

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 10:45am

Saturday at 4:15pm

or call the office

Pastor

Fr. Tim Coonen, OMI

Administrative Assistant

Heather Duggan

Pastoral Associate

Sr. Matilda Owolagba

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Pastoral Council

Sue-Anne Hess

Meetings: 1st Thurs., 7:00pm

Finance Committee

Joseph Duggan

Development and Peace

Contact office

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](#)

Pentecost Sunday

May 27/28, 2023



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the Church, that we may faithfully confess Jesus as Lord and be guided by the Holy Spirit to continue the mission of Christ in our time. We pray to the Lord.

For a Spirit of wisdom for all government and business leaders, that they may develop policies that promote the common good and inclusion of all in society. We pray to the Lord.

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Prompted by the Spirit, we ask God's gentle comfort to those who have lost worldly possessions, and have little to return to after being evacuated because of the wildfires in western Canada. We pray to the Lord.

For a Spirit of reverence, that all hearts may recognize God as creator and work to protect and preserve God's gift of creation, our common home. We pray to the Lord.

For a Spirit of hope, that all who are overwhelmed by life may find new reasons to live this day and be gifted with a vision of all that could be tomorrow. We pray to the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Carol Bazinet, Isabella Boles, Devin Bursey, Sandy Cano, Frank Chauvin, Kevin Dashney, Eileen De Rosayro, Ken Hart, Eileen Kearns, Sharon Kelly, Marigold Kenney, Sr. Shelley Lawrence, Jeff Stadtmueller

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., May 27 Lorna Kelly by Jane Bergin-Molino & Mary Bergin-Emery; **Sat., June 3** Edith Colton by Maryalice Nugent

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

Our Parish News

A TRUTH & RECONCILIATION PRESENTATION: "THE SHADOW OF WARSHIP"

Spaces are still available! [Register for this presentation](#) on **June 3**, 10am - 1pm, at the parish centre. Donna Naughton, Anishinaabe Kwe from Pic River First Nation and Executive Director of Kateri Native Ministry, and Gerry Kelly, Manager of Spiritual Programs at Galilee Center, present "The Shadow of Wardship" to deepen our understanding of the legacy of Indigenous people living under government wardship.

PIZZA NIGHT, JUNE 3

Join us for the last pizza night this spring after Saturday Mass, **June 3**. Pizza nights will return in September!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

The Pastoral Parish Council and the Pastoral Team sincerely appreciate all the volunteers who devote their time and energy to making our parish such a strong community. In appreciation for the work done by our volunteers, there will be a special blessing for all our volunteers at the Masses on the weekend of June 10/11, with a special reception to follow the Mass on Sunday, **June 11**.

MASS ON THE GRASS

Mark your calendars! Mass on the Grass returns on Sunday, **June 18th**! We will have Mass on the lawn at Immaculata High School and then enjoy a BBQ in our parking lot. [Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church and at the entrances to the church or email the office.](#) We need to know how many hamburgers and hotdogs to buy. [We are also looking for a few volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up.](#)

LAUDATO SI', THE LETTER

The Faith Formation committee was happy to host its first "Lunch & Learn" session, after a three year hiatus. On May 21, after Sunday Mass, we viewed the film, *The Letter*, where five people from around the globe are invited to dialogue with Pope Francis, to discuss how they are affected by climate change. These individuals, from various faiths, were asked to act as a voice for the youth, the Indigenous, the poor, the scientists and wildlife. By witnessing the devastating impacts that climate change has on these various groups, viewers are encouraged to take action, to advocate for those who are most affected. After our screening, the group was able to participate in a discussion, to suggest courses of action that could be taken

by individuals in our parish, and possibly the formation of a Climate Action Group, based on the concepts and values imparted in the Holy Father's encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. If you were unable to join us at our "Lunch & Learn" screening, you can view *The Letter* on [YouTube](#), or at [TheLetterFilm.org](#).

PRIDE FLAG

Our recent synodal conversations have once again highlighted Canadian Martyrs' culture of welcome and inclusivity. We also understand that, historically, there are many people who have not felt that sense of belonging in the Church. For this reason, the Parish Pastoral Council has agreed that we will display the Pride Flag in the breezeway for the month of June, in recognition of Pride Month. This is a reaffirmation of our belief that we are all beloved Children of God, and deserving of a caring community space. In addition, we are researching the purchase and installation of a second flagpole for the exterior of the building to ensure that we can consistently fly our Canadian flag. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

VOCATION REFLECTION

"Peace Be With You"

by Serena Shaw, Oblate Associate, Vocation Team
And so Jesus reminds the disciples and us to forgive each other and to share peace, even with those that mean us harm. Being a Christian isn't easy; it is not for the faint of heart. We must share peace, not just by shaking hands at Mass, but by creating an atmosphere of welcome, mercy and love. We will hurt each other as we try to live in community, and we will need to forgive each other. However, we must remember that this is necessary. We are called to be different; this is how we will be the best community we can be. Peace be with you.

Read [the full reflection here](#).

MEETINGS/EVENTS

- May 28:** Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10am
- June 3:** The Shadow of Wardship, 10am
- June 3:** Pizza Night after Mass, 6pm
- June 11:** Volunteer appreciation, after 10am Mass
- June 18:** Mass on the Grass and BBQ, 10am

Diocesan and Community News

SAFEGUARDING CREATION COURSE

How can I integrate the message of *Laudato Si'*? In my personal life? at church? in the world? By the end of this free mini-course, you will be able to: name the 5 major concepts of the encyclical, identify 3 new insights, cite 10 surprising facts, explore the structure of the encyclical to better understand its meaning and clarify the meaning of 'integral ecology'. [Enroll for free](#) and take this course during *Laudato Si'* Week or whenever you have time!

DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Day of reconciliation for handicapped adults and seniors hosted by the Legion of Mary members at St. George's Parish, 415 Piccadilly Ave, **June 17**, 9:30am to 1:00pm. Legion of Mary prayers, rosary and confessions. This will be Fr. Michael El-Nachef's first Mass after Ordination. Lunch provided. For more info contact: Cheryl Clingaman, 613-728-5687 cclingaman@gmail.com

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

The non-profit YMCA Summer Work Student Exchange Program is looking for members of the community to host 16- and 17-year-old exchange students from Québec for 6 weeks from **July 1 - August 12**. Volunteers provide lodging and meals for their youth participant while they get to learn more about your family and culture. This low-barrier program is a valuable opportunity for Canadian students to travel and practice their second language in another community, while working at a summer job placement. The program relies on generous community members who are willing to welcome a student into their home for 6 weeks! To learn more about how to host, reach out by e-mail before May 31 to abby.traina@ymcagta.org, or visit swse.ymcagta.org/hosting.

SUMMER SOLSTICE INDIGENOUS FESTIVAL

From **June 21 - 25**, experience some of Canada's best Indigenous talent through music, dance, workshops, food and more at this free, family-friendly event. The [Ottawa Summer Solstice Indigenous Festival](#) celebrates Indigenous peoples' culture and heritage through a variety of programming such as creative workshops, education days, traditional knowledge, culinary experiences, a movie night, and the popular Competition Pow Wow, featuring live music and dance performances. This festival is one of four seasonal events hosted by and held at Indigenous Experiences' Mādahòki Farm, a rural space within the greenbelt just south of downtown Ottawa.

RETREAT OF ANOINTING AND HEALING

St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal is organizing an evening retreat of anointing and healing in English. The event will take place on Monday, **July 17** from 6 to 9pm in the Basilica at St. Joseph's Oratory. This is a rare opportunity to meet the amazing Catholic priest, Fr. Xavier Khan Vattayil, PDM, who has gifts of the Holy Spirit. He is a world-renowned preacher. During the retreat, the Major Reliquary of Saint André Bessette will be exposed for veneration. There will also be anointing and blessing with the oil of St. Joseph. Cost: \$10 [Click here to register](#).

WALK FOR THE CENTRE: SAVE THE DATE!

Walk for the Centre is back for its 8th year! Walk the scenic route, along the Queen Elizabeth Pathway starting at City Hall, on **October 1** in support of the newly named Centretown Community Food Centre. Please save this date! Thank you for your support!

Events at Galilee Centre, Arnprior

June 22: BBQ Summer Luncheon, reservations required

June 27-28: Mindfulness in the Labyrinth - A Walking Meditation Retreat, Facilitator: Susan Kehoe

July 1: \$10 Strawberry Social, 1pm

June 2, July 7, August 4: Monthly Walk of Awareness, First Friday of Each Month

August 20-27: 7-day Directed Retreat

September 15: Fr. Ron Rolheiser Public Lecture Event, 7pm, "Walking in Light and Walking in Darkness"

Cost: \$35 in person or virtually

September 16-17: Fr. Ron Rolheiser Retreat: "Spirituality and the Seasons of our Lives". More info: [click here](#).

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 and cost of programs: www.galileecentre.com.

Laudato Si' Week

May 21-28



“We humans are all in relationship with God. God is the Creator and we are creatures whom God creates. When we pray, we pay attention to that relationship, learn about it, grow in it, get reshaped and renewed by it. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis implored and guided us to pay much more attention. We humans should pay attention to our relationships to each other and to all the rest of the created order as well as to God.”

(Cardinal Michael Czerny, SJ, Prefect of Vatican Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development)

“Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.”

- Pope Francis

Prayer for Our Earth (from *Laudato Si'*)

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature,

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace. Amen.



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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 Community Food Centre are collected on an on-going basis. Please place food items in the crates in the church foyer.

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.