

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

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 6/7, 2024



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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Apr. 6 Lorna Kelly by Connie Kelly; **Tues., Apr. 9** Reine Paule Remillard & Louis Vigeant by Denise Remillard; **Wed., Apr. 10** Thomas Crête by the Beemans family; **Fri., Apr. 12** Ewa Bennett & Teresa Fallenbuchl by Yvonne Bennett; **Sat., Apr. 13** Mary Gray Seibold by Mede McAtee; **Fri., Apr. 19** John Dorner by Angela Julien; **Sat., Apr. 20** John Dorner by his family; **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

Sat., Apr. 6 Pizza Night after Mass, 6pm

Thurs., Apr. 11 Pastoral Council Meeting, 7pm

Sun., Apr. 14 Lunch and Learn after Mass

Fri., Apr. 19 Youth Group, 7pm

Sun., Apr. 28 Youth Mass, 7pm

Our Parish News

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 grade 5 to grade 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!

SPECIAL HOSPITALITY TEAM

The Pastoral Team would like to have a group of parishioners who are willing to help with receptions after special events such as the Feast of Canadian Martyrs and the Easter Vigil. Do you enjoy baking? Can you donate a cheese or veggie platter? Can you help with set up or clean up? Please call or [email](#) the office if you can offer to help out occasionally. Thank you!

ALTAR SERVER/PRESIDER'S ASSISTANT

We are planning an altar server/presider's assistant training session this spring. Children who have received their first communion can become altar servers. We also invite adults to be presider's assistants. If you are interested in attending the training session, please [email](#) or call the office.

507 SANDWICH CLUB

Every Thursday (except the 1st Thursday of the month) many sandwiches get made in the parish centre for the adult drop-in centre at [Centre 507](#). If you are willing to help make sandwiches and enjoy a little social time with other parishioners, [please sign up here](#). There are two time-slots, 1:30pm and 7pm. We also remain grateful for the monetary support for this parish initiative. You can donate [online](#) or by putting an envelope in the offertory basket.

VOCATION REFLECTION

"Thomas and Mary Magdalen Show the Way "

by Richard Beaudette, OMI

OMI Lacombe Canada Vocation Team

The Gospels tell us that Mary Magdalen and other women went to seek Jesus and we have to wonder what Thomas was doing when he was not with the others in the upper room. They were obviously seeking answers to their fundamental questions. They were seeking validation to Jesus' promise that he would return from the dead. They trusted Jesus' word and set out to discover the truth of the promises. As we might question the disciples hiding away, we might also ask "What holds us back?"

Read the [full reflection here](#).



Diocesan and Community News

EUCCHARISTIC CENACLE

You've encountered Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and now you're wondering, "what's next?". Whether you recently joined the Church or are a lifelong Catholic, *The Cenacle* sessions offer something for everyone seeking a deeper encounter with Jesus through the Eucharist. Held on the first Friday of each month, this transformative experience will include inspiring speakers, discussion, Eucharistic Adoration, and profound moments of prayer with our fellow brothers and sisters in the Diocese. As you rediscover the incredible gift Christ gives us in the Blessed Sacrament and encounter Him with fresh eyes and an open heart, you'll gain a new understanding of your call to follow Jesus. Join us on Saturday, **April 13**, at 9.30am with guest speaker, Rev. Fr. Diego Rebeles, at Holy Rosary Parish, 20 Grant Street.

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 for details and to buy your tickets or you can contact Ruth at 613-933-1138, ext. 22 or ruth.tyolarose@ottawacornwall.ca. The proceeds of the concert are to benefit the [Indigenous Reconciliation Fund](#).

WALKING THE PATH OF ADULT FAITH

The Emmaus Encounter as Model of Where Faith and Life Meet to Transform Us, Friday, **April 19** - Sunday, **April 21**, at the Galilee Centre, in Arnprior. Facilitator: Dr. Carol Kuzmochka
When the search for meaning and hope is keenly felt, we enter a threshold space where encounter and transformation can happen. This retreat is an invitation to prayerful reflection, opening to God who comes alongside to walk with us, leading into the learning/growing spaces of adult faith. Dr. Kuzmochka's approach to the Emmaus

story offers a way into the wide, rich, real, and relational journey of integral faith that can prepare us to be vitally a part of the Synodal Church. [Click here](#) to register.

JOY OF SHARING CONCERT

Foodsharing Ottawa is presenting the *Joy of Sharing* concert with music from Big Soul Project and Deep Groove Band on Saturday, **April 20**, at 7:30pm, at Trinity Anglican Church, 1230 Bank Street. Proceeds from the sale of tickets will be used by Foodsharing Ottawa to support fairer, more sustainable ways of distributing, using and disposing of food.

WOLF JOE: A TV SHOW FOR KIDS

Explore Indigenous culture and identity with Joe and his two best friends. Through their fun-filled adventures, they find ways to help their community as they learn more about themselves.

<https://www.tvokids.com/school-age/wolf-joe>

LAUDATO SI' MOVEMENT

In *Laudato Si'*, we are urged to contemplate how "everything is interconnected": our spirituality, our daily actions, and the well-being of our planet and of all our brothers and sisters in Christ. In this spirit, we are encouraged to:

Reflect on our lifestyle: How can we live more sustainably and in harmony with God's creation?

Actively participate in the Laudato Si' community: By training to become a [Laudato Si' Animator](#) in the next course that [starts soon](#) and lead the change in our communities.

Pray and meditate: So that our spirituality may be the inspiration to love and protect the world that God has entrusted to us.

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).