we know. If we can use our doubts and questions like Thomas did to help strengthen our faith, then we will be better disciples.

The Gospel of John gives us real insights into Thomas. The first time Thomas is mentioned is in the story of the raising of Lazarus. Mary and Martha had sent Jesus word that their brother was close to death. Jesus tells his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." "Teacher", the disciples answered, "just a short time ago the people there wanted to stone you and now you plan to go back?". Thomas speaks out, "Let us go along with the Teacher, so that we may die with him!". He was willing to go with Jesus to Jerusalem, knowing that it just might cost him his life. Thomas rallied the disciples here, convincing them to go with Jesus to Jerusalem. Thomas was absolutely certain that disaster awaited them, but in an act of tremendous faith, he was ready to go with Jesus. At the last supper, Jesus tells his disciples that he's going away to prepare them a room in the Father's house. "You know the way to the place where I am going," he says. Thomas says, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; so how can we know the way?" Thomas wasn't afraid to ask questions when he didn't understand something. The honest doubters and questioners did not bother Jesus as much as people, like the Pharisees, who would not open their hearts and minds to the truth he taught. Thomas makes it clear to us that there is more than one kind of doubt. There is the kind of doubt that does not want to believe, that reaches for arguments in order to deny the affirmations of the faith. And then there is the person who earnestly wants to believe, but honestly admits that he struggles to understand.

Thomas asked questions because he wanted to understand. If someone has never had any doubts or questions, it's probably because they have never really seriously thought about their faith. The fact that a person asks questions or even expresses doubts doesn't mean that they have no faith. It shows that they take their faith seriously, so seriously that they want to understand and grow, just like Thomas.

It's the first Easter evening. The disciples have gathered behind locked doors. Suddenly, Jesus is with them in the room. They see his hands and side, and they are filled with unspeakable joy. Thomas was not with them when Jesus came and we don't know why. Perhaps it was because his heart was broken. Things had ended in a disaster. Jesus was dead. To gather with the others was just too painful a reminder. Thomas chose to withdraw and suffer alone and, because he did, he missed out on the one thing that would have turned his sorrow into joy, the presence of the Risen Christ!

To withdraw from the fellowship of the Christian family is to miss out on that special sense of the presence of Christ that gives us tremendous peace and joy. It is only within the community that we begin to have our questions and doubts resolved. The disciples rush out and find Thomas and say, "We have seen the Lord!" Thomas replies, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe". A week later, the disciples have gathered again and Thomas is with them. Jesus appears to them, turns to Thomas, and offers to allow him to touch his hands and his side. Thomas openly admitted his doubts, he faced them, and worked through them to the greatest confession of faith in Christ in the whole New Testament! Make your questions and doubts lead you, like Thomas, to a greater faith.

"If you would be a real seeker after truth, it is necessary that at least once in your life you doubt, as far as possible, all things."

— *René Descartes*

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**PARISH REGISTRATION:** The registration form is available at the back of the church or can be filled out online at <http://canadianmartyrs.org/register/>.

**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.