

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

Director of Religious Ed.

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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](#)

Trinity Sunday

June 3/4, 2023



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

That in embracing the teachings of the living Christ, we can fully love all our companions on the journey and find ourselves in communion with them in eternal life, we pray to the Lord.

For our leaders, religious and secular, that they are inspired by the radical love that Jesus taught us and that they lead us to a path of engaged learning and justice, we pray to the Lord.

That we rejoice and strive with all members of our community to live in peace and that we encourage one another to fully develop as members of an inclusive and open faith, we pray to the Lord.

That we may grow in our steadfast pursuit of justice and righteousness as reflected in the ten commandments, 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, Eileen Kearns, Sharon Kelly, Marigold Kenney, Jeff Stadtmueller, Ravi Tangudu

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., June 3 Edith Colton by Maryalice Nugent; **Sat., June 10** Carmel Thorne by Gerarda Staples and family;

Tues., June 13 Rita Denny by Margaret Denny; **Sat., June 17** Ron Kasiban by Janet Kasiban

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

Our Parish News

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.**

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. Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office or any member of the Parish Pastoral Council.

YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group met last week and watched the *Laudato Si'* water video panel discussion, *Water and Spirituality*. This discussion is a fascinating "mosaic" of several different religious communities and how they view and cherish water. If you are interested, the recording can be found directly on [YouTube](#). The next meeting for the Youth Group will be on Friday, **June 23** at 7pm to plan their activities for the fall.

TOWARDS FULL PRESENCE

"Towards Full Presence" is the title of a document released by the Dicastery for Communication that offers a pastoral reflection on people's engagement in the digital world. The publication aims to generate a dialogue on how to make this ecosystem more human. Inspired by the parable of the Good Samaritan, the document offers an opportunity to begin a shared reflection on how to promote a culture of being "loving neighbours" also in the digital world. Read the [full document here](#).

VOCATION REFLECTION

"To be closer to God, be closer to people"

by Susai Jesu, OMI, Vocation Team

There is a saying, "To be closer to God, be closer to people." A call to religious life, as a brother or sister, is a call to enter into a community of persons not chosen by us, but by God. We then learn to love one another and share our life with others, and this becomes an icon of our God as an intimate and loving relationship here on Earth. We are actually given the opportunity to build up the reign of God here on Earth by our life together, forgiving all slights and apologizing for any of our hurtful behaviour, as we become an icon of who our God is - a life-giving community meant to be shared with all humanity. Read [the full reflection](#).

VOCATIONS CAFE

Fr. Jarek Pachocki, OMI, Vocation Director, is chatting with Fr. James Martin, SJ, on **June 6**, at 11am, about his vocation as a Jesuit and ministry with LGBTQ+ Catholics. Fr. Martin is an acclaimed author, editor at large of *American Magazine*, and was appointed by Pope Francis as a consultant for the Vatican's Secretariat for Communications. Fr. Martin has had two private audiences with Pope Francis to discuss his work with LGBTQ+ Catholics. Join the [conversation online](#).

MAY COLLECTION

Collection:	\$ 10,538.85
Direct Deposit (EFT):	\$ 7,160.00
Canada Helps:	\$ 2,104.04
Total:	\$ 19,802.89

MEETINGS/EVENTS

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

DOORS OPEN OTTAWA

Ever wanted a glimpse inside an embassy or a Hindu temple? Curious about what goes on at the OC Transpo Simulator Facility or your local fire station? This weekend is your chance to see inside dozens of the capital's buildings during [Doors Open Ottawa](#) (**June 3 and 4**). The free event—one of the largest Doors Open events in North America—features everything from a former prime ministerial residence (Laurier House) to the Ottawa Humane Society.

CARE FOR CREATION NEWS

Did you know that Ontario Farmland is lost at the rate of 319 acres/per day? Are you aware that there is a Bill 97 scheduled for a vote on **June 5** which will accelerate the loss of agricultural land and impact the work of conservation organizations caring for the health of our environment? For more details on how you can take action and email your MPP, [click here](#).

CARTY HOUSE TRIVIA NIGHT

Join the fun and help out Carty House – a first home and helping hand for female refugees in Ottawa on Friday, **June 9**, 7:30-9:30pm (Online). Trivia theme: Commercials! \$20/player, \$10/student; tickets at: [Cartyhouse.org](#)
Questions? Outreach@Cartyhouse.org

CONVERSATION FOR OUR TIMES:

Sunday, **June 11**, 2023, at 2:30 p.m.
“Sexuality and Catholic Thought: Flourishing Bodies” with Dr. Doris Kieser. Sexuality is intrinsic to being human. In our current social context, we encounter a variety of perspectives regarding what it means to be sexual. We will explore Catholic thought about sexuality itself in the context of contemporary culture and we will

consider how Pope Francis has responded to the ongoing evolution of our understanding of sexuality. For more info and to register, [click here](#).

FOOD CENTRE OPEN HOUSE

Grateful for your ongoing support, the Centretown Community Food Centre invites you to their Open House to see and celebrate their new location in the City of Ottawa's Catherine Street Community Service Hub on Thursday, **June 15**, drop in from 2 - 4pm at 370 Catherine Street. Refreshments will be served! Please RSVP by June 12 to info@cefcottawa.org.

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' Mādahōki Farm, a rural space within the greenbelt just south of downtown Ottawa.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JUNE

For the abolition of torture: Let us pray that the international community may commit itself concretely to abolishing torture, guaranteeing support to victims and their families.

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.

What a Child Taught St. Augustine at the Seashore

It was around the year 415 and St. Augustine was walking along the beach on a bright, sunny day. He was frustrated, having taken a break from working on what's become known as one of his greatest doctrinal contributions to the Church, *De Trinitate*, or "On the Trinity." The subject matter had left him bleary-eyed – in need of fresh air. It was in this moment, as the frothy tide rushed out, that a little boy caught St. Augustine's eye. The freckle-faced child had a determined, furrowed brow. He was clearly up to something, running back-and-forth, back-and-forth, between the sea and a tiny hole in the ground. "My son," St. Augustine called over the crashing waves, "What are you doing there?". The boy held up the pink shell he was using to move water, "I'm trying to fit that great big ocean into this tiny hole," he yelled, pointing assertively at the sand. St. Augustine smiled, charmed by the child's innocence, his bright eyes, the way sunlight shone in his curly hair. He then followed the boy to kneel beside the tiny hole, watching him spill out a few meager drops.

"My child," the bishop of Hippo broke the news gently, turning the boy's skinny shoulders to face the sea. He then spread his own arms wide. "You could never fit this great, magnificent ocean into that tiny hole!" The child didn't flinch, but responded quickly: "And you could never possibly understand the Holy Trinity." Then in a flash, the boy disappeared.

"We can never understand these mysteries all at once" (much like the ocean – where scientists discover new life all the time). "But if we open our minds to God, he reveals himself to us bit by bit." Read [the full article by Sarah Robsdottir here](#).

Pentecost Sunday Land Acknowledgment

Welcome to our Pentecost Sunday Mass where we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, which has a special significance for our Land Acknowledgment. So let us begin by acknowledging the traditional, unceded and unsundered territory of the Anishinaabe people where we gather today.

Thousands of years ago, the Anishinaabe ancestors became the first people to live on this part of the North American continent. At that time, the Holy Spirit, or the Great Spirit, Gitche Manito was already present in this land well before our settler ancestors arrived. The Great Spirit was working here from the very beginning and was encountered or experienced by the Anishinaabe people in their own stories about God – an Anishinaabe first testament. As there is only one Holy Spirit, we accept a fundamental respect for this land and each language, culture, and spirituality that arises from it. Anishinaabe stories and culture are the gifts of the Holy Spirit and teach us about our Creator God.

And what those stories teach us is that the land itself is a gift from Gitche Manito – the land is to be respected and shared and protected for future generations. The Anishinaabe have lived in harmony and in unity with this land, learning how to read the land and move in concert with the seasons – harvesting goods and medicines from it in a balanced way, taking only what was needed and leaving the rest for future generations. Let us remember that they shared their goods and medicine from the land with our settler ancestors when they arrived here hungry, thirsty, and ill. They taught our ancestors how to survive their first winters and years on this land.

Let us also acknowledge our gratitude to the land for what it gives us. We are blessed with walks along the canal or the Rideau River which host waterfowl and shore creatures; the perfumes of lilac and crab apple trees that carry through the neighbourhood in this season, and gardens flowering everywhere. In return, let's recognize our need to protect this land – taking actions that range from picking up litter on our walks to advocating for conservation of wild areas and creation of healing forests.

This Land Acknowledgment is our collective call to action – it is about community – so let's think about what each one of us can do to protect it!

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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.