

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14/15, 2023



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Meetings: 1st Thurs., 7:00pm

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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](#)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

That today's readings and John's witness may strengthen our faith and encourage us to turn to the Holy Spirit in times of need, we pray to the Lord.

That peace and humanitarian aid for all those affected by conflict and natural disasters come to the many impacted areas around the globe, especially in Ukraine, Palestine, Iran and Nigeria, we pray to the Lord.

That, during these Canadian winter months, we remain mindful of our responsibility to God's creation by respecting our fragile environment and by doing our part to combat environmental pollution and climate change, we pray to the Lord.

That those who suffer from mental health issues, illness, poverty, and isolation, and that those who care for them may feel the power of God's presence in their lives.

We pray to the Lord.

That, after the joy of the Christmas season, we continue to give thanks to God for his gifts of faith and forgiveness and, in turn, be willing to forgive others, we pray to the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Carol Bazinet, Christina Beemans, Frank Chauvin, Kevin Dashney, John Dorner, Marigold Kenney, Rosie Payner

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Jan. 17 Frank Groten by the Duggan family; **Sat., Jan. 21** Catherine Allen by Robert and Brian Allen, Dan Kelly & Nora Koemstedt by Lorna Kelly; **Wed., Jan. 25** Rollie Goulet by Margaret Denny; **Sat., Jan. 28** Paul Cormier by Janice Staples

Mass intentions are available on weekday Masses and on Saturday Mass for a \$15.00 stipend. Please contact the office.

Our Parish News

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word is back! Please join us at 10am Mass on Sunday, **January 15** and Sunday, **January 29** for our first Children's Liturgies for 2023. Parents are welcome to participate with their young children. Please wear your favourite mask.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

This weekend, **January 14/15**, we are restarting the Prayer for the Sick list which appears in the bulletin and is read at Mass. Therefore, please contact the office to let Heather know if you would like your name or the name of your loved one(s) on the Prayer of the Sick list. Please also confirm, for privacy concerns, that you have permission to do so from the people whom you place on this list. The list does appear online on our website and the names are searchable.

DONATION ENVELOPE BOXES

Donation envelopes boxes for 2023 are available to be picked up in the church foyer. **Please note** that your envelope number may have changed this year.

LITTLE LENDING LIBRARIES

Need something new to read? Books have been added to our Little Lending Libraries in the foyer of the church. Please also check your bookcases at home for books that need to be returned. Thank you!

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

If you have a child in grade 2 and up who would like to join us for our First Reconciliation or First Communion preparation classes, our classes will take place once a week on Saturday afternoons beginning on **February 11**. If you are interested in registering your child, please contact Adele at 613-232-5347 or religioused@canadianmartyrs.org.

FAITH FORMATION COMMITTEE

The Faith Formation Committee was very active before the pandemic, organizing our monthly "Lunch and Learn" and other retreats/workshops. We are once again discussing the possibility of faith formation sessions. If you would like to help or have ideas for a workshop or a speaker, please email Matilda at parishlife@canadianmartyrs.org or call the office.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2023

If you use a box of donation envelopes for your donations to the church, you are familiar with the special collection envelopes that are scattered through your box. For those who donate by other methods, here is a list of the special collections up until Easter. The full list can be found on [our website](#).

Jan. 1: New Year's Day

Feb. 5: Heat

Feb. 26: Poor and Needy, Diocesan & Missionary Works

Mar. 26: Development and Peace

Apr. 7: Holy Land

Apr. 9: Easter Offering

OBLATE VOCATIONS VIRTUAL GATHERING

The Oblate Vocations team invites you to a virtual gathering, "OMG OMI: Always Close to the People" on **January 25** at 7:00pm. They will share with you the beginnings of the Oblates, about the pillars of the Oblate spirituality and how it's being lived by the ordinary, lay people in ordinary ways. Our hope is to inspire you to embrace an Oblate way of life, in your circumstances and reality. Please register for FREE here: <https://tinyurl.com/VirtualGatheringJan25>

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION WITH THE OTTAWA CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

If your child was born in 2019, it's time to register them for Kindergarten at the Ottawa Catholic School Board. More info, 3D tours, and registration help is [available here](#). Info: (613) 224-2222.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

This [one-hour walk through New Edinburgh](#) will take you along the Rideau River to a gorgeous waterfall; past several significant residences; and to some nice places to eat. In winter, you can even skate on one of Ottawa's most secret rinks!

The [Lansdowne Winter Market](#) inside the Aberdeen Pavilion at Lansdowne Park has opened for the season. It will run on Sundays from 10am to 3pm until April 30. Tickets are on sale now for the [Capital Hoops Classic](#), a double-header basketball game at the Arena at TD Place on Friday, **February 3**. It pits the men's and women's teams from uOttawa and Carleton University against each other.

Diocesan and Community News

THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

The Coldest Night of the Year, hosted by Jericho Road and the Capital City Mission, is a winterrific family-friendly walk to raise money for local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Join the walk on **February 25**: team up, fundraise, walk, and gather for good...because it's cold out there. For more information and to join the Challenge, [click here](#).

LISTENING TO INDIGENOUS VOICES

An in-person retreat, **January 20 -22**, offered by Kateri Native Ministry of Ottawa in collaboration with the Galilee Centre. You are invited to listen deeply to the reflections and stories of Indigenous knowledge-keepers and to listen deeply to one another as we open ourselves to the challenge of reconciliation and renewed relationships. [Click here](#) to register online, or call 613-623-4242 x 21 to register.

ENLARGE THE SPACE OF YOUR TENT

A virtual panel conversation on the continental stage of the Synod of Synodality, Tuesday, **January 31**, 6:30 - 8pm. This is part 1 of a series of virtual events to take place across Canada sponsored by the Galilee Centre, Star of the North Retreat Centre, Queen's House Retreat and Renewal Centre and Centre Oblat. Join with Most Reverend Paul-Andre, Archbishop of Gatineau and Sandy Prather, Provincial Animator of Oblate Associates, for an evening's exploration of the Synodal process, asking where it has been and where it is going. Register online by [clicking here](#).

MOTHER TERESA, DOCUMENTARY

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love, the newest documentary film from the Knights of Columbus, will return to Canadian cinemas in Ottawa, **January 22-23**. The documentary was released to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Mother Teresa's passing. The trailer and more information is [available here](#).

GRAND OPENING OF SHENG SHEN PASTORAL CENTRE AND CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

At 1187 Michael Street N., on Sunday, **January 22**. Mass at 11:30am and 1pm. There will be an official opening by Archbishop Marcel Damphousse. Come and join us in praising the Lord and in the celebrations. Info: 613-747-2080; parishoffice@ottawachinesecatholic.org.

LIVING WITH DEMENTIA?

Two workshops, presented by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church (**Wednesday, Jan. 25 and Feb. 15**) on Zoom are designed to answer questions you might have about the disease itself, and how to care for and maintain relationships with people with dementia. To receive the Zoom link, please contact office@standrewsottawa.ca or register through the form [linked here](#).

READING SCRIPTURE WITH OUR HEARTS

A Novalis webinar on **January 18** at 2pm to prepare for the Sunday of the Word of God (Jan. 22) with an exploration of Scripture and to see how God can speak to our hearts through his Word. Speaker: Fr. Gilles Mongeau, SJ, teaches systematic and pastoral theology at Regis College in Toronto; he is presently the assistant to the provincial and the director of formation for the Jesuits of Canada. To register (cost \$9.95) [click here](#).

Events at Galilee Centre, Arnprior

Programs:

January 5, 12, 19, 26 - *Sister Water and The Sultan* with Len Desroches

January 20-22 - *Listening to Indigenous Voices*

January 31 - *Enlarge the Space of Your Tent (Synodality)*

February 18 - *Women of Faith: Connecting in Relationship*

March 17-19 - *Catholic Devotionalism: Growing Up in Our Thinking* with Fr. Jim Clarke

September 15-17 - Retreat with Ron Rolheiser

Events:

January 12 - New Year's Luncheon

February 14 - Valentine's Day Luncheon

February 17 - *The Servant Girl* Play and Dinner

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 info: www.galileecentre.com.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Excerpt from a homily by Fr. Carl Kelly, OMI

As happens each year, the lectionary remains with Christmas themes (and with St. John's Gospel) for one more week. It is as if the church is still enjoying Christmas and is reluctant to move on to Ordinary Time and St. Matthew.

In today's Gospel, John invites us to "look" at Jesus; he reflects on his mission to proclaim Jesus to the world. We are invited to celebrate times when John the Baptist invites us to take a fresh look at Jesus "coming towards us". We are invited to celebrate our mission as parents, teachers, or friends to "proclaim" to the world that those in our care are sacred. "Jesus is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world". We say these words at every Mass, and we have become so accustomed to them that they no longer strike us as important as they really are. We can take the opportunity of this Sunday's reading to let them come alive for us. The words help us to appreciate those who have been for us "lambs of God" who "took away" the sin of our community. They are the people who have touched our lives and helped us to understand the words.

The expression, "he takes away the sin of the world", tells us that Jesus does not accept sin as inevitable, he wages war against it. We often say things like "we must hate sin but love the sinner", and "we pray for sinners". These are important sentiments but, in practice, they are used all too often to cover up the fact that we are not "taking away" some evil in our community. We celebrate the times when some person, event, or scripture passage challenged us to look again at Jesus taking away the sin of the world. Jesus takes away sin by being a "lamb of God". "Lamb" gives an impression of someone who is passive or someone who is meek and mild. Jesus was not that kind of person, and so we need to imagine a "lamb" who is powerful and energetic, and takes away sin from our community. It is a biblical image, not one we are accustomed to using.

The biblical tradition stresses two aspects of the lamb. First, his blood is shed as a source of life to others. The model is the lamb whose blood was sprinkled on the door posts on the night of the Exodus. Leaders are "lambs" to the extent that they are ready to accept the sufferings involved in leadership. What it tells us is that true leaders do not stand apart and are not afraid to make themselves vulnerable. They accept the suffering that goes with leadership: being criticized unfairly; being disappointed in people; and the occasional failure. Jesus

knows himself to be God's lamb; he knows he is secure in the hands of God.

John shares some reflections on his mission to proclaim Jesus. "He who sent me to baptize with water said: the man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptize with the Holy Spirit." "I have seen and I am the witness, he is the chosen one of God." It is not enough to say with our lips that someone is sacred; we must see and bear witness that this is the chosen one of God.

Today, we ask God to send us people like John the Baptist, who will tell us to focus on the Jesus among us who takes away the sin of the world. We ask the Lord to forgive us when we are afraid of being like Jesus: lambs led to the slaughter house as we take away the sins of the world. Send us John the Baptist to remind us of the day when your Spirit came down from Heaven and rested on us. We pray that your church will be truly John the Baptist saying to the world, "Look, there is the Lamb of God who transforms the world by taking away its sins". Today, we can look back on our lives and say, like John the Baptist, "Yes, I have seen, and I am the witness that Jesus is your Chosen One." When we minister to others, Lord, send us John the Baptist to remind us that we must see and be witnesses that your Spirit came down from Heaven. Lord, say to us, as you said to John the Baptist, that we will see the Spirit come down from Heaven and rest on them and baptize them with the Holy Spirit, where we only baptize with water.

VOCATION REFLECTION

"Pointing Toward 'The Other'" by Richard Beaudette, OMI - Vocation Team

Like John the Baptist, we have been called from birth. We are created in the divine image and called to be images of the divine in our world. John was quite clear – he was not the Messiah, he was the forerunner, he was to point to the Messiah when he came. Called to be images of the divine, we do not claim divinity, but point to the divine present in our world. Like John, we learn over and over who Jesus is and then strive to point out his presence among us, to make him known.

Read the full reflection [here](#).



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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 (outer coloured bag) and put them in the baskets under the table in the hall near the breezeway.