

# 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

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 Second Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 9/10, 2023

*The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'. —Mark 1:3*



*Jesus, in the darkness of these Advent nights, let me be guided by the light of your Word. Give me the humility to be led by you and the wisdom to learn from you.*

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. 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 Fallenbuechl & Ewa Bennett by Yvonne Bennett; **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

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*

## 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 is a display at the back of the church and there will be 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 are able to provide baked treats or a cheese or fruit tray for this celebration, it would be appreciated. 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.

## LUNCH AND LEARN, DECEMBER 17

Dr. Catherine Clifford, Canadian Martyrs parishioner and theology professor at Saint Paul University, was chosen personally by Pope Francis to be one of over 360 voting members, most of them bishops, at the first formal gathering of the Synod on Synodality in October 2023 at the Vatican. Dr. Clifford 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](mailto:religioused@canadianmartyrs.org). 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.

## 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.

## EVENTS/MEETINGS

**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

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

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

## “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](#).

## 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](#).

## 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](#).

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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

## THE AMEN APP

Journey through Advent with [Amen](#), the free Catholic prayer app. Sign up to receive an email each day of the Advent and Christmas seasons with three items to help you prepare for the coming of the Lord: a daily meditation by St. John Henry Newman taken from [Waiting for Christ](#), a link to the rosary with a short reflection, and a weekly Lectio Divina passage from Scripture. [Get started here](#).

## JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents [Journey through Advent](#) with the Most Rev. Bishop Jon Hansen, CSsR, Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith. These videos are intended to help the faithful prepare for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord on December 25, by offering resources and faith formation. As we prepare for the arrival of Christ, it is hoped that [Journey through Advent](#) will be a source of spiritual comfort and insightful preparation for all.

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

On **December 12**, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, the Church in Canada celebrates the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This year, we take a moment to recall the Holy Father’s Penitential Pilgrimage to Canada in July 2022, and in particular his words of prayer offered at Lac Ste. Anne: “Lord, as the people on the shores of the Sea of Galilee were not afraid to cry out to you with their needs, so we come to you, Lord ... with whatever pain we bear within us. We bring to you our weariness and our struggles, the wounds of the violence suffered by Indigenous brothers and sisters.” [Read the full prayer](#).

# Events at Galilee Centre, Arnprior

**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.

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

**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).