

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

Peter Brimacombe,

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

Thurs., 6:30pm, **starting Jan. 10**
will move to Wed., 6:30pm.

[via Zoom](#)

Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Sundays, 11:30am, [via Zoom](#)

RCIA

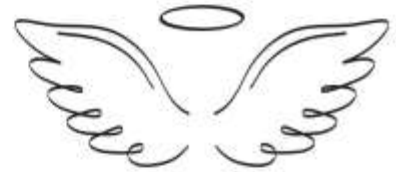
Parish RCIA Team

Sundays, 9am, Parish Centre

The Third Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 16/17, 2023

*"Among you stands one whom you do not know,
the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to
untie the thong of his sandal." —John 1:26-27*



*God, I know you are ready to answer my prayers, ease my
doubts and calm my fears. Sometimes I don't hear your
messengers because they aren't what I expect.
They aren't wearing wings or halos, but are the people
standing in front of me.*

Creighton University's Online Ministries, One Prayer a Day for Advent

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, Andrea Redway, Gerarda Staples, Michael Wink

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 16 Olga Staresnic by Margaret Denny; Molly Chambers by her family; **Tues., Dec. 19** John Lobsinger by Monica Mullane; **Wed., Dec. 20** Fred Barnes by Margaret Denny; **Thurs., Dec. 21** For unwell friends by Yvonne Bennett; **Fri., Dec. 22** Mike Tosti by Florence & Mike Makhoul; Maximilian & Alicja Marszalek by Yvonne Bennett; **Sat., Dec. 23** Felix & Theresa Bazinet by Anne Marie Bazinet-Miller; Fr. Frank Kavanagh, OMI by Kavanagh family

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

Our Parish News

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Saturday, December 23, 5pm: *4th Sunday of Advent*

Sunday, December 24, 10am: *4th Sunday of Advent*

Sunday, December 24, 5pm: *Christmas Eve*

Monday, December 25, 10am: *Christmas Day*

Monday, December 25, 11:30am: *Zoom Liturgy*

11:30am Masses cancelled from Dec. 26 - Dec. 29

Saturday, December 30, 5pm: *Holy Family*

Sunday, December 31, 10am: *Holy Family*

Sunday, December 31, 5pm: *Solemnity of Mary*

Monday, January 1, 10am: *Solemnity of Mary*

Monday, January 1, 11:30am: *Zoom Liturgy*

LUNCH AND LEARN, DECEMBER 17

Dr. Catherine Clifford, Canadian Martyrs parishioner and theology professor at Saint Paul University, will share her Synod experience with us in the Parish Centre during Lunch and Learn on Sunday, **December 17**, after Mass. She will highlight the month-long process where she gathered with Pope Francis and the other participants to discern the movement of the Holy Spirit within our synodal Church. You can also join us on Zoom. We will be using the Zoom link for Sunday Liturgy of the Word which [can be found here](#) or in the bulletin email.

EVENING PRAYER

Starting the week of **January 7-13**, weekly Evening Prayer will be moved to Wednesdays at 6:30pm. You can find the link for Evening Prayer in the bulletin email or in the left hand column on the front page of the bulletin.

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Registration is now open for First Communion and First Reconciliation preparation. To register, families can contact Adele at religioused@canadianmartyrs.org or [click here](#). The parent meeting will take place on Saturday, **January 13** at 3pm, in the parish centre. All subsequent preparation sessions will be on Saturdays at 3pm. Families will be able to choose at which Sunday Mass (after Easter) they would like their children to make their First Communion.

DONATION ENVELOPES

Boxes of donation envelopes for 2024 are available to be picked up on the Welcome Table in the church foyer. There are also sheets with the list of Special Collections for 2024, if you are interested.

507 SANDWICH CLUB/MAKING SANDWICHES

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

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who donated shoeboxes filled with Christmas joy for young people in Ottawa. The youth of the parish helped wrap the 53 boxes that were donated and they were then delivered to the Centretown Community Health Centre where they will make it onto Santa's sleigh. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

VOCATION REFLECTION

"Becoming Servants"

by Richard Beaudette, OMI

OMI Lacombe Canada Vocation Team

Like Mary and Paul, John the Baptist's life points to Jesus and invites his listeners into an awareness of God's love, which will be manifested in a concrete way in the life and ministry of Jesus. John reminds us that the coming of God's reign is gift and grace. We cannot make it happen, but we can live in such a way that we can help others know that there is something good, something deeper happening in our world, something more meaningful than society offers us. Read the [full reflection here](#).

EVENTS/MEETINGS

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

Sun., Dec. 17: Lunch & Learn on the Synod, 11am

Sat., Jan. 6: Pizza night after Mass

Thurs., Jan. 11: Parish Council, 7pm

Fri., Jan. 19: Youth Group, 7pm

Please check out the Happenings page on our website:

canadianmartyrs.org/happenings/ and our weekly gatherings in the lefthand column.

Pastoral Council minutes: canadianmartyrs.org/pastoral-council-minutes/

NOVEMBER COLLECTION

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| Collection: | \$ 7,781.36 |
| Direct Deposit (EFT): | \$ 7,220.00 |
| Canada Helps: | \$ 2,060.83 |
| Total: | \$ 17,062.19 |
| Average monthly expenses: | \$ 20,995.35 |

Diocesan and Community News

A CALL TO PEACE IN GAZA: AN ADVENT DISCUSSION

Join Development and Peace for a special Advent gathering focused on Gaza and the call to peace. They will be joined by two very special guests: Cardinal Pizzabella, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem and Anton Asfar, the secretary general of Caritas Jerusalem.

Come and hear about the work they are doing and join your voice to the voice for peace on Saturday, **December 16** at 12pm. [Register here.](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CCFC

Are you looking for a rewarding volunteer experience? The Centretown Community Food Centre is looking for people to join their volunteer team. The Food Centre is open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays. There are two volunteer roles:

Food Portioning and Shelf Stocking (9am to 11am)

- Portioning bulk items such as rice, sugar and oats
- Ensuring shelves are stocked prior to client service (must be able to lift 20lbs.)

Shopping Partner (11:45am to 3pm)

- Accompanying food centre visitors as they make their food selections
- Ensuring that visitors respect quantity guidelines based on household size

If you are interested in volunteering in either of these positions, please email manager@ccfcottawa.ca. Include any experience you have in this kind of work or what draws you to volunteering at a food bank. The ability to communicate in a language other than English or French would be an asset for the shopping partner role.

A CHRISTMAS TAPESTRY

Ottawa's beloved storyteller and playwright, Pierre Brault, makes his debut on the Ottawa Choral Society stage, on Sunday, **December 17** at 3pm, to share some Christmas memories and introduce a glorious program of Christmas music. This concert, at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, 20 Fairmont Ave, explores the brilliant pairing of voices and brass over centuries, from the Renaissance to the present day.

For tickets and program details, please [click here.](#)

AN UPDATE FROM GALILEE CENTRE

Advent is a time of waiting, and we have been so grateful for all those in the Galilee community who have been waiting with us in hope for more information about the future of Galilee Centre.

We are now able to share that the Galilee Board of Directors is exploring options to keep Galilee Centre open in the long term. To allow time for these explorations and to make best use of our resources, we will be taking an operational pause from January 2, 2024 to March 31, 2024. Galilee will resume all our programs, events, and hosted groups as of April 1, 2024. We are committed to full operations until October 31, 2024, looking toward continuing into the long term.

We will continue to share updates as they become available.

With thanks from David B. Perrin, President, Galilee Centre Board of Directors and Megan Postin, Executive Director

Events at Galilee Centre, Arnprior

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 for more information.

Friday, March 8 – Sunday, March 10: *Meeting the Mystic Within: Living the Presence of God in Every Day Life*, Facilitator: David Perrin, Ph.D.

Our Synodal Journey: [Click here](#) to access all four synodal discussion panel recordings.

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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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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).