

# 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

## 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sept. 17/18, 2022



**The Burning Bush**  
Ex 3:1-12

**Listen to the  
Voice of Creation**  
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

## Pastor

Fr. Tim Coonen, OMI

Administrative Assistant

Heather Duggan

Pastoral Associate

Sr. Matilda Owolagba

Director of Religious Ed.

Adele Casuga Lalonde

## Pastoral Council

Cheryl Khoury

Meetings: 1st Thurs., 7:00pm

## Finance Committee

Joseph Duggan

## Development and Peace

Anna Dorner

## 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:** Isabella Boles, Pauline Bouchard, Judette Budden, Devin Bursey, Ping Cai, Sandy Cano, Kevin Dashney, John Dorner, Debbie Dufresne, Raul Esteban, Sue Garry, Sheila & Edward Gasnick, Amy Gertz, Eileen Kearns, Marg Lackie, Denis Laforest, Peter McAllister, Brian O'Connor, Frances Ann Smeaton, Chris Smith & family, Gus VanDam, and Barbara White

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the Church, that we may be good stewards of the gifts that God has given us and use them for God's glory, we pray to the Lord.

For the spirit of compassion for King Charles as he pledges to work for peace and stability in the world upon his coronation; and for those he advises in government, we pray to the Lord.

For the courage to learn about Indigenous Peoples in Canada: their culture and identity, and the gift and blessings of who they are as the First Peoples of this land, we pray to the Lord.

For the unemployed, the hungry, the displaced and the homeless, may they find the hand of God supporting them and comforting them through our generosity in the sharing of our abundance, we pray to the Lord.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Thurs., Sept. 22 Mr. and Mrs. Tony Brennan and Barbara by the family

Funeral Mass for John Kroetch on Tues., **Sept. 20th**, 11am at St. Joseph's Parish, 174 Wilbrod St.

# Our Parish News

## WALK FOR THE CENTRE

Join our Canadian Martyrs team for the Walk for the Centre on Sunday, **October 2nd** at 1:30pm starting at City Hall in support of the Centretown Emergency Food Centre. You can sponsor the team by [clicking here](#) or by using the sponsorship forms at the church.

The Walk-a-thon has been a celebration in solidarity, serving Christ in our neighbours. All are welcome to join us in this event. Thank you for your consideration. For more information: <https://www.centretownchurches.org/walkathon/>

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

If you have a child in grade 6 and up who would like to join us as we continue our faith journey together, our Confirmation preparation classes will take place once a week **beginning in October**. If you are interested in registering your child for the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Adele at 613-232-5347 or [religioused@canadianmartyrs.org](mailto:religioused@canadianmartyrs.org).

**Confirmation preparation leaders wanted!** Preparation classes will take place on Saturday afternoons, starting in October. If you are interested in joining the Confirmation prep team, or if you have a confirmed young person in your family in need of volunteer service hours, please contact Adele at [religioused@canadianmartyrs.org](mailto:religioused@canadianmartyrs.org).

## “LISTENING TO INDIGENOUS VOICES”

Join the parish’s “Listening to Indigenous Voices” study group and learn Indigenous perspectives on history and on righting relationships. The group will meet via Zoom from 7-8:30pm every second Monday, starting **October 3 to March 13** (no meeting on December 26). The study book costs \$25 and is available for purchase through Heather in the office or by online order from [ltiv.ca](http://ltiv.ca). For more info or to register for this group, please email Maureen at [maureen.cerroni@gmail.com](mailto:maureen.cerroni@gmail.com).

## SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Watch the Season of Creation video [by clicking here](#). [Creation Care School](#) is for Christians who want to get involved in environmental action and awareness in their own local church. When a whole faith community starts caring for Creation, your church gets new media coverage and youth want to participate. Start with a free course, then move on to other inspiring courses about ministry, theology and spirituality.

## 507 SANDWICH CLUB

The Centre 507 Sandwich Club is underway after taking a summer break. If you are interested in making sandwiches on Thursday nights in your home as part of our club, please contact Adele at [cm507@gmail.com](mailto:cm507@gmail.com). We have open spots available in October, November and December. Students can earn volunteer hours while making sandwiches at home (with parents doing quality assurance).

Donations for sandwich ingredients will be gratefully accepted. Please indicate on the envelope that the donation is for the 507 Sandwich Club. Thank you!

## CENTRE 507 AND THE CENTRETOWN EMERGENCY FOOD CENTRE

Many thanks to those who continue to donate items for Centre 507 and the Centretown Emergency Food Centre. Centre 507 is currently in need of razors, deodorant and toilet paper. The Centretown Emergency Food Centre’s ongoing needs include: peanut butter (small jars), canned fish, meat, stews, vegetables, soups and beans, cereals, dry pasta and canned pasta sauce, Kraft dinner, toothpaste and toothbrushes, and toilet paper. Please put your donations in the milk crates below the Welcome Table in the foyer of the church. Thank you!

## OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE – FALL PROGRAMS

Basic course (<https://ottawapastoralcare.com/wpcontent/uploads/2022/06/Fall-2022.Basic-Course-Brochure.pdf>), afternoon in-person, evening via Zoom, beginning Mon., **Sept. 19**. Continuing Education event, **Nov. 15**, 7-9pm via Zoom, [details here](#).

### Important Dates

**September 24/25: Feast of Canadian Martyrs**  
**Saturday, Oct. 1, 6pm: Pizza Night**

### AUGUST COLLECTION

Envelopes:	\$ 6,209.05
Direct Deposit (EFTs):	\$ 7,284.62
Canada Helps:	\$ 1,822.82
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$15,316.49</b>

Average monthly expenses: \$ 23,186.00

# Diocesan and Community News

## TAIZE PRAYERS

Taizé Prayers are held each month at Sacré-Coeur Parish, 591 Cumberland, Ottawa. The next one is scheduled on **September 22**, at 7:15 p.m. For more information, see the posters on the church bulletin boards or contact Sr Marie-Pierre : [taize@le460.org](mailto:taize@le460.org), 613-241-7515.

## OTTAWA SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & SPIRITUALITY

Course details for 2022 are available at [www.osts.ca](http://www.osts.ca). Hosted at Dominican University College, 96 Empress St, Ottawa (some courses available on Zoom). Four 5-week sessions each year beginning **Sept. 19, Oct. 31, Jan. 9 & Feb. 13**. Interfaith perspectives, Mondays, 7:30-9:30pm. Cost: \$75/term or \$140 per year.

## REMEMBER ME: A NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE, PARLIAMENT HILL, OTTAWA

Unite to remember the children, unite to support the survivors and empower the next generations of Indigenous Peoples. [The national event](#) held on **September 30th** from 9am to 12pm on Parliament Hill will be led by children for children with special guest speaker, Autumn Peltier.

## WALK THE JOHN A. MACDONALD PARKWAY

Indigenous Elder, Albert Dumont, invites all people across Turtle Island to join him on **September 30th** at 9am at the War Museum as he leads a walk on the John A. Macdonald Parkway. For more info, [click here](#).

## THE RECONCILING HISTORY WALKING TOUR

[The Reconciling History Walking Tour](#) is a free, self-guided walking route in downtown Ottawa. Each point of interest along the route is an opportunity to learn about the role of non-Indigenous peoples and the federal government in residential schools, and the lessons we can glean from history to address contemporary injustices experienced by Indigenous Peoples.

## ORANGE SHIRT DAY

In honour of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the Beechwood Cemetery Foundation is hosting a public Day of Reconciliation education and action on **September 30**, 9am-7pm, to learn from residential schools and other forms of colonialism, so we can all implement the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

## VOCATION REFLECTION

"They will welcome you into the tents of eternity" by Susai Jesu, OMI. Today's Gospel tells us how to live now in the hope of eternity. It is meant to engage us and make us see that the Gospel is about the most important decision we shall ever make. Jesus asks his followers to take more interest in their future than the steward of his parable took in his own. The steward ensures his own future by doing favours for others, but does this by cheating his master. Jesus commends him, not for his dishonesty, but for taking an interest in the future. The steward is able to look ahead and see that, after he is fired for his incompetence, he will have little prospect of getting another job. Basically, he foresees his future and thus provides for it. If our best future lies in heaven, then we all must take an active interest in our future.

Read the [reflection here](#).

## Events at Galilee Centre, Arnprior

### Programs:

**September 30** - National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Workshop

**October 8** - Women of Faith: Our Place in this Place, Day Retreat

**October 21 & 22** - "Be Not Afraid: Peace Be With You", Virtual Retreat

**November 24 & 25** - Advent Retreat

**Postponed** - Post Papal Visit Debrief, new date to be announced

### Events:

**October 6** - Octoberfest Luncheon

**November 10** - Food Bank Fundraiser Luncheon

**December 8** - Christmas Luncheon

**December 16** - Christmas Dinner and Radio Show Concert

**To register** for events at Galilee Centre, 398 John Street, North, Arnprior ON, 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).



## Walking the Path of Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples: Week 2

In light of Pope Francis's recent penitential pilgrimage to Canada and the upcoming National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on September 30, the Parish's Truth and Reconciliation Committee and the Liturgy Committee have planned themed liturgies for three weekends this month. The aim of this initiative is to help us focus on ways we can listen, learn and walk together for reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples in Canada.

The theme for this weekend (September 17/18) is Learning with Open Hearts. Parishioner Pamela Dixon, an Oblate Associate, will offer a reflection at Mass. We look forward to hearing Pam's thoughts on this theme.

We invite you to enter into this second of three themed weekend liturgies in a spirit of learning. Below you will find a prayer, a learning/reflection piece and an action for you to engage with during the week ahead. You may want to share your experience (and your feelings about it) with someone in your family, a fellow parishioner or a friend. Or you can make notes on your thoughts in a journal or on your phone.

### Prayer

Revealer of insight,  
Do not let me be satisfied to see only what is visible from my limited perspective.  
Grant me insatiable curiosity to understand what my neighbours can see  
from their different vantage points.  
Help me draw near to them, to walk with them, to see through their eyes,  
hear through their ears and to feel through their experience,  
so our shared horizons will be broadened. Amen.

### Action

Read, reflect on and commit to the Calls to Action. Explore [CBC's "Beyond 94" website](#), which monitors progress on the TRC's 94 calls to action and the related [teaching guide](#).

### Learning/Reflection

Read the 94 Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/indigenous-people/aboriginal-peoples-documents/calls\\_to\\_action\\_english2.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/indigenous-people/aboriginal-peoples-documents/calls_to_action_english2.pdf)

Q. "Instead of seeking to avoid or escape from pain, guilt, or shame, a healthy response is to recognize the real harm that has been done, grieve and lament the suffering caused, and seek to concretely atone for, make amends, and take action aimed at dismantling colonialism."

Next weekend's theme:  
*Walking Together on the Path of Reconciliation*

You're invited to wear **an orange shirt**  
to Mass on September 24/25.

Note: The reflection questions and suggested materials for this three-week initiative are drawn from the resource [\*Listening to Indigenous Voices: A Dialogue Guide on Justice and Right Relationships\*](#), by Jesuit Forum for Social Faith and Justice (Toronto: Novalis, 2021).

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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.