

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](#)

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time,
2nd Sunday in the Season of Creation
September 9/10, 2023**



PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For Christian unity, that all who follow Christ may form a bond of dedication as we work to bring hope and healing to the world, we pray to the Lord.
For an end to violence between nations, in our cities, and within families, that God will give to all who are drawn to violence a new vision of the uniqueness of each person and an appreciation of their gifts, we pray to the Lord.
For greater care for the Earth, that God will help us to respect and be responsible stewards of the creation that is entrusted to our care, we pray to the Lord.
For all involved in the faith formation of youth, that God will inspire their words and deeds, and help them to lead young people to a deeper relationship with Jesus, we pray to the Lord.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Thurs., Sept. 14 Dr. Peter & Mrs. Antoinette Prud'homme by the Prud'homme family; **Sat., Sept. 16** Carmen Cormier by Gerarda Staples and family; **Thurs., Sept. 21** Mr. and Mrs Tony Brennan and Barbara by their family; **Fri., Sept. 22** Alina & Casimir and Ralph Sierakowski

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

Our Parish News

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 **Sept. 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.

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 office@canadianmartyrs.org 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.

SEASON OF CREATION 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/>.

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. For more information, please see the poster To register, email maureen.cerroni@gmail.com.



VOCATION REFLECTION

“Reconciliation”

by Susai Jesu, OMI, Vocation Team

Any vocation is a call to follow Jesus more closely, and to be an ambassador of reconciliation, as St. Paul puts it. Here is another definition of reconciliation that can guide us: reconciliation happens when the injured person feels heard, an apology is offered, a declaration to change is made, an offer to make amends is stated, and the offended person is able to forgive from the heart.

Read [the full reflection](#).

Diocesan and Community News

FROM ARCHBISHOP MARCEL DAMPHOUSSE

Every September, we are invited to honor Creation before the Creator, in gratitude for his beautiful Creation and for allowing Jesus, the Lord, to espouse our human condition and walk the Earth along with us. 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 of Ottawa-Cornwall 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](#).

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION WEEK

A series of free virtual adult education lunch and learns during Truth and Reconciliation Week 2023 (**Sept 25-29**) are being offered through the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

For more information and to register, [please click here](#). Join the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation on **Sept. 30** at 1pm on Parliament Hill, either in-person or via the live broadcast on Aboriginal Peoples Television Network.

A WEEK OF LEARNING AND REFLECTION

Join the Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund (DWF) for a week of learning and reflection (**Sept. 25-Oct. 2**), featuring two webinars and a series of resources and discussion guides to continue your reconciliation journey. [Click here](#) to register for the free webinars. In recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30, DWF is proud to partner once again with media outlets and radio stations on [A Day to Listen 2023](#). Learn about Indigenous identity through conversations about representation in sports & entertainment, the fusion of traditional & contemporary music, land protection and the impacts of climate change, and more.

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?

8TH ANNUAL WALK FOR THE CENTRE,

Raise much needed funds for the Centretown Community Food Centre by joining a group from the parish to walk along the beautiful Rideau Canal starting at City Hall on Sunday, **Oct. 1** at 1:30pm. You can support the parish walking group by [donating online](#) or look for the donation forms at the church entrances. Volunteers are also needed to act as walk marshals. If you can help out, email centretownchurches@gmail.com. Thank you!

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).