

# 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](#)

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 14/15, 2023



## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the Church, gathered in Synod, that our journey be based on listening together to the Word of God and the celebration of the Eucharist in the communion of the people of God. We pray to the Lord.

For the innocent victims of war on every side, That they find comfort and kindness in the house of the Lord, welcomed as his precious children. We pray to the Lord.

For us all, may we continue to learn how to listen to the voices of Indigenous peoples, the stories of survivors and intergenerational survivors of Residential Schools, as we work together for justice and healing. We pray to the Lord.

For the weak and vulnerable, that like Jesus, we stand in solidarity with them and lend our strength to the cause of justice and peace. We pray to the Lord.

For strength and wisdom, that in this time of uncertainty and fear, we turn our hearts to the Lord and place our faith in him. 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

**Sat., Oct. 14** Anne Smith by Pauline Willey; John Dorner by Anne Marie Bazinet-Miller; **Wed., Oct. 18** Jim & Mary McMinn by Margaret Denny; **Thurs., Oct. 19** Dr. Peter & Mrs. Antoinette Prud'homme by Prud'homme family;

**Sat., Oct. 21** Michael Kearns by Eileen Kearns

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

# Our Parish News

## OFFICE HOURS

This fall (starting Oct. 16), our office hours will be Tuesday-Friday, 9am-4pm. The office will be closed on Mondays.

## CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION

At Mass on Saturday, **October 14**, the young people of our parish who have asked to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will present themselves to the assembly. They will ask for the prayers of the community during their preparation process. Parishioners who wish to commit to daily prayer for a single candidate are invited to be a prayer partner. Cards with a prayer and the name of a young person will be available after Mass on both October 14 and 15.

## PIZZA NIGHT

Our first pizza night of the season will be on Saturday, **October 14** after the 5pm Mass. Come join us for food, socialization, sometimes solace, and fun beyond the church pews!

## OCTOBER LUNCH AND LEARN

Our Lunch and Learn topic on **October 15** after Mass will be green burials. Mary Nash is a director of [Green Burial Ottawa Valley](#), a not-for-profit co-op working to establish a green/natural burial ground in the Ottawa Valley. The presentation will outline several current methods of disposition and show why green/natural burial is a good choice. After Ms. Nash's presentation, we will have a roundtable discussion about how green burial fits in with the seven goals of the *Laudato Si'* movement, as we work together to care for our common home.

## 507 SANDWICH CLUB FUNDING

To continue this wonderful initiative, our [507 Sandwich Club](#) needs funding. [Centre 507](#) has seen an unforeseen rise in their numbers and therefore cannot continue to help fund this parish initiative through their grants from the City of Ottawa. Therefore, we are looking **to secure a corporate sponsor** to help purchase the groceries to enable us to continue making sandwiches in 2024 and beyond. Many thanks to our parishioners who continue to donate to help feed our neighbours. For more information, please email [cm sandwich507@gmail.com](mailto:cm sandwich507@gmail.com).

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you would like to become a member of the Catholic Church, come and meet with us at RCIA. What does the

RCIA team do? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a ministry carried out by the RCIA team, which is currently made up of Fr. Tim, Sr. Matilda, Adele, and two parishioners. Starting **October 22**, they meet weekly on Sunday at 9am to provide welcome, support and encouragement to those seeking to become members of the Church, or to answer questions you may have about the Catholic Church. If you would like more information, please call or email the Parish office. We ask the parish community to unite in prayer with the members of the RCIA team as this faith journey continues.

## CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

As we move towards the end of the year (already!), PPC is putting out the call for nominations of new members. Parish Council supports the work of the Pastoral Team and, in consultation with parishioners, helps to shape the future directions of the parish. Please consider who you think might be a suitable candidate and contact a member of the PPC or [the parish office](#) if you have any questions. Thanks! Sue-Anne

## MEMORIAL MASS

Our Memorial Mass to remember our recently deceased relatives will be celebrated on Sunday, **November 5** at 10am. Further details to follow.

## HALLOWGREEN CHALLENGE

Random Acts of Green 8th annual [HallowGreen Challenge](#) is designed to help educate the public on different things they can do during the month of October. Scare away eco-anxiety by taking action with an environmental challenge. After all, not taking action for the planet is a grave mistake. With your help, we can engage communities to participate in climate action.

## THANKSGIVING REFLECTION

“The Human Experience of the Farm”

by Jarek Pachocki, OMI.

St. Eugene de Mazenod wrote, “We must lead men to act like human beings, first of all and then like Christians, and finally, we must help them to become saints.” (Preface to the Oblate Constitutions and Rules) Humans, Christians then Saints, in this order! We may not have been able to do the ‘saintly stuff’ at the De Mazenod Farm that day, but we all certainly had a wonderful human experience and encounter with others and with nature, while there. Reflection is [available here](#).

# Diocesan and Community News

## 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 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](#).

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

On **October 22**, we observe World Mission Sunday. On this day, Catholics are invited to pray for and support missionaries who share the Gospel around the world, sometimes at the risk to their own life and safety. When the disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread, their eyes were opened and they ran to share with others the joy of meeting the Lord. Similarly, "those who allow themselves to be saved by [Jesus] are freed from sin, from sadness, from inner emptiness, from isolation [...] One cannot truly encounter the risen Jesus without being set on fire with enthusiasm to tell everyone about him" says Pope Francis for the occasion of World Mission Day 2023 (*Living With Christ*, Oct, p. 181).

## CALLED AND GIFTED WORKSHOP

This fall, the Archdiocese is offering the Called & Gifted workshop. The Called & Gifted Discernment Process has been used since 1993 by over 200,000 lay, ordained, and religious Catholics and other Christians around the world. It is designed to help Christians discern the presence of charisms in their lives. Charisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit, to give them power both to represent Christ and to be a channel of God's goodness for people. Whether

extraordinary or ordinary, all charisms ought to be exercised in the service of God (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2003). Starting **October 20**, all three parts of the process are necessary for discovering where you are gifted. The cost for materials and supplies is \$60. To register, fill out the online form: [Called & Gifted Workshop Application](#). For more information or if you have questions, contact [shavi.perera@ottawacornwall.ca](mailto:shavi.perera@ottawacornwall.ca)

## D&P FALL CAMPAIGN WORKSHOP

The 2023 fall campaign will be explained in detail and campaign material will be available. Opportunity for learning, exchange of ideas, successes and challenges with other Development & Peace parish representatives and contact people. Make connections with like-minded Catholics. Lunch and refreshments will be available. Join this workshop:

When: Saturday, **October 28**, 9am-1:30pm

Where: In-person at St. Joseph's Women's Centre, 151 Laurier Ave E.

[In-Person Registration](#) or [Zoom online Registration](#)

## ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BAZAAR

Something for everyone: baked goods, preserves, craft and gift sale on Sunday November 5 from 9am to 2pm at St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 151 Laurier Ave. E.



# Events at Galilee Centre, Arnprior

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

**October 21, 5pm: The Life of Mary depicted in Icons**,  
includes dinner, Facilitator: Suzanne Manchevsky

**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](mailto:info@galileecentre.com). For info and cost of programs: [www.galileecentre.com](http://www.galileecentre.com).

# A Christ-Centred Co-Journey Towards Healing



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## *A Message from Archbishop Marcel Dampousse*

Beloved Parishioners,

Grace and peace be with you all. It is with a heart filled with gratitude and joy that I write to you today. As we reflect upon the past year, I am overwhelmed by the remarkable journey we have undertaken together in the Archdiocese's Christ-Centred Co-Journey Toward Healing (for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund). Your unwavering generosity has been a testament to the boundless love and compassion that flows within our parish communities. I extend my warmest appreciation for your profound acts of kindness and selflessness. In the past year, our collective efforts have exceeded even the highest expectations. Through your dedication, we have raised an astonishing \$650,000 for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. This achievement is nothing short of a divine blessing, a clear sign that God's grace works through each one of you to bring about opportunities for healing in the lives of our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Your support has ignited a beacon of hope.

To read the remainder of the letter, please find it here:

<https://canadianmartyrs.org/happenings/>

To donate please use the envelopes that you will find on the Welcome Table in the church foyer or you can donate directly using the QR code on this page or at:

[www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/archdiocese-of-ottawa/](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/archdiocese-of-ottawa/)

## **THE CHURCH'S COMMITMENT TO OUR INDIGENOUS BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

While the Church and Indigenous peoples have been on a journey towards mutuality and healing for several years, last year's visit by Pope Francis brought a certain urgency for reconciliation, for healing and for justice. Your generous participation in *A Christ-Centred, Co-Journey Towards Healing* is a concrete step on this journey. Your donation helps local Indigenous organizations such as Mādahòki Farm, who are using their grant money to establish an equine-assisted learning program, specifically for Indigenous children and their families, using rare, endangered Ojibwe Spirit Horses.

Learn more at [www.journeyforhealing.ca](http://www.journeyforhealing.ca).



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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).