

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.

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](#)

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 4th Sunday in the Season of Creation September 23/24, 2023



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the Church, that we may be fruitful in our labours and live according to the Gospel, bringing ourselves and others closer to the path of justice, we pray to the Lord.

For our leaders, that they may have their eyes opened so that they might lift up the least and the last: those without homes, without families, and without a place of belonging, we pray to the Lord.

For greater stewardship of creation, that God will urge our hearts to oppose the misuse of the Earth's resources and empower us to work tirelessly to protect the magnificence of nature for future generations, we pray to the Lord.

For those gathering formally for the Synod on Synodality at the Vatican in October, including Catherine Clifford from our parish, that they be completely open to the movement of the Holy Spirit in their midst, we pray to the Lord.

For quiet moments, so that we may seek the Lord, knowing that he is generous in his mercy and that we rest ever in his heart, we pray to the Lord.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues., Sept. 26 Intentions of Vreni Gautschi by Ros Weeks; **Thurs., Sept. 28** Marie Tosti by Florence and Mike Makhoul;

Fri., Sept. 29 Dr. Peter and Mrs. Antoinette Prud'homme by the Prud'homme family; **Fri., Oct. 6** Dr. Peter and Mrs. Antoinette Prud'homme by the Prud'homme family; **Sat., Oct. 7** Lorna and Dan Kelly by Connie Kelly

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

Our Parish News

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.

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Come celebrate the Season of Creation! We 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/>.

LISTENING TO INDIGENOUS VOICES

Increase your understanding of Indigenous history and culture through our Listening to Indigenous Voices study group. 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 Ceroni and Anthony Zoccoli, are settlers engaging in efforts for truth and reconciliation. To register, email maureen.ceroni@gmail.com.

LITTLE LENDING LIBRARY

Check out our Little Lending Library in the Church foyer. New books have recently been added. Also, please check at home to see if you have any books to return.

FISH FOR OUR MIGHTY RIVER



A reminder to bring back the fish that you decorated to display in our Season of Creation mighty river in front of the altar. The fish will be brought forward during the Offertory procession.

VOCATION REFLECTION

“Comparison is the Thief of Joy”
by Jarek Pachocki, OMI, Vocation Director
I remember our first DREAMS trip back in 2018. We had two groups that time; meaning we were traveling together to San José de Ocoa and then separated into two different villages in the mountains for a few days. Each group had an amazing life-changing experience, each very unique and different, however. You could feel the energy change as we came toward the completion of our mission in San José, and before returning to Canada. There were lots of stories shared with excitement. Unfortunately, at some point the energy had shifted. The students started comparing their experiences, trying to prove that their mission encounters were better and more meaningful than the others. The conversations changed into almost an ugly shouting match. We had to sit them down together and add another lesson: “Comparison is the thief of joy”. Read [the full reflection](#).

Diocesan and Community News

OTTAWA GUITAR SOCIETY CONCERT

The Ottawa Guitar Society presents Dale Kavanagh in concert at Canadian Martyrs Church on Wed., **Sept. 27** at 7:30pm. For more info, [click here](#).

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 event, 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

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*.

109TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), which this year is commemorated on September 24. In his message, Pope Francis proposes a renewed reflection on a right that has not yet been codified at the international level: the right not to have to migrate or, in other words, the right to be able to remain in one's own land. Here's [the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis](#) for the 109th World Migrant and Refugee Day.

"OUR HOME AND TREATY LAND": AN EVENING WITH THE AUTHORS

Join the Christian Council of the Capital Area for an evening of sharing from Rev. Dr. Ray Aldred and Rev. Dr. Matthew Anderson, the co-authors of "Our Home and Treaty Land" on Wed., **Oct. 25** at 7pm p.m. The symposium will include sharing from Ray and Matthew, a time for dialogue between the authors, and then a time for conversation with participants. It is recommended that you read the book before the symposium. For more info and to register, [click here](#).

Events at Galilee Centre, Arnprior

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 Manchevsky.

November 7 & 14: The Letter: Laudato Si' film

screening and discussions. The first hybrid evening event will focus on the viewing of the film and the second will be reflections on the upcoming update to *Laudato Si'* from the Pope.

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

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](#).

SECOND LAUDATO SI'

Pope Francis announced the publication of his eagerly awaited follow-up to *Laudato Si'* will be on **Oct. 4**. "On that date, I plan on publishing an exhortation, a second *Laudato Si'*," the Pope said. "Let us join our Christian brothers and sisters in the commitment to care for creation as a sacred gift from the Creator." Pope Francis has emphasized the importance of synodality and expressed his hopes that "in this Season of Creation, as followers of Christ on our shared synodal journey, we may live, work, and pray so that our common home will teem with life once again."

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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](#).

ILLUMINATING PARLIAMENT HILL

To commemorate the [National Day for Truth and Reconciliation](#) and to honour the Survivors, their families and communities, buildings across Canada will be illuminated in orange from **Sept. 30** at 7pm to sunrise Oct. 1. This will include federal buildings such as the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill.

REMEMBERING THE CHILDREN: NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION 2023

A [national commemorative gathering](#) will be broadcast live from Parliament Hill on **Sept. 30** at 1pm or you can join the gathering in person. Attendees are encouraged to bring a pair of traditional shoes to place at the front of the stage in honour of all the Indigenous children who have gone missing. After the event, the footwear will be donated to charity.

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. For more info and to register, [click here](#). Downtown tours are also available, please [click here](#) to register.

HOME ON NATIVE LAND

Home on Native Land is [a self-guided course](#) about Indigenous justice in Canada. Through a series of 10 videos, cartoons & lessons, you'll take a walk down the back alley of history and the frontlines of legal action with Anishinaabe comedian, Ryan McMahon. Jump into this free 10-part course on Indigenous justice in Canada and discover the myths, absurdities, and possibilities that are baked into the laws of this land. Then: join forces to become part of putting reconciliation into action.

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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).