

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

**21st and 22nd Sundays in Ordinary Time
August 26/27 and September 2/3, 2023**



Pastor

Fr. Tim Coonen, OMI

Administrative Assistant

Heather Duggan

Pastoral Associate

Sr. Matilda Owolagba

Director of Religious Ed.

Adele Casuga Lalonde

Pastoral Council

Sue-Anne Hess

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](#)

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

That the Church continues to find common ground among all Christians and establishes good relations with all world religions, we pray to the Lord.

For world leaders, that they make greater efforts towards peaceful solutions to armed conflict, and do more to protect the poor, the unemployed, the mentally ill, and members of religious and other minorities, we pray to the Lord.

For the courageous emergency responders, firefighters, medics, and others in our country, who are working at great risk to protect our forests and our communities, and for the thousands of people, who have had to flee their homes due to fire and flooding, we pray to the Lord.

That we may be compassionate and forgiving to anyone who may offend us, whether family or strangers, and that we see the face of Christ in the homeless that we encounter on our streets, we pray to the Lord.

For Leo and Adrian, who are being baptized this weekend, that with the support of their families and this community, they become joyful witnesses to the Good News, we pray to the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Carol Bazinet, Louise Blanchett-Smith, Isabella Boles, Devin Bursey, Sandy Cano, Frank Chauvin, Kevin Dashney, Eileen De Rosayro, Eileen Kearns, Michael Kearns, Marigold Kenney, Carrie Plamann, Fr. Ron Rolheisser and Jeff Stadtmueller.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., August 26 Fred Miller by Nicole Lance; **Tues., August 29** Corazia Lecci by Marina and Jim Lamont; John Smart by Pat Smart; **Thurs., August 31** Dr. Peter & Mrs. Antoinette Prud'homme by the Prud'homme family

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

Our Parish News

THE EPISTLE NEWSLETTER

Do you or your parish committee or group have information or thoughts to share in *The Epistle* newsletter? Send your articles and photos to office@canadianmartyrs.org by **September 17** for our September 2023 issue.

SEASON OF CREATION

“Let Justice and Peace Flow.”

The Season of Creation begins on **September 1**, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on **October 4**, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology, beloved by many Christian denominations. [Here are several ideas to stimulate your personal and collective reflections and actions.](#)

Participate in the Season of Creation opening prayer that will take place on **September 1**, the day we celebrate the Feast of Creation, [streaming in English on YouTube.](#)

THE SHADOW OF WARDSHIP

Our T&R committee invites you to participate in a presentation by the Kateri Native Ministry on the legacy of Indigenous people living under government wardship. “The Shadow of Wardship” presentation takes place on Saturday, **September 9** from 10am to 1pm in the parish center. Freewill donation. To register, please email maureen.cerroni@gmail.com.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children’s Liturgy of the Word will be resuming after the summer break! Our first Children’s Liturgy will take place on **September 10**, at 10am Sunday mass. We will break open the Word, discuss, reflect and pray together in a safe and comfortable environment. Barring any changes, we will gather on the first, second, fourth (and fifth) Sunday of each month. Children aged 4 and up are welcome to join us, and younger ones can attend with a parent. You can check our Instagram and Facebook posts each week for a preview of the reading for the week.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Join us for Lunch and Learn on Sunday, **September 17** after Mass. Our guest speakers will be Sahada Alolo, from the Multifaith Housing Initiative, and Corry Wink from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. They will present Dream Lebreton Flats, a project to provide affordable housing for vulnerable people in our community. Please see the poster on the bulletin boards for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Here are a few volunteer opportunities at the parish: [Faith Formation Committee](#), which plans and organizes events and speakers, regarding topics that reflect the interests of parishioners, and help to increase knowledge and understanding of our faith.

[Altar Servers](#) will also be making a reappearance! If you have a child who has received their First Communion and is interested in altar serving, please contact the office. Training will be on Saturday, **September 23** at 10:30am (with a pizza lunch!)

Do you want to help spread the good news about what’s happening at Canadian Martyrs parish? The [Communications Committee](#) would love to hear from you! This committee produces the quarterly Epistle newsletter, supports other committees and connects with the local neighbourhood about all that our parish offers. Our [Pastoral Care Team](#) is looking for volunteers to help with visits to retirement residences and to parishioners’ homes. A 10-week Basic Course in Pastoral Care offered by the [Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program](#) will begin on Monday, **September 18** and run weekly until November 27 (excluding Thanksgiving Monday) in-person from 1-3:30pm or on Zoom from 7-9:15pm. For more info and to register, please [click here](#). There are also brochures on the Welcome Table in the church foyer.

If you are interested in helping with any of these ministries, please call or [email](#) the office. You can also find more information on volunteer opportunities on the Welcome Table in the church foyer.

VOCATION REFLECTION

“Hiding in Plain Sight”

by Serena Shaw, Oblate Associate

Jesus is praising Peter for being open to seeing God, not in the concrete, but in the abstract. Peter trusted in God’s revelation, and because of this, Jesus told him how great his reward would be. It is on this trust and faith that the Church will be built. Wanting proof that things are real is not wrong, but when it comes to faith, there needs to be a belief that God is here for us. This will only happen if we are willing to see God and acknowledge when he reveals himself to us; this is our responsibility. God is hiding in plain sight, but what will we do with that? As people of faith, we must be open to new ways of seeing and hearing from God. This is the only way we can be sure we to follow God’s will in our lives. Read [the full reflection](#). The Vocation Reflection for September 2/3 can be found at the same link. The reflections are published on Wednesdays.

Diocesan and Community News

BEST BALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Ottawa and the Multifaith Housing Initiative are hosting a “best ball” golf tournament on Monday, **August 28** at Pineview Golf Club, to raise funds for affordable housing for Ottawa’s Indigenous People (The Dream Project). Individuals and teams of 4 are invited to register at a cost of \$140 per person, which includes the game, cart, lunch and prizes. There will also be a tax receipt of \$50 for the donation portion. Please call Brian Miller at 613-225-7745 or email ssvpcta@gmail.com or visit ssvpottawa.ca to register or get more information.

THE WAY OF BEAUTY

In September, the CCCB Office for Evangelization and Catechesis will host a webinar series, titled “The Way of Beauty: Encountering Jesus in Scripture and the Arts”.

The three sessions will be:

1. “Beauty and Catechesis”: Dr. Jem Sullivan
Thursday, **September 7** from 1:00-2:30 pm
2. “Beauty and Evangelization”: Mr. David Dayler
Thursday, **September 14** from 1:00-2:30 pm
3. “Beauty and Liturgy”: Fr. Paul Massel
Thursday **September 21** from 1:00-2:30 pm

If you wish to attend any of the webinar sessions or to be notified when session recordings are made available, please [register now](#).

BLUE DOOR GALA

The [Ottawa Mission’s signature event](#) is back in person this year on Thursday, **November 9** at the Infinity Convention Centre, 2901 Gibford Drive. Early bird pricing from August 10 - September 30. Don’t miss this opportunity to attend one of the most uplifting events in Ottawa. To reserve a ticket, [click here](#) or call 613-234-1155.

VISIT NOTRE-DAME CATHEDRAL

Notre-Dame Cathedral offers English and French tours most days. Tickets are just \$10. [Click here for tour hours](#). And visit Café des Tours located in the lower level of the cathedral. Current hours of operation are Tues. to Sat. 9am-5pm and Sun. from 1pm-5pm.

PARLIAMENT: THE IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE

A 45-minute self-guided tour that lets you explore the main Parliament Building, also called Centre Block, in an innovative experience that includes an exhibition and a 360° multimedia show. Tickets are free of charge but must [be reserved](#).

MASTERS INDIGENOUS GAMES

Over 600 Indigenous athletes will compete in different sports including; Athletics, Basketball, Canoe/Kayak, Golf, Lacrosse and Volleyball. [Competitions](#) will take place in 6 sport venues across Ottawa with free entry to the public. A [Cultural Festival, which includes a Friendship Walk/Run](#), will take place at Lansdowne Park from **Friday, August 25 to Sunday August 27**, and will feature interactive sport demonstrations, an Indigenous marketplace, food trucks, a main stage showcasing Indigenous performers and immersive cultural experiences; the festival is free of charge and open to the public.



Events at Galilee Centre, Arnprior

September 10: Galilee Centre Open House

2-4 pm. Free. Tours of the house and grounds, coffee and treats, presentations, information about upcoming programs and volunteer opportunities.

September 14: Fall Luncheon, Reservations required.

September 15-17: Fr. Ron Rolheiser’s Lecture and Retreat is changed to a virtual presentation. Participants are still welcome to gather at Galilee Centre to take part in the retreat. All current registrants will be contacted by a member of the Galilee staff to discuss options.

October 3-4: Mindfulness in the Labyrinth: A Walking Meditation Retreat, Facilitator: Susan Kehoe

October 11: Luminary Walk Fundraiser Event: An illuminated walk of the labyrinth, music by cellist, Patrick Kline, 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 and cost of programs: www.galileecentre.com.

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PARISH REGISTRATION: The registration form is available at the back of the church or can be accessed at <http://canadianmartyrs.org/register/>.

DONATIONS: Forms are available on the Welcome Table in the church foyer if you wish to make donations through direct deposit. If you wish to donate via credit card through Canada Helps, [please click here](#). Please call the office if you would like a box of offering envelopes. Thank you!

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the office to inform us of shut-ins or people in hospital so that we can arrange to bring Holy Communion and administer the Sacrament of the Sick, if desired.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please contact the office to schedule a baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please contact the office to set up an interview with our pastor. It is recommended that the first contact be a minimum of 6 months before the wedding.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES: The minutes of Parish Pastoral Council meetings can be [found here](#) and on the Welcome Table.

FOOD DONATIONS: 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 the outer coloured bags and put them in the baskets under the table in the hall near the breezeway.

507 SANDWICH CLUB: If you are interested in volunteering for the 507 Sandwich Club, [please click here](#). If you would like to donate towards the sandwich ingredients, [please click here](#) (choose 507 Sandwich Club fund).