

Canadian Martyrs Church

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Our community respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on the unceded ancestral lands and waters of the Algonquin people, on whose territory we live, pray, work, and grow in faith and understanding.

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

20th & 21st Sundays in Ordinary Time August 13/14 & 20/21, 2022



Pastor

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Meetings: 1st Thurs., 7:00pm

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Weekly Gatherings

Christian Meditation

Dorothy Wood

Mondays, 3pm

Lectio Divina and Meditation

Maureen Cerroni

Tuesdays, 8pm

Evening Prayer

Pierre LaViolette

Thursdays, 6:30pm

Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Sundays, 11:30am

via Zoom

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Brian O'Connor, Marg Lackie, Pauline Bouchard, Gus VanDam, Kevin Dashney, Eileen Kearns, Sue Garry, Isabella Boles, Ben Westerman, Amy Gertz, Debbie Dufresne, Frances Ann Smeaton, Denis Laforest, Barbara White, 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 (August 13/14)

That Pope Francis finds strength, love and compassion in the Lord as he works to move the Catholic Church, so that it may be an authentic and powerful voice for justice, we pray to the Lord.

That in this time of division, we turn to each other in mutual support and love, upholding the rights and dignity of all our community, we pray to the Lord.

That our healthcare workers, who have worked so hard and without rest, know they are deeply appreciated and that they are granted time and quiet to renew their resources, we pray to the Lord.

That like Jesus, we endure with fortitude our difficult times in the expectation of joys and peace to come, we pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Aug. 23 Ubald Remillard by his children

Sat., Aug. 27 Fred Miller by Nicole Lance

Our Parish News

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 **September 9** for our September 2022 issue.

OFFICE CLOSED MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS

The Parish Office will be closed on Mondays and Fridays during August. Weekday Masses continue Tuesday-Friday at 11:30am.

WALK ON THE JOHN A. MACDONALD PARKWAY ON SEPTEMBER 30TH

Indigenous Elder, Albert Dumont (poet laureate of the City of Ottawa and Anishinaabe spiritual advisor), invites all people across Turtle Island to join him on **September 30th**. Albert will lead a walk on the John A. Macdonald Parkway, going from the War Museum to Parkdale Ave. and then back to the museum. The walk, protesting the parkway's name, will become an annual event continuing until Macdonald's name is finally removed from the parkway. For more information, [click here](#).

OTTAWA REDBLACKS FAITH DAY

If you are interested in attending the Ottawa Redblacks Faith Day with a group from the parish, please email or call the office. The game starts at 2pm on **September 10th** with Faith Day activities happening after the game.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

[33rd Annual Traditional Pow-Wow](#), Pikwakanagan, **August 20-21**: Taking place at the Pikwakanagan First Nation, 2 km off Hwy 60 at Golden Lake, Ontario. Grand entry: Saturday at 12 pm and 7 pm, Sunday at 12 pm. Celebrating our resistance. Admission is free but donations will be graciously accepted!

Candace Lloyd, a Métis Traditional Knowledge and Medicine Holder, is [offering a two-hour workshop](#) on medicine making at No. 9 Gardens (1516 Summers Road, Rideau Lakes) on Sunday, **August 21**. You'll learn how to make a tea, a scrub, and an infused oil, using ingredients from the land. The workshop starts at 10am and the fee is \$40 per person.

[Lansdowne Park Summer Arts Showcase](#): Head over to the Aberdeen Plaza at Lansdowne Park on Sunday evenings (6:30-8pm until August 28th) and enjoy free performances by amazing local artists.



WALKING
TOGETHER
POPE FRANCIS CANADA 2022

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THE POPE'S OWN REFLECTIONS ON THE PENITENTIAL PILGRIMAGE

“The theme of my visit – Walking Together – expresses the Church's desire, in acknowledging the wrongs of the past, to reject the mindset of colonization, to esteem and promote the Indigenous cultures, and to work for a future marked by a sound and harmonious balance between modernity and ancestral cultures, secularization and spiritual values, in the service of justice and authentic human fraternity.” Read the [Pope's full address here](#).

STATEMENT OF THANKS FROM CCCB

The Bishops of Canada are thankful for Pope Francis' historic visit to our country. He came in fulfillment of his promise to manifest, by his very presence, his closeness to the Indigenous peoples of this land. This visit represents a significant milestone on the path of healing and reconciliation. The Holy Father called on us to continue to assist survivors and families in healing from the traumas they have suffered. Read [the complete media release here](#).

A CONVERSATION WITH ARCTIC CANADA'S BISHOP KRÓTKI OF IQALUIT

In this interview with Vatican News, Bishop Anthony Wieslaw Krótki, OMI of Arctic Canada's city of Iqaluit, in Nunavut Territory, reaffirms the significance of the Pope making an Arctic stop to meet Inuit residential school survivors, and says, “His Holiness is telling us he loves the Indigenous peoples and wants all of us to live in peace and reconciliation with one another.” Read the [complete interview here](#).

MEMORIES FROM THE PAPAL VISIT

Here are some highlights from the Ottawa-Cornwall delegation. The group went to Quebec City to see the Pope, hear his apology, and participate in events surrounding his visit to Canada. [Click here to see photos](#) shared by the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall.

Diocesan and Community News

CATCH THE ACE LOTTERY

The Ottawa Central Council (OCC) of the Society of St-Vincent de Paul is pleased to announce the return of the Catch the Ace lottery. **The draws will take place every Tuesday until the Ace of Spades is drawn again.**

Tickets are \$10 each, purchase online only, and they are good for the draw on the Tuesday after the purchase. This lottery supports the Anchor Housing project with which the Ottawa Central Council hopes to provide safe, secure, permanent housing for 4-6 Indigenous families. For details and to start playing, go to <https://ssvpottawa.ca/>

WORLD YOUTH DAY

The deadline for World Youth Day is now **Sept. 1st**. In order to reserve a spot for registration: a \$100 deposit is required; the registration form needs to be filled out; and the Code of Conduct form needs to be signed. All this information can be found on the [WYD page of the Archdiocesan website](#). For more info, contact Shavi Perera at 613-738-5025x266 or youthcoordinator@archottawa.ca.

SEASON OF CREATION

September 1 is the World Day of Prayer for Creation and the start of the Season of Creation. This day of prayer was established by Patriarch Dimitrios I for the Orthodox in 1989, and was then embraced by major Christian European churches in 2001 and by Pope Francis for the Roman Catholic Church in 2015. Pope Francis has issued a new statement for the day of prayer, calling for a “renewed and sound relationship between humanity and creation” and asking us to pay special attention to the issue of water.

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION NEWS & RESOURCES

Did you know that the First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa regularly suggests green events, actions, and resources? [Check out their awesome Climate Action page HERE!](#)

SACRED SPACES: AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE?

A conversation between Father Andrew Bennett and Shaykh Hamdi Ben Aissa on the importance of sacred spaces and their role in providing essential services. Friday, **September 9**, 8-9:30pm at The Rhoda Masjid and Spiritual Wellness Centre, 2871 Saint Joseph Blvd. For more information, [click here](#).



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Optimiste Park
Friday August 12th
4PM

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Saturday August 13th
12PM

Primrose Park
Saturday August 13th
2PM

To learn more, visit startswithhome.ca

Events at Galilee Centre, Arnprior

WOMEN OF FAITH – OUR PLACE IN THIS PLACE – POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 8

Saturday, **October 8**, 2022

9:00am -3:30pm

“Our Place in This Place”

We invite women of all faiths to join together in a day of learning and fellowship. This will be a time of connecting to the nature around us, connecting to the community we are a part of, and connecting to our bodies as we move in this place.

WALK OF AWARENESS

Around the grounds of Galilee and surrounding area 1st Friday of each month. Walks at 10:00 am on: September 2, October 7, November 4 and December 2.

To register for events at Galilee Centre, 398 John Street, North, Arnprior ON, call 613-623-4242, ext. 21 or email info@galileecentre.com. For more info, visit www.galileecentre.com.

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

Once upon a time, the Devil and a friend went for a walk. They saw a man ahead of them stoop down and pick up something from the road. "What did the man find?" asked the friend. "A piece of truth," said the Devil. "Doesn't that disturb you?" asked the friend. "No, it does not," the Devil said, "I shall allow him to make a religious belief out of it."

I'd like to suggest that the Devil has been particularly successful in giving us one piece of truth from which we have made a religious belief. We have been given the portrait of a benign and sweet, Jesus. We Christians have focused on passages like, "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart," and ignored the other passages such as, "I have come to bring, not peace, but division." In today's Gospel, we have just such a Christ, a demanding figure, the very Lord of division. The fact of the matter is that Jesus Christ generated hostility. We find the sentence, "They were seeking to kill him," more than once in the Gospels. You were either for or against Jesus. You either shouted "Alleluia!" or you shouted "Crucify him!" Jesus demanded that he not be treated with indifference and the logical fact of the matter is that true disciples of Jesus also generate hostility. Casting their lot with Jesus, they also create divisions in their families, as well as within their nations.

On August 9, 1943, the Nazis executed an Austrian peasant farmer; this is a story of a man who stood with Jesus, the Lord of division. He was not a spy. He was not part of any scheme to assassinate Hitler. He was, in fact, a young man of quite limited education. He was a devout Catholic who served as a sacristan in the village church. He was married and had three small children. His name was Franz Jagerstatter. This man became a man of division. He opposed the Nazis because he thought they were wrong. He voted "no" in the nearly unanimous plebiscite in 1938 that ratified the Nazi takeover of Austria. That made him different and noticed. He refused to take any assistance from the Nazi-controlled government. When inducted into military service during World War II, he refused to serve as a soldier in Hitler's army, knowing that the penalty for such a refusal was death. He was arrested, held in prison for a few months, and then beheaded. During the time of his resistance, divisions were rife. His pastor advised him to think of his duty to his country and, above all, to his family. His bishop felt that, though sincere, Franz was in error. Later on, when the war was over, the bishop refused to publish

articles about Franz in the diocesan newspaper on the grounds that such articles might create confusion and disturb consciences. People in his own hometown were divided in their feelings about him. Franz stood alone in his opposition to the Nazis. Even today, if you go to his village, you will find a war memorial dedicated to the fifty-six Catholics who died fighting in World War II on the Nazi side, but nothing for Franz. There was one silent witness to his heroism. There was a Catholic chaplain in the Brandenburg prison on the same day Franz was executed. That evening, the priest spoke with some Austrian nuns who were working in Berlin. He told them that he would never forget the joy shining in this man's eyes and the confidence with which he lived his final hours. The priest concluded by telling the sisters, "I can only congratulate you on this countryman of yours who lived as a saint and has now died a hero. I say with certainty that this simple man is the only saint that I have ever met in my lifetime."

Being a prophet means taking a stand. Taking a stand means causing division. You were either for or against Jagerstatter. You are either for or against Jesus Christ, the Lord of division. In a way, if we have never caused division in our lives or the lives of others, it may suggest a low level of Christianity. If we have not suffered for the truth, turning down a bribe, rejecting smut, refusing to one-up our neighbours; we may very well have only a small piece of the truth, a very small piece, at that. From our small piece, we have erected a whole religious belief.

VOCATION REFLECTION

"Do You Suppose That I Am Here To Bring Peace On Earth?"

by Susai Jesu, OMI - Vocation Team

The challenge of Jesus' words is validated by the few young people who show up for total discipleship in religious life or priesthood these days. "What will people think" is so deeply imbedded in them that young people are inhibited by a burning feeling of embarrassment of moving closer to Jesus. But if we trust the fire of Jesus' love for us, it will gently purify us of our shallow fears, and inflame us with that same wild love of Jesus for the world." Read the [reflection here](#).

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

The Scriptures today deal with the question of who gets into Heaven. In the first reading, we have a passage from Isaiah, a vision of people of all religions streaming towards Jerusalem, a symbol of the Kingdom of God. The early Church saw this vision as referring to the people who would be invited into the Kingdom of God. There would be people from the north, south, east and west, not just those who were part of the in-group. Luke was writing for a non-Jewish people and he was very well aware about the effect of the destruction of the temple and city of Jerusalem on the people he was addressing. The center of the Jewish religion had been destroyed and the chosen people were scattered all over the world. Notice that Jesus does not directly answer the question asked as to whether only a few would be saved. He goes on to say that not all those who thought they would be admitted to the Kingdom of God because of their race and background would be. There is no automatic entry into the promised land, or eternal life with Christ.

Here's a story about the question of who gets into the Kingdom of God. A man and his dog were walking along a road. It suddenly occurred to the man that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that his faithful dog had been dead for many years. After a while, they came to a stone wall along the road. He saw a magnificent gate, and the street was made from pure gold. He and his dog walked toward the gate and, as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk. He called out, "Excuse me, where are we?". "This is Heaven, sir," the man answered. "Wow! Would you happen to have some water? We have traveled far," the man said. "Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some water brought right up." The man gestured, and the gate began to open. "Can my friend," gesturing toward his dog, "come in, too?", the traveler asked. "I'm sorry, sir, but we don't accept pets." The man thought a moment, remembering all the years this dog remained loyal to him. He then continued on his way. After sometime, he came to a dirt road, which led through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he

approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book. "Excuse me!" he called, "Do you have any water? We have traveled far." "Yes, there's a faucet over there." The man pointed to a place that couldn't be seen from outside the gate. "Come on in and help yourself." "How about my friend here?" the traveler gestured to his dog. "There should be a bowl by the faucet; he is welcome to share." They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was a faucet with a bowl beside it. The traveler filled the bowl and took a drink himself, then he gave some to his dog. When they were full, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was waiting for them. "What do you call this place?" the traveler asked. "This is Heaven," was the answer. "Well, that's confusing", the traveler said. "The man down the road said that was Heaven, too". "Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? That's Hell". "Doesn't that make you mad?" "No, we're just happy that they screen out the folks who'd leave their best friends behind in exchange for material things. Remember who your true friends are! A friend is someone who knows the song in your heart and can sing it back to you when you have forgotten the words."

There is an Arabian proverb which says: "A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of kindness, blow the rest away."

Through our Baptism we are members of the new Chosen People. We are in a privileged position, but we cannot rely on that fact alone, nor can we rely on other things which, in the eyes of Christ, count for nothing: such as money, rank or status. We can count on nothing but on God's love and mercy. Catherine de Hueck Doherty once said: "In our times a lot of Catholics only profess to believe, but their deeds are opposed to their beliefs."

VOCATION REFLECTION

Read the [reflection for August 21 here](#). The reflection will be published on Wednesday, August 17th.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL (AUGUST 20/21)

That the Church may always be a bright light that leads people to find peace and happiness with God and their neighbours, we pray to the Lord.

That small and medium-sized businesses, in the midst of economic and social crisis, may find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities, we pray to the Lord.

That we be delivered from temptation and from those things that distract us from keeping focused on opportunities to grow closer to God, we pray to the Lord.

That, as another school year begins, students are filled with a love for learning and a desire to change the world for the better, we pray to the Lord.

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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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.