

# 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

## 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](#)

## Epiphany of the Lord January 7/8, 2023



## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For peace throughout the World, that the whole Church, under the leadership of Pope Francis, will be committed to working for and sustaining peace. We pray to the Lord.

For the silencing of all guns and bombs, and for the calming of every anxious heart, that peace will come to Ukraine, Palestine, Syria, South Sudan, Iran and the Congo. We pray to the Lord.

For the gift of hope as we start a new year relying on the prayers and example of Mary, Mother of God, that Christians who face persecution and all who are denied the right to freedom of religion will receive peace and justice. We pray to the Lord. For God's blessings upon this new year that is ahead of us, that God may keep us all close to his heart throughout all our days, we pray to the Lord.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Isabella Boles, Pauline Bouchard, Fr. Roy Boucher, Devin Bursey, Sandy Cano, Frank Chauvin, Tim Cull, Kevin Dashney, John Dorner, Debbie Dufresne, Raul Esteban, Sue Garry, Sheila & Edward Gasnick, Amy Gertz, Eileen Kearns, David Kidd, Marg Lackie, Denis Laforest, Peter McAllister, Rosie Payner, Frances Ann Smeaton, Chris Smith, Gus VanDam, and Barbara White.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Fri., Jan. 6** Donald Miller by Marion & Joe Lochnan; Jeff Kelly by Norina Morris; **Sat., Jan. 7** Paul Cormier by Janice Staples; **Thurs., Jan. 12** Madeleine Caille by Denise Remillard; **Fri., Jan. 13** Sandra Dewar by Norina Morris

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

# Our Parish News

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK

On the weekend of January 14/15, we will be 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.

## SATURDAY PIZZA NIGHT

The next pizza night is on Saturday, **January 7**. It has been decided to raise the cost of a slice of pizza to \$3.00. Along with a small subsidy from the parish, this increase in price will help cover the cost of the pizza and the continuation of this monthly parish social event.

## 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 **Feb. 11**. If you are interested in registering your child, please contact Adele at 613-232-5347 or [religioused@canadianmartyrs.org](mailto:religioused@canadianmartyrs.org).

## A WORD ON SYNODALITY

At a recent parish council retreat to discuss synodality and our parish, it was agreed that synodality is not about “doing” but about “being.” Not a “product” but a “process.” What does this mean for us at Canadian Martyrs? Well, amidst these busy days of activity, it means that we stop – just for a moment – and make that choice to become present to one another. It is as simple and as difficult as that. [Read the complete article by Sue-Anne Hess on the parish website.](#)

## 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 “Lunch and Learn”, please email Matilda at [parishlife@canadianmartyrs.org](mailto: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

## VOCATION REFLECTION

“Traveling With Purpose” by Jarek Pachocki, OMI - OMI Lacombe Canada - Vocation Director  
May the example of the Magi, as well as the wisdom of Indigenous elders, inspire us to embrace the journey of life with purpose. Let's read the stars that God presents to us. Let's ask the questions and clarify directions. The journey of discernment of our purpose, meaning and vocation in life begins with recognizing and answering the prompting of the heart. When God is calling us, we are required to answer with curiosity and courage, and to keep looking until we find it. Are you ready to take the first step? It will change your life forever!  
Read the full reflection [here](#).

## VOCATIONS CAFÉ/VIRTUAL GATHERING

Join the conversation at the next Vocations Café on Tues., **Jan. 10** at 6pm with Darcie Lich, Oblate Associate and the newest member of the OMI Lacombe Canada Vocation Team, about the vocation of a Catholic teacher. It will be live streamed on [fb.me/missionaryoblates](https://fb.me/missionaryoblates). The team is also preparing a virtual gathering for anyone who is interested in getting know more about the Oblates. Join us on Zoom on our Foundation Day, **Jan. 25** at 7pm. For more info, [click here](#).

# Diocesan and Community News

## IMAGINE A CANADA THROUGH THE LENS OF RECONCILIATION

The National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) is inviting youth across the nation to "Imagine a Canada through the lens of Reconciliation!" Youth from Kindergarten to Grade 12 and CÉGEP are invited to participate by submitting artwork, essays, videos, and music, as well as plans for community events, gatherings, workshops, permanent installations, and more... The sky is the limit! [Find out more here.](#)

## OTTAWA SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & SPIRITUALITY WINTER SEMESTER 2023

Courses have moved to an online format for winter 2023. The two 5-week sessions will run **Jan. 9 - Feb. 6**, and **Feb. 13 - Mar. 20**. Special offer: register a friend for free (restrictions apply). Please check the website for course descriptions: [www.osts.ca](http://www.osts.ca).

## THE COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR

The Coldest Night of the Year, hosted by Jericho Road and 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](#).

## QUEEN'S HOUSE CENTRE

Queen's House is an Oblate retreat and renewal centre in Saskatchewan that offers sacred space for self-reflection, encounter with others, and spiritual exploration. Nourish your mind. Nurture your spirit. Many of their programs are offered via Zoom. [Explore what they have to offer here.](#)

## CONVERSATIONS FOR OUR TIMES

Amidst the hateful divisive language in today's conflict-riddled world, real interreligious dialogue is essential. Our guide on this timely topic is the Canadian scholar Fr. Louis Roy, a Dominican with a doctorate from Cambridge University. He will talk about the sources of interreligious dialogue in Christianity. To register for this discussion on Sunday, **Jan. 8** at 2pm presented by St. Basil's parish, click on this [Zoom Link](#). For further info: [stbasilsparish@gmail.com](mailto:stbasilsparish@gmail.com) or (613) 729-5149.

## 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.

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Tubing: Comfortably seated on large inner tubes, you'll zoom down the slopes of the Outaouais at top speed. The whole family will enjoy this activity, which requires no special skills but provides maximum fun! [Here are five exceptional sliding sites to discover in the region.](#)

Discover Centretown: [Click here](#) for some of the quirky, fascinating, beautiful and/or enlightening places you can discover within a stone's throw of the Peace Tower in downtown Ottawa.

# 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](mailto:info@galileecentre.com). For info: [www.galileecentre.com](http://www.galileecentre.com).

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

In 1979, an Englishman, Kit Williams wrote a children's story, called "Masquerade". It was about three animals who set out to find their way to the sun. It was an interesting little book, but not enough to make it the popular bestseller it became. Over 2 million copies were sold worldwide. Not because of the story, but because of the paintings that were in the book. These paintings had clues to the exact location of a fabulous piece of jewelry in the shape of a golden hare. It was encrusted with diamonds and rubies and other precious stones. It was a valuable piece of jewelry. The pictures told people where the treasure was to be found. If you found the golden hare, it was yours to keep. It was a fascinating challenge for millions of people from all over the world. They went to England armed with metal detectors, shovels and rakes and began to dig up cemeteries, gardens even backyards, convinced they had the clues to the discovery of the golden hare.

Just over three years later, a man put together all the clues found in the paintings which had to be studied with wit, wisdom and intelligence to come up with the exact location. He found the treasure by putting together the clues. The paintings were brilliant, the detective work in solving the puzzles was masterful, and the reward was well worth the expense.

Today's Gospel tells of another search and happy conclusion. In the Gospels, the treasure is not a piece of jewelry, but a person, a child with his mother. The story of the discovery by the wise men is a story of searching through the Hebrew Scriptures, their own folklore and the stars in the sky for the clues. Everything led them to Bethlehem and there they found the child with his mother, Mary.

All the people we have met in the Gospel stories connected with the birth of Jesus either followed the clues given to them, or chose to ignore them. Joseph, Mary, the shepherds, they all discovered Jesus. Herod, the scribes, chief priests, they all tried to kill Jesus. Each person reacted to the signs they saw: some saw a threat, others saw a saviour.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, a Greek word meaning manifestation or revelation. God revealed himself, this time not to just the chosen people, but to all the world.

The first reading from Isaiah gives the historical background and perspective. It tells the people that kings and their followers would come from all over the world

to worship the one true God. God has made himself known to people of goodwill from any place, any race, any background. Anyone who is willing to search and accept what they find. In order to discover Jesus, the wise men had to use their knowledge, goodwill, perseverance and courage. That is true today, as well. Some find Christ; others, like Herod, are afraid that if they find Christ, their lives will be changed or threatened.

Today's Gospel has another lesson for us. The three wise men brought gifts which corresponded to what they believed the child was. They brought gold, which said he was a king. They brought incense, he was to be worshiped. They brought myrrh, an ointment used in embalming a dead body: he would die. They saw the child as a king who was God, who would die for his people. Years later, in one of the turning points of his public life, Jesus asked his disciples: "Who do you say I am?" Peter's answer was: "You are Christ, the Lord." The Christmas story calls on each of us to answer the same question. For the shepherds, who did they say he was, and what did they do? The wise men from the East came as described in today's Gospel. The wise men from Jerusalem didn't even look. They had the information, and they gave it away. The wise men, using the science of the day and their knowledge of Scripture found Jesus. The scribes did not.

Today's feast reminds us that God continues to reveal himself. Some discover him, others do not. With today's Mass, we come to the end of the Christmas story. The story has been told in parts over the last few weeks. We are invited to reflect on the meaning of Christmas. Not just the stories, but the meaning behind the stories. Like the clues in the children's story, "Masquerade", there are real clues, and there is real treasure to be found. God continues to reveal himself to us. He is still to be found. And the gifts we bring tell what we believe Jesus, the Christ, is to be for us.





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