

# 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 Council

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

Wed., 6:30pm, [via Zoom](#)

### Sunday Liturgy of the Word

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

## RCIA

Parish RCIA Team

Sundays, 9am, Parish Centre

## Third Sunday of Easter

April 13/14, 2024



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Carol Bazinet, Louise Blanchett-Smith, Peter Blanchfield, Isabella Boles, Devin Bursey, Sandy Cano, Frank Chauvin, Clare Dashney, Eileen De Rosayro, Molly Fraser, Sheila Gasnick, Eileen Kearns, Marigold Kenney, Jeff Meulemans, Fr. Peter Monty, Fr. Vaughan Quinn, Andrea Redway, Br. Len Rego, Gerarda Staples

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat., Apr. 13** Mary Gray Seibold by Mede McAtee; **Tues., Apr. 16** Helen Piecek by Pat LaViolette; **Wed., Apr. 17** Julian Rose by Yvonne Bennett; **Fri., Apr. 19** John Dorner by Angela Julien; **Sat., Apr. 20** John Dorner by his family; **Tues., Apr. 23** Helen Piecek by Pat LaViolette **Wed., Apr. 24** Unwell friends by Yvonne Bennett; **Fri., Apr. 26** Jozef Nowosielski by Richard & Susanne Shaftoe; **Tues., Apr. 30** John Dorner by Anna Dorner

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

## EVENTS/MEETINGS

**Sun., Apr. 14** Lunch and Learn after Mass

**Fri., Apr. 19** Youth Group, 7pm

**Sun., April 21** Community Mass with string ensemble, 10am

**Sun., Apr. 28** Youth Mass, 7pm

# Our Parish News

## THANK YOU FROM CCFC

On behalf of the Centretown Community Food Centre, I am writing to thank all the parishioners of Canadian Martyrs for the overwhelming success of the Parish's Lenten food drive. Over 800 food and toiletry items were collected for the Food Centre. I believe this is the largest response we've ever received from a church food drive, and all the items were welcome! Thank you again for the Parish's long-time and very generous support for our food centre. Each year, your food donations have made a major impact on our ability to help the many needy people in our community.

- Allison Dingle, Chair, Management Committee

## THANK YOU!

The Pastoral Team would like to thank everyone who made our Holy Week and Easter Sunday celebrations special. We give thanks to those who say yes, show up, and help! Thank you to all those who volunteer however they are able. We could not have done it without you!

## FIRST COMMUNION

During **the month of April**, eight of our young parishioners will be celebrating their First Communions. We congratulate James, Tomi, Audrey, Benjamin, Sabela, Henri and Edie on their First Communion, may they continue to walk in God's light all the days of their lives. We also thank our catechists for dedicating another year in preparing our young children and youth to know their faith and follow Christ.

## LUNCH AND LEARN, APRIL 14

Join us for Lunch and Learn on Sunday, **April 14** after Mass: *What will be there – after resurrection?*

*A redemptive interpretation of purgatory, hell and heaven*  
Eternal life, somehow happy, hopefully a reunion with the people we have lost. We have a vague idea of this. But a resurrection of the body, a fire to purify us, eternal punishment or eternal beatitude. All these ideas, which we know from the Christian tradition, are difficult to convey today. As a result, they are rarely or never spoken about. Nevertheless, these old concepts are hopeful, even liberating, if we understand them correctly. They help us to understand what redemption is all about - and that it starts today. We are happy to take you on a journey into eternity - as far as it is accessible to us in our thinking and believing. Our guide on this journey will be Mariéle Wulf, professor of Safeguarding at Saint Paul University, a pastoral caregiver, a philosopher and a theologian.

## YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will meet on Friday, **April 19** at 7pm. Discussion will include the upcoming Youth Mass on Sunday, **April 28** at 7pm. We invite all of our youth, from grades 5 to 12, to play a full and active role in Parish life. Join us! For more info, please contact [the office](#).

## COMMUNITY MASS

We will have our Community Mass on Sunday, **April 21** at 10am, complete with a string ensemble in our choir space, and our parish youth helping with the liturgical ministries. Join us for this celebration during the Easter season!

## EARTH DAY IS LEG DAY

Cars are one of the biggest contributors to gas emissions in Canada. That's why, Earth Day Canada is launching the national *Earth Day is Leg Day* Challenge. From now until **April 22** (Earth Day), skip the car to save the planet. Your challenge: log 10 sustainable commutes (i.e., without a car). Find out more at [earthday.ca/april-22/campaign/leg-day/](http://earthday.ca/april-22/campaign/leg-day/) and on our Laudato Si' table in the church foyer.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

[We are currently looking for a few more altar servers/presider's assistants and Eucharistic ministers.](#) Training is provided! If you are interested in these volunteer opportunities or others, please [email](#) or call the office.

## VOCATION REFLECTION

"Extra-ordinary"

by Darcie Lich, OMI Lacombe Canada Vocation Team  
Ok, so does anyone else get a kick out of the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Easter? No? Just me?

Don't get me wrong. I'm not being irreverent or disrespectful. I legitimately love it because it is just so real that it never fails to make me laugh. Indulge me as I share a little perspective here.

Read the [full reflection here](#).

## MARCH COLLECTION

Collection:	\$ 9,793.20
Direct Deposit (EFT):	\$ 7,375.00
Canada Helps:	\$ 2,897.90
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 20,066.10</b>
Average monthly expenses:	<b>\$ 20,311.22</b>

# Diocesan and Community News

## AN EVENING WITH DEANTHA EDMUNDS

The Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall has extended the early bird price for the [Deantha Edmunds](#) concert taking place on **April 19** at Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica. This will be an evening of beautiful music that you don't want to miss. Go to [IRFconcert.eventbrite.ca](http://IRFconcert.eventbrite.ca) for details and to buy your tickets or you can contact Ruth at 613-933-1138, ext. 22 or [ruth.tyolarose@ottawacornwall.ca](mailto:ruth.tyolarose@ottawacornwall.ca). The proceeds of the concert are to benefit the [Indigenous Reconciliation Fund](#).

## BLANKET EXERCISE

Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Drive, will be hosting a Blanket Exercise led by Kateri Native Ministry on Sunday, **April 21**, from 1:30-4:30pm. The blanket exercise is an interactive educational program that teaches the history of colonization in Canada. It has proven to be effective in helping people understand how Canadian policies and practices impact and continue to influence the lives of Indigenous Peoples in Canada. To register, please email Tony Ritchie at [ritchieanthony3@gmail.com](mailto:ritchieanthony3@gmail.com).

## PLASTIC POLLUTION ON THE FRONTLINES: STORIES FROM TURTLE ISLAND

From the extraction of oil and gas to the disposal of waste, the lives of Indigenous communities have been disproportionately threatened by the polluting plastic industry. To ignore the plastic pollution crisis is to ignore the devastation that plastic creates for First Nations communities, their food sources, ways of life and languages. This free roundtable event on Wednesday, **April 24**, at 12:30pm at the National Arts Centre includes voices from the Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, Aamjiwnaang First Nation and the Nunatsiavut government about the impacts of plastic production and pollution on their communities. Refreshments and light snacks to follow. [Register here](#).

## COFFEE HOUSES ON SUSTAINABILITY - TRANSPORTATION

Join the fourth in a series of exciting events dedicated to sustainability in Ottawa! At Coffee Houses on Sustainability - Transportation on Saturday, **April 27** at 9:30am dive into e-transit options and have discussions about charging infrastructure, active transportation, idling-free driving as well as other eco-friendly options for improving the air quality of our communities. Get ready to connect with like-minded individuals and learn from knowledgeable neighbours who have already made sustainable choices. [Reserve a spot!](#)

## GENESIS: AN ART SHOW

On **April 28**, 11am-5pm, come explore and celebrate Earth Day through art the beauty of God, the Creator, and his creation at [Genesis: The Palette of Creation](#). Hosted by the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall at the Café Des Tours, Notre Dame Cathedral, 385 Sussex Dr., the show will feature local artists with a focus on creation and how we find God through it. If you are a local artist and would like to submit your work for the show (a few spots left beyond deadline advertised), [email Mireille Church](#).

## SCREENING OF ROE CANADA

Watch the documentary, *Roe Canada*, on Thursday, **May 2**, at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave at 7pm. Woven into the story is a 50+ year history of the prolife movement in Canada and the U.S., a peek into what grassroots leadership looks like today, and perspective on what's at stake. This is a Dunn Media Production and is being made available free of charge. (The opportunity to give a free will offering will be made available to support their very important work). More information is available at the following link: <https://roecanada.com>

## SYNODAL SHARING: "The Church of God is convoked in synod."

"The Synod that we are now celebrating calls us to become a Church that gets up, one that is not turned in on itself, but capable of pressing forward, leaving behind its own prisons and setting out to meet the world, with the courage to open doors."

- Pope Francis



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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).