

# 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

## 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., 7pm

## Finance Committee

Joseph Duggan

## Development and Peace

Anna Dorner

## Weekly Gatherings

### Christian Meditation

Dorothy Wood

Mondays, 3pm, virtual

### Lectio Divina & Meditation

Maureen Cerroni

Tuesdays, 8pm, virtual

### Evening Prayer

Pierre LaViolette

Thursdays, 6:30pm

[Via Zoom](#)

### Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Sundays, 11:30am

[Via Zoom](#)

## RCIA

Parish RCIA Team

Sundays, 9am, Parish Centre

## Christ the King

November 25/26, 2023



**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, Martin Lalonde, Jeff Meulemans, Fr. Peter Monty, Gerarda Staples, Michael Wink

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat., Nov. 25** Lorna & Dan Kelly by Connie Kelly; **Tues., Nov. 28** Maurice Lapierre by Margaret Denny; **Sat., Dec. 2** Harold Allen by Robert & Brian Allen; **Wed., Dec. 6** Ubald Remillard by Denise Remillard; Erika Schweigerlehner by Patricia O'Grady; **Thurs., Dec. 7** Reine-Paule Remillard by Denise Remillard; **Sat., Dec. 9** Edna Manion by Nancy MacDonald

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

## EVENTS/MEETINGS

**Sat., Nov. 25:** Ottawa Guitar Society concert, 7:30pm

**Sun., Nov. 26:** Confirmation with Archbishop Prendergast, 10am

**Sat., Dec. 2:** Photoshoot for Christmas pageant, 2pm

**Sat., Dec. 2:** Pizza night and Christmas Carols, after Mass

**Thurs., Dec. 7:** Parish Pastoral Council, 7pm

**Sun., Dec. 10:** Celebration for 70th anniversary of the church, after Mass

**Thurs., Dec. 14:** Advent Reconciliation Service, 7pm

**Sun., Dec. 17:** Lunch and Learn on Synodality, 11:30am

Please check out the Happenings page on our website:

[canadianmartyrs.org/happenings/](http://canadianmartyrs.org/happenings/) and our weekly gatherings in the lefthand column.

# Our Parish News

## HELPING A FAMILY

The Catholic Centre for Immigrants Ottawa has asked Canadian Martyrs Parish to help a young family who has recently arrived in Ottawa and are awaiting the processing of their refugee claim. The couple and their two-year old are currently shuffling between temporary shelters, hoping a spot in supportive housing for refugees opens up. Their most urgent need is food and warm clothing. The parish's refugee committee would appreciate donations of any of the following items:

- Toddler formula, Gerber cereal, baby food.
- An unlocked cellphone
- Tim Hortons gift cards
- Loblaws or Farm Boy gift cards, or money to buy them

The Refugee Committee is also looking for a few more volunteers. Please contact [the office](#) if you are interested in learning more.

## CONFIRMATION

Please keep our young people preparing for Confirmation in your prayers. They will be confirmed at Canadian Martyrs on Sunday, **November 26** at the 10:00am Mass by Archbishop Terence Prendergast. Please remember in your prayers: Samantha, David, Quinn, Leila, Anthony, Simona, Elena, Julian, Nora, Ashley, Hailey, Norah, Anderson, Isabel, Sebastian, Jenna, Vanessa, Aleksander, Alicja, Sofia, Ellie, Evan, Karina, and their families.

## CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS FRUITCAKES

Please order your Christmas cakes made by the Monks of Abbay Val Notre Dame by [clicking here](#) or by using the order form on the Welcome Table and drop off payment to the office by Sunday, **Nov. 26**. Cakes will be available for pickup at the church in early December. You can order other [products here](#) and pay for shipping to your home.

## 507 SANDWICH CLUB/MAKING SANDWICHES

Sign up to make sandwiches in-person on **November 30 or in December** in the parish centre at 1:30 or 7pm. [Sign up here](#) or email/call the office.

## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PHOTOSHOOT

Come join us as we recreate the story of our Saviour's birth in photos at the church on Saturday, **December 2** from 2-4pm. A slideshow will be created and shown during the Christmas Masses. If you are interested in participating, please [sign up here](#) or call/email the office.

## PIZZA NIGHT AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Join us on Saturday, **December 2** after Mass for our monthly pizza night with a twist! Join some of our choir members in singing some Christmas carols to get us in the Christmas spirit! See you there!

## PIBÒN (WINTER) FESTIVAL

Keeping in mind our commitment to reconciliation, the parish's Truth and Reconciliation Committee is highlighting local Indigenous events to encourage parishioners to participate. At the Pibòn (Winter) Festival taking place at Madahoki Farm on the weekend of **Dec 2-3**, we are invited to reconnect with the land while learning about Indigenous traditions during this beautiful season. The Pibòn Festival features authentic Indigenous programming, an Indigenous Makers' and Farmers' Market, interactive workshops, Indigenous comfort meals and a chance to meet the Ojibwe Spirit. For more info: <https://madahoki.ca/seasonal-festivals/>.

If parishioners are interested in carpooling to the farm for the festival, please sign-up on the Welcome Table. We will be in touch to coordinate rides.

## 70th ANNIVERSARY OF OUR CHURCH BUILDING

This December, we celebrate the 70th anniversary of our church building. There will be a special bulletin and a display at the back of the church in December, with a special reception after Mass on Sunday, **December 10**. There will also be a special blessing during the Christmas Eve Mass to commemorate the first Mass celebrated in our church on December 24, 1953.

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION LITURGY

You are invited to join us in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, **December 14** at 7:00pm.

## OCTOBER COLLECTION

Collection:	\$ 11,669.30
Direct Deposit (EFT):	\$ 7,220.00
Canada Helps:	\$ 3,716.93
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 22,606.23</b>

Average monthly expenses: \$ 22,826.15

# Diocesan and Community News

## LET'S STAND FOR THE LAND

Development and Peace is responding to the call to raise awareness of the tragic plight of two communities in Honduras. They stand with them as they defend their right to water for survival and struggle to obtain justice, reparations and protection, the cancellation of irregularly granted mining permits and the restoration of their national park. Stand in solidarity and **sign the letter** to the Honduran ambassador to Canada at [devp.org/act](http://devp.org/act) or on the D&P table at the back of the church.

## IMMACULATA CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Immaculata High School is running a Christmas craft fair to help out students in need and to ensure that all students get to pursue athletics, clubs, excursions, and activities, regardless of their financial situation. Come on out to support this great cause on Saturday, **December 2**, 10am to 3pm at Immaculata High School, 140 Main St.

## THE CHURCHES AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

Professor Sheila Smith, rscj, invites you to a winter course at St. Paul University (on Thursdays, 5:30-8:30pm, January to April) that examines the Churches' response to Canada's TRC Call to Action #48: to use the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a framework for reconciliation. We will encounter Indigenous and non-Indigenous theological, pastoral, and other voices to resituate our self-understandings and faith-based commitments to live reconciliation. This course is open to all, including non-degree students and auditors. Where? On Zoom or in-person at St. Paul University. For more information, please email [Sheila.Smith@ustpaul.ca](mailto:Sheila.Smith@ustpaul.ca).

## WATER DROPLET – LAUDATO SI' WATER ACTION GROUP

Christmas is coming! Ideas for possible Christmas gifts for your household: a soil meter for the garden; books on gardening with drought resistant plants; aerators for the faucets or a water-conserving showerhead; and vegan/vegetarian cookbooks (meat is a more water intensive product vs. most plants). The *Laudato Si'* Water Action Group wishes everyone blessed Christmas holidays and continued mindfulness over water consumption in 2024!

## VOCATION REFLECTION

“The Song And The Singer”

by Darcie Lich, Oblate Associate, Vocation Team  
The internal conflict was real because it felt as though my vocation, my calling as a parent, a teacher, a Catholic school administrator, was actually what was preventing me from doing the things we used to sing about, full voice, in Sr. Chénard's class. And I would ask with a certain amount of trepidation, “Lord, when was it that I saw you hungry and gave you food, or naked and gave you clothing, or in prison and visited you?”. I'd dread the answer. And I couldn't sing the song anymore. It's hard to sing when you're headed for the bench on Team Goat. But Jesus, unfailingly kind, would gently remind me. “Don't you remember? Last week, your hug fed a student who was hungry for acceptance. Yesterday, you clothed a teenager with dignity when you took the time to greet him by name with a smile in the hall. Just this morning, you sat with a youngster, imprisoned by their fear of discrimination for who they are, and spared them judgment because you simply listened with love.”  
Read the full [reflection here](#).

## Events at Galilee Centre, Arnprior

**November 30 - December 2:** *With the Word in Silence*, Advent Lectio Divina retreat

**December 5, 6:30pm:** *Laudate Deum and Care for our Common Home*, hybrid evening event

**December 10, 7pm:** *Advent: The Joy of Waiting - Nativity Gospels and Christmas Carols*. Free event, goodwill offering accepted.

**December 16, 10 am:** *Family Christmas Craft Day*. Cost: \$5 per child

**Feb 2024 - Nov 2025:** Two-Year Program, *Growing in Wisdom: Seeking Deeper Generativity*, visit [www.growinginwisdom.ca](http://www.growinginwisdom.ca) for more information.

**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).

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Parishioners can now quickly donate to the church with their mobile devices. Just scan the QR code and donate securely through the parish's Canada Helps page.

**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).