

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

Epiphany of the Lord January 6/7, 2024



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, Fr. Peter Monty, Andrea Redway, Br. Len Rego, Gerarda Staples, Michael Wink

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Jan. 6 Msgr. Peter Schonenbach by Dianne Borg; **Wed., Jan. 10** Deceased family members by Yvonne Bennett; **Fri., Jan. 12** Madeleine Remillard by Denise Remillard; **Sat., Jan. 13** Joan Beaton by Kelly & Tracey Beaton; **Tues., Jan. 16** Laura Egan by the Duggan family; **Thurs., Jan. 18** Frances & Ed Denor by their family; **Sat., Jan. 20** Dan Kelly by Connie Kelly; **Thurs., Jan. 25** Rollie Goulet by Margaret Denneny; **Fri., Jan. 26** Jozef Nowosielski by Richard & Susanne Shaftoe; **Sat., Jan. 27** Catherine Allen by Robert & Brian Allen
Mass intentions are available for weekday and Saturday Masses for a \$15.00 stipend. Please contact the parish office.

EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sat., Jan. 6: Pizza night after Mass
Thurs., Jan. 11: Parish Council, 7pm
Fri., Jan. 19: Youth Group, 7pm
Sun., Jan. 21: Lunch and Learn, after Mass
Tues., Jan. 23: *Laudato Si'* Planning Meeting, 7pm
Fri., Jan. 26: Liturgy Committee, 1:30pm

Our Parish News

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Christmas and New Year's liturgies. From pageant participants and those who helped with décor to musicians, cantors, lectors, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, and those who helped behind the scenes, we had our bases covered and we appreciate all you did!

JANUARY FOOD DRIVE

Please help us fill the shelves at the [Centretown Community Food Centre](#). Drop off a non-perishable food item in the church foyer when you attend Mass.

PIZZA SUPPER

Join us for the first pizza supper of 2024 after Mass on Saturday, **January 6**.

EVENING PRAYER

Starting the week of January 7-13, 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 child to make their First Communion.

LUNCH AND LEARN JANUARY 21

Canadians are concerned about climate change; 2023 was officially declared the hottest year on record, and 6,669 fires destroyed 18.5 million hectares – an area larger than the State of Florida! Pope Francis has spoken on these concerns in his encyclical *Laudato Si'* in 2015 and once again last October in *Laudate Deum*. Joe Gunn of Le Centre Oblat at St. Paul University will lead a Lunch and Learn discussion on faithful responses to the climate emergency after the 10am Mass on **January 21**. For more info, contact Adele: religioused@canadianmartyrs.org.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

We are looking for a volunteer to make coffee and tea once a month for our hospitality after Sunday Mass. Training is available, as well as first dibs on the yummiest cookies! Please [email](#) or call the office if you are interested in helping.

LAUDATO SI' PLANNING MEETING

Following in the Holy See's Encyclical Letter (*Laudato Si'* 2015), our parish needs to formulate a 7-year plan for the Care of Creation. This will not fall to any one person or any one ministry, but to the Parish as a whole. You are welcome to join us on Tuesday, **January 23** at 7pm in the Parish Centre, to discuss plans to make this a reality in the near future. Come and share your perspective and your wisdom as we move forward on this critical mission. You are welcome to review the document ([found here](#)), written by John Dorner and his colleagues, that summarizes our task at hand.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Thank you for your continued financial contributions to our Parish! If you give through direct debit or Canada Helps, we invite you to collect a donation card at the start of Mass and place it in the collection basket as a symbol of your support for the parish. These cards are available in a basket on the small table as you enter the church. If you are interested in donating through monthly direct debit contributions, we invite you to pick up a form from the Welcome Table in the church foyer. [Click here](#) if you would like to donate through Canada Helps or contact [Heather in the office](#) if you would like a box of donation envelopes. Thank you!

FROM THE OFFICE

We still have copies of the 2024 Sunday Missal available for \$5 each. If you haven't already, please don't forget to pick up your box of donation envelopes for 2024 from the Welcome Table in the church foyer.

DECEMBER COLLECTION

Collection:	\$ 18,364.58
Direct Deposit (EFT):	\$ 7,430.00
Canada Helps:	\$ 4,431.35
Total:	\$ 30,225.93

Average monthly expenses: **\$ 21,510.64**

Diocesan and Community News

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.

QUO VADIS? – DISCERNMENT NIGHTS FOR THE PRIESTHOOD

Is the Lord calling you to serve him as a priest? Join other men discerning the priesthood for monthly formation starting **January 18** at 7pm, fellowship, and Eucharistic Adoration. Each night will be held at the new Café des Tours, located in the basement of Notre Dame Cathedral in Ottawa. To join the Quo Vadis email list or for more information, contact Fr. Connor O’Hara, the Vocations Director for the diocese, at vocations@ottawacornwall.ca.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 57th WORLD DAY OF PEACE

All forms of artificial intelligence should be used to alleviate human suffering, promote integral development and help end wars and conflicts, not increase inequality and injustice in the world, Pope Francis said in his message for World Day of Peace 2024. [Read his full message here](#).

POPE’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

In January, Pope Francis calls for prayers to the Holy Spirit “to help us recognize the gift of different charisms within Christian communities and to discover the richness of various ritual traditions within the Catholic Church.”

CONNECTING WITH NATURE IN WINTER

Discover the enchantment of winter by immersing yourself in nature. You may even fall in love with the special seasonal benefits of these colder months. Find inspiration in these [connecting with nature tips](#) which include [playing snow snake](#). Haudenosaunee, Ojibwe, Oneida, Sioux and Wyandotte people have played this traditional game for more than 500 years to lift spirits during long winters. The objective is to slide a long stick (the snow snake) the furthest distance along a smooth trough made in the snow.

FROM LIVING WITH CHRIST NEWSLETTER

“As we return to Ordinary Time, we see in the Gospel readings Jesus gathering his first disciples. On the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear the familiar story of Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea. Jesus says to them, “Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they leave everything and follow Jesus... Immediately! I would say that Simon and Andrew are pretty lucky – they have great personal freedom to drop everything and go follow Jesus. How free are you and I to respond to that great commission of Jesus: “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you ”(Matthew 28.19-20)? What, if anything, is keeping us back?” Natalia Kononenko, Editor, *Living with Christ*



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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).