

# 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

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

## The First Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 2/3, 2023

*Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn. —Mark 13:35*



*Grateful,  
Thankful and Blessed*

*God, help me to be awake and aware of the radiance you bring to my life. Help me to be grateful each day for the blessings of family and friends. Let me be a peacemaker in my own life, and in the world.*

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, Gerarda Staples, Michael Wink

## MASS INTENTIONS

**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; **Wed., Dec. 13** Pasquale Cotroneo & family by Lidia Cotroneo; **Thurs., Dec. 14** Maria Dinardo by Anne Marie Bazinet-Miller; **Fri., Dec. 15** Dr. Peter & Mrs. Antoinette Prud'homme by the Prud'homme family; Teresa Fallenbuchl & Ewa Bennett by Yvonne Bennett; **Sat., Dec. 16** Olga Staresnic by Margaret Denny; Molly Chambers by her family. Mass intentions are available for weekday and Saturday Masses for a \$15.00 stipend. Please contact the parish office.

# 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 (they can be second-hand):

- Toddler formula, Gerber cereal,
- An unlocked cellphone
- Stroller
- Winter pants (insulated pants or long johns): Men's 32/34, Women's 32/large.
- Men's winter boots: Size 44 (approx. men's 11.5)
- Tim Horton's, 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.

## 507 SANDWICH CLUB/MAKING SANDWICHES

Sign up to make sandwiches in-person 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!

## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and, as she is the Patroness of the Oblate congregation, her Feast is an occasion for prayer and celebration in Oblate communities across the World. You are invited to join our Oblate community as they celebrate at Canadian Martyrs on Friday, **December 8** at 7:00pm.

## 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.

If you

If you are able to provide baked treats or a cheese or fruit tray for this celebration, please let Heather in the parish office know. Thank you!

## ADVENT RECONCILIATION LITURGY

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

## 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*

## EVENTS/MEETINGS

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

**Sat., Dec. 2:** Pizza night and Christmas Carols, 6pm

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

**Fri., Dec. 8:** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Mass at 7pm

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

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

Please check out the Happenings page on our website: [canadianmartyrs.org/happenings/](http://canadianmartyrs.org/happenings/) and our weekly gatherings in the lefthand column.

Pastoral Council minutes: [canadianmartyrs.org/pastoral-council-minutes/](http://canadianmartyrs.org/pastoral-council-minutes/)

# Diocesan and Community News

## 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.

## “NOEL” WITH THE RIDEAU CHORALE

Come and celebrate the upcoming Christmas season with the Rideau Chorale. On Sunday, **December 10**, at 7:30pm, at Southminster United Church, 15 Aylmer Ave., the chorale will be presenting works by the French Baroque composer, Marc-Antoine Charpentier, including his *Messe de Minuit pour Noel*, as well as seasonal carols. Tickets for “Noel” can [be purchased here](#).

## 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-understanding 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).

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Food Centre Assistant at Centretown Community Food Centre and Executive Director at Centre Oblat: for full job descriptions, [click here](#).

## ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Each day of Advent beginning December 3rd and going through December 24th, you can hear a new Advent reflection written by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI. Produced with music and professional voices, these 2 to 4 minute reflections will enhance your Advent experience and help you remember what the Advent and Christmas Seasons are truly about. [Click here](#).

## OTTAWA CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Ottawa Christmas markets and craft shows, and similar events across Eastern Ontario and the Outaouais, are a boon for organized people looking for unique gifts in 2023. And if you are really organized, you can use this [handy list of Christmas craft fairs](#) in Ottawa and beyond to plan multiple holiday shopping outings between now and December 25.

## VOCATION REFLECTION

“Stop Sleep-Walking Your Life: Keep Awake!” by Jarek Pachocki, OMI, Vocation Director  
The Advent season calls us to reawaken who we truly are and what our purpose in life is. We are not meant to live our lives “sleep-waking”, but rather “keep awake” discerning with an open mind, heart and will God’s call. It seems like many charismatic figures had an encounter that changed their lives or an awakening that helped them to discover and discern God’s call to Mission in their lives. It was an extraordinary gift that we would call “charisma”. And they had the courage to embrace that gift and answer the call. The particular call varied according to the specific time and place where God’s Mission was revealed. Read the full [reflection here](#).

# Events at Galilee Centre, Arnprior

**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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**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).