

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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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](#)

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
3rd Sunday in the Season of Creation
September 16/17, 2023**



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the entire Church, as we continue our worldwide journey in the Synod on Synodality, that we become instruments in the hands of the Spirit, who guides the renewal of the synodal Church. We pray to the Lord.

For our parish, as we celebrate the Season of Creation, that we may grow in appreciation and respect for our Common Home, and increase our efforts to protect it. We pray to the Lord.

For those who are facing health challenges, or who are in hospitals or in long-term care facilities, that they be granted peace of mind, and may the grace of God accompany them on their final journey. We pray to the Lord.

For the many people whose lives and livelihoods have been swept away by fires, earthquakes, and floods, that they may have the courage and resources to rebuild their lives and their communities. We pray to the Lord.

That we may have the courage to forgive those who have injured us and to look, with compassion, on those who may have offended us, remembering that we, too, must ask forgiveness and grace from God for our own failings. We pray to the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Carol Bazinet, Louise Blanchett-Smith, Isabella Boles, Devin Bursey, Sandy Cano, Frank Chauvin, Eileen De Rosayro, Sheila Gasnick, Eileen Kearns, Michael Kearns, Marigold Kenney, Fr. Peter Monty, Carrie Plamann, Jeff Stadtmueller and Gerarda Staples

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Sept. 16 Carmen Cormier by Gerarda Staples and family; **Thurs., Sept. 21** Mr. & Mrs. Tony Brennan and Barbara by their family; **Fri., Sept. 22** Alina & Casimir and Ralph Sierakowski; Donna & Paul Desaulniers by Sheila Foy-Connolly; **Thurs., Sept. 28** Marie Tosti by Florence and Mike Makhoul
Mass intentions are available for weekday Masses and Saturday Mass for a \$15.00 stipend. Please contact the parish office.

Our Parish News

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Youth Group will meet in the parish centre on Friday, **Sept. 15** at 7pm to celebrate the Season of Creation and set up a work-plan for the year ahead. **All youth are invited.** Please email the office if you would like more information. Come share your ideas and enthusiasm!

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 the [office](#) by **Sept. 17** for our September 2023 issue.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Join us for Lunch and Learn on Sunday, **Sept. 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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be altar server training on Saturday, **Sept. 23** at 10:30am with a pizza lunch. Children who have received their first communion can become altar servers. We also have adult presider's assistants. If you are interested in attending the training, please [email](#) or call the office.

FEAST OF CANADIAN MARTYRS MASS

There will be a Mass on **Sept. 26** at 7pm on the Feast of Canadian Martyrs, followed by a reception in the parish centre. Join us!

507 SANDWICH CLUB

Come make sandwiches for Centre 507 in-person in the parish centre on Thursday, Sept. 28 at 1:30pm or 7pm. All ingredients for the sandwiches are supplied by the parish. Please [sign up here](#) or call/[email](#) the office.

MASS ON SEPTEMBER 30/OCTOBER 1

On **Sept. 30 and Oct. 1**, we will welcome Fr. Peter Bisson, SJ, to our parish as he presides and preaches at our weekend liturgies. Fr. Bisson is very engaged in [truth and reconciliation initiatives](#) with the Jesuits in Canada. We invite you to wear orange – you can purchase Indigenous-designed T-shirts at [Giant Tiger](#) or [Walmart](#). Visit the Truth & Reconciliation table for more info.

8TH ANNUAL WALK FOR THE CENTRE,

Your support is urgently needed for the Centretown Community Food Centre. Help out by walking with the Canadian Martyrs team to support the Centre on Sunday, **Oct. 1** at 1:30pm. The 2 or 4K walk begins at Ottawa City Hall and continues along the Rideau Canal. There are prizes for the best poster and photos taken during the walk. You can also support the parish walking group by [donating online](#) or look for the donation forms at the church entrances.

LISTENING TO INDIGENOUS VOICES

Increase your understanding of Indigenous history and culture through our Listening to Indigenous Voices study group. Now in its third season, this study group uses the Jesuit Forum guidebook, *Listening to Indigenous Voices – A Dialogue Guide on Justice and Right Relationships*, compiled by many authors, most of whom are Indigenous, to deepen our understanding of our settler relationship with Indigenous peoples and to explore Indigenous cultures and histories. The study group will meet on Zoom every second Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. starting on **Oct. 4** and ending on **Feb. 28**. (No session on December 27). The guidebook can be purchased online from [Novalis](#) or the [Jesuit Forum](#). We also have limited copies for purchase at the parish office for \$25. The facilitators, Maureen Cerroni and Anthony Zoccoli, are settlers engaging in efforts for truth and reconciliation. To register, email maureen.cerroni@gmail.com.

VOCATION REFLECTION

“Don’t Ask”

by Darcie Lich, Oblate Associate

Clearly, I need practice at this forgiveness thing. Fortunately, my vocation provides me with tons of opportunities for me to do so. (My tongue is planted firmly in my cheek as I say this.) But forgiving people is hard. Especially when people who love and serve the same God as I do are hurtful. When they judge or criticize others, when they insist on orthodoxy over pastoral care, when they appear unwilling to attempt to understand someone's point of view...forgiving them is often exhausting and disheartening. And when the attacks get personal, it's harder still. I can find it in myself to forgive a few times, but once we get past two or three, never mind double digits, I'm done. (And even more annoyed that Peter didn't keep his mouth shut.) Read [the full reflection](#).

Diocesan and Community News

SUOR ANGELICA BY PUCCINI

Suor Angelica in an updated setting dealing with real issues: set in a private girls Catholic high school, Angelica faces the guilt of her unwanted pregnancy amidst the religious beliefs and scorn of her classmates, school staff and her wealthy aunt. Sun., **Sept. 17** at 2:30pm at First Baptist Church, 140 Laurier Avenue. Get [tickets here](#).

ST PETER'S CONCERT SERIES

Join the John Dapaah Trio as they enchant us with an evening of jazz on Monday, **Sept. 18**, 7pm at St. Peter's Church, 400 Sparks St. For tickets, [click here](#).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in your community, Sept. 27-Nov. 5. The opening rally for the 40 Days for Life Campaign is on **Sept. 24** at 4pm at Bank St. at Queen St. For more info, [click here](#).

ALPHA EXPERIENCE AT ST MARY'S PARISH

Come and explore the big questions of life, meaning, and faith through the Alpha Film Series on Mondays, from **Sept. 25 to Dec. 11** from 7-9pm at St. Mary's Parish, 100 Young St. For more details and to register, [click here](#). Alpha is free, the experience priceless! Refreshments will be served. Interested? Watch this [short video](#).

CARTY HOUSE TRIVIA NIGHT

Join in the fun on Sat. **Sept 30** from 7:30-9:30pm. Support refugees and [register here](#)! Are you smarter than a 5th grader?

WALKING TOGETHER ON A JOURNEY TOWARDS RECONCILIATION

A panel discussion on how parishioners, clergy and Indigenous Peoples can engage more closely with one

another on the path to Reconciliation at St. Paul University, 223 Main St., on Saturday, **Oct. 14** from 2-4pm. There is no charge for this event, but please register ahead of time to attend in person or online by contacting Tony Ritchie (ritchieanthony3@gmail.com).

JON FESTIVAL

JON Festival is the platform to change the nation. The 2 days before the event, **Oct. 13 and 14**, is a community focused initiative to spread God's love into the nation. This outpour, called the Outrageous Love Campaign (OLC), aims to positively transform Canadian cities by meeting the most current needs of the local community. It is followed by the ultimate Hip-Hop and R&B festival, spreading outrageous love at RCGT Stadium, 300 Coventry Road, Sun., **Oct. 15**, 2pm-7pm. For more info and tickets, [click here](#).

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY

13th Annual Autumn Pilgrimage to St-Joseph's Oratory and 13th Anniversary of the canonization of St-Brother André from the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall on Sunday, **Oct. 15**. See our parish bulletin board for more information. For more info, please email or phone: mike.budge@bell.net, 613-224-8110. Limited space.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE FALL CAMPAIGN

Join the Fall 2023 *Stand For the Land* National Campaign Launch webinar on Saturday, **Sept. 16** at 1:30 pm. For more info and to register, [click here](#).

The Ottawa-Cornwall Catholic archdiocesan D&P Council's fall 2023 campaign workshop will be held on Saturday, **Oct. 28** - 8:30am - 1:30pm at St. Joe's Women Centre, 151 Laurier Ave. E. The event will include a light lunch, refreshments and orientation to this year's *Create Hope: Stand for Land & Water Defenders in Honduras*.

Events at Galilee Centre, Arnprior

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.

October 21: Mary: A Contemplative Woman Day Retreat Facilitator: Monique DeBeats

October 22, 2 pm: Icon Installment Opening, wine and cheese event with presentation by iconographer Suzanne Manchovsky

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.

Season of Creation

SEASON OF CREATION MASS

Every September, we are invited to honor Creation before the Creator. In a spirit of solidarity, the Archdiocese will have a special bilingual Mass on Sunday, **Sept. 17**, at 2pm at the Notre-Dame Cathedral presided by Bishop Yvan Mathieu, as we join to celebrate the Season of Creation with family and friends. During this Season of Creation, let us renew our reverence and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in becoming better stewards of our common home, and let us pray for wisdom and charity for our safety and joy in tasting God's bounty for us in this life.

GENESIS: THE PALETTE OF CREATION

On **Sept. 23** from 5:30-10pm, come explore through art, the beauty of God, the Creator and his creation. Hosted by the Archdiocese in the Notre Dame Cathedral basement to celebrate the Season of Creation, the show will feature local artists with a focus on creation, and how we find God through it. Local artists, especially those from parishes, are invited to submit their artwork. For more information, [click here](#).

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Come celebrate the Season of Creation! Canadian Martyrs Parish will be hosting an ecumenical service for the Season of Creation on Tuesday, **Oct. 3** at 7pm to come together to pray, reflect and act in celebration of our Common Home and how best to care for it. We have invited our neighbouring churches to join us for this celebration. For more information on the Season of Creation, please visit <https://seasonofcreation.org/>.

SECOND HAND SEPTEMBER

The [Second Hand September challenge](#) encourages you to rethink buying new and try to find what you need pre-loved first. The resource you seek may already exist and is simply waiting for someone like you to help keep it in use. Participate in the circular economy and do your part to help transform waste into resource!

Spend some time this week along one of the rivers that flow through our community, pondering these great gifts of Creation and what we can do to safeguard them and those who depend on them.

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day

HEALING SCARS, SEEKING WHOLENESS: STORIES ON RECONCILIATION, FAITH, AND INDIGENOUS VOICES

Sept. 28, 7-8:30pm, free. Webinar presented by Sr. Priscilla Solomon and Fr. Peter Bisson, SJ. Tune in to: hear Sr. Solomon and Fr. Bisson's stories; explore the depth of Indigenous spirituality; reflect on our commitment to the Catholic faith amidst injustice; and learn ways to authentically support Indigenous communities. Engage in a live Q&A. More info, email cancommunications@jesuites.org. To register, [click here](#).

TRUTH & RECONCILIATION AT WABANO

Join Wabano for a Truth & Reconciliation event, *Otinichick : Taken*, a proposed multi-media touring installation, addressing the legacy of the Indigenous residential schools, day schools, the 60's Scoop, and failed child welfare policies on Fri., **Sept. 29**, 11am – 3pm, at the Wabano Centre, 299 Montreal Rd. [Register here](#).

AT BEECHWOOD CEMETERY

On **Sept. 30**, at the Beechwood National Memorial Center's Sacred Space, watch the screening of the new *Spirit Bear: Honouring Memories, Planting Dreams!* film. Following the screening, visitors can join a 45-minute Reconciliation Tour, where they can learn from key historical figures who were involved in the Indian Residential Schools, whilst learning about the Truth & Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action. For more info and to register, [click here](#). Downtown tours are also available, please [click here](#) to register.

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF HISTORY

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation recognizes the legacy of residential schools and honours the victims and survivors of residential schools. Part of the Museum of History's role is to share these stories and provide opportunities to learn more about lesser-known parts of our history. The Museum has free admission all day on **Sept. 30**. [Reserve your timed ticket](#) as of Sept. 22.

THE WITNESS BLANKET

Inspired by a woven blanket, the Witness Blanket is a large-scale work of art. It contains items reclaimed from residential schools, churches, government buildings and traditional and cultural structures from across Canada. [Here, you can explore the items and stories](#) carried by the Witness Blanket.

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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).