

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](#)

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
5th Sunday in the Season of Creation
September 30 - October 1, 2023**



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the Church, guided by the Spirit of truth and reconciliation, that we listen to and learn from the voices of Indigenous Peoples on this path of justice, renewed relations, healing and understanding, we pray to the Lord.

For Indigenous and non-Indigenous leaders in government, society, and our communities, as they work to bring healing and justice to all who live in Canada, we pray to the Lord.

For the Archdiocese's fundraising campaign, A Christ-Centred Co-Journey Towards Healing, for the projects that have received funding, for the providers, the participants, and the generous donors, that these initiatives will help to promote continued healing and reconciliation for all involved, we pray to the Lord.

For the survivors of the Indian Residential Schools system, and for their families, we pray to the Lord.

For deepening relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples, especially as we honour National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, 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, Marigold Kenney, Fran Kubale, Jeff Meulemans, Carrie Plamann, Jeff Stadtmueller, Gerarda Staples

MASS INTENTIONS

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; **Tues., Oct. 10** Intentions of Patricia Kehoe by her friends; **Sat., Oct. 14** Anne Smith by Pauline Willey

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

Our Parish News

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

Food insecurity is present in our community and the need is great. Support the Centretown Community Food Centre by coming out for the fundraising Walkathon on Sunday, **Oct. 1**. Gather at Ottawa City Hall around 1:30pm and walk either 2 or 4K along the Rideau Canal. You can support the parish walking group by [donating online](#) or look for the donation forms at the church entrances. <https://www.centretownchurches.org/walkathon/>

ECUMENICAL SERVICE

This event has unfortunately been cancelled.

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 sale 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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE – SPECIAL COLLECTION NOVEMBER 4/5

In the fall of 2021, Canada's Bishops set up a \$30 million Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. A Christ-Centred, Co-Journey Towards Healing is the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall's campaign to raise the \$1.2 million that we have pledged to the IRF. The money raised goes to support projects such as the 23rd Annual Ottawa Indigenous Children and Youth Pow Wow held March 25, 2023. Pow Wows are important Indigenous gatherings, where multiple generations come together to enjoy food, honour traditions, forge a sense of community and practice spiritual healing. Learn more at www.journeyforhealing.ca

VOCATION REFLECTION

“Our Relationship with God is About What is in Our Hearts” by Serena Shaw, Oblate Associate, OMI Lacombe Vocation Team

We can't depend on ourselves, yet we must attend to God that is within. What this tells us is that we need to spend time in prayer. We must take to God everything God already knows about us. Here is where we not only know God more fully, but ourselves as well. Here is where we can understand ourselves as God means for us to be, which is the best version of ourselves. As those on the margins often realize before we do, it is about being intentional in our relationship with God. We must not only say the right words but also follow through with the right action. We must be intentional with God, which can only come from our hearts, where God lives.

Read [the full reflection](#).

Diocesan and Community News

CLIMATE, CONFLICT, GENDER: KAIROS CANADA'S WOMEN OF COURAGE VISIT

Thursday, **Oct. 5**, 7pm at Christ Church Cathedral, 414 Sparks St. Come and hear representatives from KAIROS' women, peace and security partners in Colombia, Palestine, South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of the Congo share their experiences in helping women survivors of war and gender-based violence regain dignity and reclaim rights to become critical agents for peace and resiliency in the face of a rapidly changing climate.

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.

FUNDRAISING DINNER

On Saturday, **Oct. 21** at 6pm, St. Joe's Supper Table will be hosting an Autumn Harvest Fundraising Dinner at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 174 Wilbrod. The longstanding interfaith partnership with the Islam Care Centre will be recognized. The four-course halal fall-themed dinner is prepared in-house by our St. Joe's chef. This is an opportunity to celebrate a unique partnership between the Catholic and Muslim communities. Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased [by clicking here](#).

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. 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](#).

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*.

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 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

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

R. All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colors
And made their tiny wings. R.

The purple headed mountains
The river running by
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky. R.

The cold wind in the winter
The pleasant summer sun
The ripe fruits in the garden
God made them every one R.

God gave us eyes to see them
And lips that we might tell
How great is the Almighty
Who has made all things well. R.

By Bill Staines



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.

SEVEN OTTAWA PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCHES WILL BE OPEN

Several programs will be available at these branches, including a bilingual family Storywalk of the book, *Every Child Matters* by Phyllis Webstad, and the opportunity to help build a heart garden and paint remembrance rocks to honour the children who died in residential schools. For residents unable to participate in in-person programming, virtual options are also available. To see which branches will be open and explore the full list of programs, visit bibliottawalibrary.ca.

Ottawa Public Library staff have also put together book and film lists that you can read, watch and learn from throughout the year: [Adult](#), [Youth](#), [Film/Music](#).

BILINGUAL MASS ON SEPTEMBER 30

A bilingual mass for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation will be presided by Bishop Yvan Mathieu, S.M. at St. Basil's parish, 940 Rex Ave. on **Sept. 30** at 10am.

SPIRIT WALK

The "Remember Me: A National Day of Remembrance" spirit walk will begin at Parliament Hill at 11:30am on Friday, **Sept. 29** led by children and residential school survivors. They will make their way to the stage at LeBreton Flats Park, where Indigenous children's footwear will be placed. APTN and the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation will host a one-hour commemorative gathering at LeBreton Flats. The event will run from 1–2 pm.

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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).