

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, via Zoom

except last Monday of the

month, 2:30pm in the church

Lectio Divina & Meditation

Maureen Cerroni

Tuesdays, 8pm, via Zoom

Evening Prayer

Pierre LaViolette

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

Sunday Liturgy of the Word

Returns in September

RCIA

Parish RCIA Team

Sundays, 9am, Parish Centre

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time August 31/September 1, 2024



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Carol Bazinet, Christina Beemans, Louise Blanchett-Smith, Peter Blanchfield, Isabella Boles, Maria Bruno, Devin Bursay, Sandy Cano, Frank Chauvin, Candy Craigen, Clare Dashney, Eileen De Rosayro, Molly Fraser, Sheila Gasnick, Eileen Kearns, Marigold Kenney, John Kremer, Cornelius Kroon, Tony Lim, John Peart, Fr. Vaughan Quinn, Br. Len Rego, Gerarda Staples

Our prayer list will reset on Sept. 30. To retain someone on the list or to add someone, please contact the office.

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed., Sept. 4 Intentions of Mrs. J. Pinski by Yvonne Bennett; **Fri., Sept. 6** Yu Cheng Liu by Patricia O'Grady; **Sat., Sept. 14** Anne Smith by Pauline Willey; **Tues., Sept. 17** Peter & Mrs. Antoinette Prud'homme by the Prud'homme family; **Thurs., Sept. 19** Mr. & Mrs. Tony Brennan and Barbara by their family

Mass intentions are available for weekday and Saturday Masses for a \$15.00 stipend.

Please contact the parish office.

EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sept. 1 - Oct. 4 Season of Creation

Thurs., Sept. 5 Parish Pastoral Council, 7pm

Thurs., Sept. 12 Lector's Workshop, 7pm

Sept. 15/16 Season of Creation Mass, Sat., 5pm & Sun., 10am

Sun., Sept. 16 Lunch and Learn, *Laudato Si'*, after Mass

Thurs., Sept. 26 Feast of Canadian Martyrs Mass, 7pm

Sun., Sept. 29 Mass with Kateri Native Ministry, 10am

Our Parish News

TRAVEL-SIZED TOILETRIES DONATIONS FOR ST. JOE'S WOMEN'S CENTRE

Do you have a collection of travel-sized toiletries from your recent holidays? We are collecting travel-sized toiletries for [St. Joe's Women's Centre](#) which will be used to create toiletry bags for people in need in the community. The Women's Centre is in need of tampons, lotion, shampoo, toothpaste, pads and deodorant. Please put your donations in the bins in the church foyer and we will deliver them. Thank you for your support of this initiative.

EPISTLE NEWSLETTER

Do you or your parish committee or group have information or thoughts to share in The Epistle? Send your articles and photos to office@canadianmartyrs.org by **September 9** for our September 2024 issue.

LECTORS WORKSHOP

A lectors workshop will be held on Thursday, **September 12** at 7pm. Please email or call the office if you would like to attend.

SEASON OF CREATION MASS

Our parish's Season of Creation Mass will be celebrated on the weekend of **September 14/15** at both the 5pm and 10am Masses. We will hold this liturgy as part of the ecumenical Season of Creation, a season of prayer and action for our common home, that takes place every year from September 1 to October 4.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation is the sacrament of initiation where we are anointed with oil and we open ourselves to the gifts that the Holy Spirit can bring to our lives. If your child is in grade 6 or older, please discuss with them if they would like to continue their faith journey with us this fall. Sessions will run on Saturdays at 3pm. The first session is a parents-only session on **September 28**. Please [register here](#), or contact Adele, religioused@canadianmartyrs.org for more details.

CALL FOR CATECHISTS

Our parish joyfully welcomes volunteers who would be interested in joining our Confirmation Preparation team in the fall! Whether you are an experienced catechist, or interested in learning how to share your faith, we invite you to join us! Volunteers can choose to facilitate discussions, participate as musicians, prepare snacks, help

with crafts, do room setup and cleanup, or any other number of supportive and valuable tasks. High school students would receive volunteer hours. Please contact Adele religioused@canadianmartyrs.org for more details.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We are seeking enthusiastic leaders for our Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays! No experience is necessary - just a passion for helping young people explore scripture and experience God's boundless love. If you have a heart for guiding children and sharing the joy of God's plan, we'd love to have you join us in this rewarding ministry. For more details or to volunteer, please contact Heather or Adele in the office. Let's inspire our children together!

RCIA PROGRAM

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church? Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program welcomes you to join us on a journey of faith and discovery as we explore the richness of the Catholic faith. Our sessions begin in September and continue until Pentecost, meeting on Sundays after Mass. Together, we will break open the Word, delve into Catholic teachings and traditions, and engage in meaningful dialogue. We are here to walk this path with you! Please contact the office for more information.



JULY COLLECTION

Collection:	\$ 11,340.20
Direct Deposit (EFT):	\$ 7,470.00
Canada Helps:	\$ 1,736.71
Total:	\$ 20,546.91
Average monthly expenses:	\$ 24,099.95

Diocesan and Community News

OTTAWA REDBLACKS FAITH DAY

CHRI, along with Athletes In Action, will be hosting the [Ottawa Redblacks Faith Day](#) on Saturday, **September 7!** Join in on Saturday, September 7th for a full day of family fun at TD Place Stadium as the RedBlacks take on the Toronto Argonauts in the battle of Ontario! It's Big Joe's birthday and there will be roaming characters, face painting, and activities for kids. Come cheer loud, bring the family, and join the CHRI team, along with special guests from the RedBlacks, for post-game activities and a discussion panel. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Kieran Ward, kward@oseg.ca.

SEASON OF CREATION MASS

Celebrate the opening of the 2024 Season of Creation with [a bilingual Mass](#), celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Yvan Mathieu on Saturday, **September 7** at 5pm at Notre-Dame Cathedral. The John Dorner award will be presented at the end of Mass followed by a reception in the Café des Tours (located on the lower level of the Cathedral).

INDIGENOUS & CATHOLIC ECOSYSTEMS: A PATH TO RECONCILIATION

Join Concerned Lay Catholics in Canada on Saturday, **September 14** at 2pm as they celebrate National Truth and Reconciliation Day and the Ecumenical Season of Creation by hosting a dynamic discussion about the intersection between Indigenous Ecological Knowledge and the writings of Pope Francis in *Laudato Si' - On Care for our Common Home*. With input from Indigenous and Catholic leaders, and moderated by Agnes Richard of MLSM - Canada, we will explore connections and reciprocity between faith communities and Indigenous Peoples and, relying on Indigenous teachings and those of Pope Francis on caring for Mother Earth, practical ways which communities of faith might work towards reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

[Click here](#) to register.

A DINNER THEATRE EXPERIENCE

SUPPORTING NOTRE DAME CEMETERY

Celebrate 150 years of Notre Dame Cemetery at this unique fundraiser, hosted at the Centre Pauline-Charron from **September 13 - September 20**. Hear the stories of residents of the cemetery, brought back to life through a unique dinner theatre experience.

Tickets are \$35/person and include the cost of the meal. [Click here](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

JON FESTIVAL 2024

Jon Festival 2024 tour features Limoblaze, 1K Phew, Dunamis District, Godina, Moses Bliss, and KS Bloom. This mind-blowing lineup promises an unforgettable experience of music that will sweep into Ottawa at the Ottawa Festival Field on Sunday, **September 22**, 1:00pm - 9:00pm. These artists bring their world class talent and message of hope, love and new life.

[Click here](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

OTTAWA PASTORAL CARE COURSES

This fall Ottawa Pastoral Care Training Program will again offer the Basic Training Course both in-person (afternoons) and online by Zoom (evenings). Both courses begin Monday, **September 16**, and run weekly until November 25 (excluding Thanksgiving Monday). The Fall 2024 Basic Training Course brochure is available at <https://ottawapastoralcare.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Fall-2024-.Basic-Course-Brochure.pdf>. Register soon as these courses fill up quickly.

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

On Thursday, **September 15** at 7:15pm, come and “pray to the Lord of the harvest” for vocations (Matthew 9:38). Everyone is invited to Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica (385 Sussex) for [an evening](#) of Eucharistic Adoration and praying for an increase of all vocations within the Archdiocese. A social time will follow in the Café des Tours.

A LISTENING CHURCH – A SYNODAL CHURCH

Before making any decision, before starting any programme, any apostolate, any mission within the Church, we should ask ourselves: what does God want from me, what does God want from us, at this moment, in this situation? Is what we envision truly aligned with the “thought of God”? Let us remember that the Holy Spirit is the protagonist of the synodal journey, not we ourselves: the Spirit alone teaches us to listen to the voice of God, individually and as a Church.

- Pope Francis, Audience, 13 June 2024



Pope Francis has established September 1 as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home.

The day is inspired by Pope Francis' landmark encyclical *Laudato Si'*, which calls on “every person living on this planet” to care for our shared Earth.

The theme for 2024 is “Hope and Act with Creation” which draws its inspiration from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans (Romans 8:19-25).

In his message for the World Day of Prayer 2024, Pope Francis reminds us how the Holy Spirit “keeps the believing community alert and calls it to conversion in lifestyles, to resist human degradation of the environment.”

The Holy Father calls us, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, to seek to live “a life that becomes a song of love for God, for humanity, with and for creation, and that finds its fullness in holiness.”

Read the [full text of the Pope's message](#) for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

Season of Creation 2024 Prayer

Triune God, Creator of all,

We praise you for your goodness, visible in all the diversity that you have created, making us a cosmic family living in a common home. Through the Earth you created, we experience love and nourishment, home and protection.

We confess that we do not relate to the Earth as a Mothering gift from you, our Creator. Our selfishness, greed, neglect, and abuse have caused the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, human suffering as well as the suffering of all our fellow creatures. We confess that we have failed to listen to the groans of the Earth, the groans of all creatures, and the groans of the Spirit of hope and justice that lives within us.

May your Creator Spirit help us in our weakness, so that we may know the redeeming power of Christ and the hope found in him. May the groans of the Spirit birth in us a willingness to serve you faithfully, so that we may hear and heal Creation, to hope and act together with her, so that the first fruits of hope may blossom.

Loving and Creator God, we pray that you will make us sensitive to these groans and enable us to have the same compassion as that of Jesus, the redeeming Lord. Grant us a fresh vision of our relationship with Earth, and with one another, as creatures that are made in your image.

In the name of the one who came to proclaim the good news to all Creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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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. The Pastoral Plan 2020-2025 can be [found here](#).

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).