

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
[via Zoom](#)

RCIA

Parish RCIA Team

Sundays, 9am, Parish Centre

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16/17 2024



PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Carol Bazinet, Isabella Boles, Devin Bursey, Frank Chauvin, Nathalie Comeau, Candy Craigen, Fernando Ferelli, Molly Fraser, Richmond Guillermo, Eileen Kearns, Marigold Kenney, Cornelius Kroon, Tony Lim, Chris Litster, Wayne MacDonald, John Peart, Adrian Poplawski, Fr. Vaughan Quinn, Br. Len Rego

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov. 16 Willard Smith by Maryalice Nugent; **Wed., Nov. 20** Blair McMinn by Margaret Denneny; **Thurs., Nov. 21** Dr. Peter & Mrs. Antoinette Prud'homme by the Prud'homme family; **Fri., Nov. 22** Maurice Lapierre by Margaret Denneny; **Sat., Nov. 23** Harold Allen by Robert & Brian Allen; **Thurs., Nov. 28** Maurice Lapierre by Margaret Denneny; **Sat., Nov. 30** Dan & Lorna Kelly by Connie Kelly

EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., Nov. 17 Lunch and Learn, 11:15am

Wed., Nov. 20 Ottawa Guitar Society Concert, 7:30pm

Nov. 23/24 Bring in your Christmas shoeboxes

Sun., Nov. 24 Confirmation at 10am Mass

Fri., Nov. 29 Youth Group, 7pm (help wrap the Christmas boxes)

Tues., Dec. 3 Advent Reconciliation Service, 7pm

Thurs., Dec. 5 Pastoral Council, 7pm

Sat., Dec. 7 Advent Retreat, 10am (details to follow)

Sat., Dec. 7 Pageant photo shoot, 2pm

Our Parish News

LUNCH AND LEARN

Join us for an inspiring talk on Sunday, **November 17** after Mass with Susana Sandoz as she shares her family's extraordinary journey across the globe through her work with UNICEF. Susana will reveal how their experiences led to one powerful truth: despite our differences, we are all very much the same as human beings, despite our cultures, religions and aspirations, and hence we need to be united in a call to live in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world.

CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS FRUITCAKES

Please order your 600g Christmas cakes (\$25) made by the Monks of Abbay Val Notre Dame by [clicking here](#) or by using the order form on the Welcome Table and drop off payment to the office by Sunday, **November 24**. Please pay with cash or cheque. Make cheques payable to Canadian Martyrs Church and write Christmas cakes in the memo line. Cakes will be available for pickup at the church in early December.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

This year, we are once again inviting families to make up a shoebox for youth in need in Ottawa. Please bring your unwrapped, filled shoeboxes to the parish by **November 23/24** and we will make sure they get into grateful hands by Christmas. Thank you in advance for helping us to spread the cheer this Christmas!! See page 4 of the bulletin for more details or the flyers at the entrances of the church.

CONFIRMATION

Thank you to all those who are remembering our ten confirmation candidates in daily prayer. Our community will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 10am. Mass on Sunday, **November 24**, Christ the King and World Day of Youth.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION LITURGY

You are invited to join us in the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday, **December 3** at 7:00pm.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PHOTOSHOOT

Come join us as we recreate the story of our Saviour's birth in photos at the church on Saturday, **December 7** from 2-4pm. A slideshow will be created and shown during the Christmas Masses. If you are interested in participating, please [sign up here](#) or call/email the office.

ADVENT RETREAT

Join us for an Advent Retreat on Saturday, **December 7** from 10am - 12pm with Fr. Nnaemeka Ali. More details to follow.

SUNDAY MISSALS

Sunday missals for 2025 are available for \$5 after Masses this weekend. Please have the correct change, if possible.

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

As we move towards the end of the year, Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is putting out the call for nominations of new members. Please consider who you think might be a suitable candidate and fill out one of the nomination forms that you will find on the Welcome Table in the church foyer. Contact a member of the PPC or the parish office, if you have any questions.

FREE NATIVE PLANT SEEDS

Seeds from the plants in our pollinator garden are available for **free** in the breezeway. These are not hybrids so they will come true. The seeds need to go through a winter, so they should be planted now. Sprinkle them on the ground and cover them lightly with soil.

D&P STAND FOR THE LAND CAMPAIGN

Development and Peace - Caritas Canada is responding to the call from their partner ERIC-Radio Progreso in Honduras to raise awareness of the tragic plight of the communities of Guapinol and the San Pedro sector. D&P stands with them as they defend their right to water for survival and struggle to obtain: justice, reparations and protection, the cancellation of irregularly granted mining permits, and the restoration of their national park. Let's ask the Honduran government to better protect environmental and human rights defenders and to act for justice. Stand in solidarity. Sign the letter to the Honduran ambassador at devp.org/act or sign one of the petition cards in the church pews this weekend.

OCTOBER COLLECTION

Collection:	\$ 11,988.27
Direct Deposit (EFT):	\$ 7,575.00
Canada Helps:	\$ 3,340.88
Total:	\$ 22,904.15
Average monthly expenses:	\$ 22,143.70

Diocesan and Community News

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Pope Francis has declared Sunday, **November 17**, 2024 to be the eighth World Day of the Poor, with the theme of “The prayer of the poor rises up to God”. The expression that gives the 2024 World Day of the Poor its theme is taken from the Book of Sirach (cf. Sir 21:5), which Pope Francis says is not sufficiently known and deserves to be discovered for the richness of its themes. In his message for this World Day of the Poor, the Holy Father reiterates that “the poor hold a privileged place in God’s heart” and invites everyone to learn to pray for the poor and to pray together with the poor, with humility and trust. Read the [full message here](#).

OTTAWA GUITAR SOCIETY CONCERT

The Ottawa Guitar Society is thrilled to present the Ukrainian virtuoso guitarist, Marko Topchii, as part of his North American tour. Join us for his first ever concert in Ottawa on Wednesday, **November 20** at 7:30pm at Canadian Martyrs Church. Tickets are available at the door (cash or card) and [online](#).

CANADIANS FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

A virtual panel conversation on the closing Synod on Synodality, presented in partnership with Star of the North Retreat Centre, Galilee Centre, and Centre Oblat: A Voice for Justice on Wednesday, **November 20**, at 6:30pm. This virtual conversation will provide an opportunity to learn from two Canadian participants in the synodal process, as well as a leader from the local level with experience applying the principles of synodality in a parish in Ottawa. This panel will offer ways for us all to stay informed, engaged in discerning the future together for the common good of the church and the world. [Click here to register online](#) for the event. You will be sent a Zoom link the day before the event.

HUNDREDFOLD WORKSHOP

Hosted at Café des Tours, 385 Sussex Dr., on **November 23** from 9am-3pm, the Hundredfold workshop is designed to equip Catholic laity in forming a vibrant parish vocation ministry that promotes vocations to the priesthood, marriage, and consecrated life. What you will learn:
What is a vocation ministry?
What is the recipe for a vocation-producing parish?
How do we start and sustain our ministry?
How do we invite our youth to discern a call?
Free parking will be available in the blue spaces in the Notre-Dame parking lot. To register, [click here](#).

NATIONAL HOUSING DAY

Mark your calendars for this year's National Housing Day celebration on Sunday, **November 24**, 3-5pm! National Housing Day is a day of affordable housing advocacy to raise awareness about housing and homelessness. National Housing Day is held every November across Canada. This annual Multifaith Housing Initiative event includes an interfaith prayer service and reception. The 2024 theme is *Building Harmony Through Community*. The event is free to attend and takes place at the Sir John A. Macdonald Building, 144 Wellington St.

ADVENT CELEBRATION: PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

This Advent program is an invitation to come to the Galilee Centre, Arnprior, as we enter the Season of Hope, Joy, Peace & Love on Sundays in December (**December 1, 8, 15, 22**) from 2 - 4pm. Through a combination of music, scripture, reflection, and sharing hearts, our facilitators will guide you through this time of preparation. [Click here to register](#) or call the office at 613-623-4242 x 21. There is no cost for this program, donations are welcome.

IMMACULATA CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Immaculata High School is running a Christmas craft fair to help out students in need within their school community and to ensure that all students get to pursue athletics, clubs, excursions, and activities, regardless of their financial situation. Come on out to support this great cause on **December 7**, 10am to 3pm at Immaculata High School, 140 Main St.

JUBILEE OF THE YEAR 2025



“Jubilee” is the name given to a particular year; the name comes from the instrument used to mark its launch. In this case, the instrument in question is the yobel, [the ram’s](#)

[horn, used to proclaim the Day of Atonement](#) (Yom Kippur). This (Jewish) holiday occurs every year, but it takes on special significance when it marks the beginning of a Jubilee year. Read more about [the upcoming Jubilee year here](#).



The chill is in the air telling us that it is time for Christmas preparation in our families and especially for those less fortunate than we are. This year, we are once again inviting families to make up a shoebox for a youth in need in Ottawa. Below we have provided a list of items that you can include in your box for youth, ages 10-16.

We ask you to label the box with the age and gender you have chosen, and then fill it with as many new items as you are able. You are welcome to come together with another family to complete the box, or fill it yourselves. We also are grateful for donations of hygiene items such as soap, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes.

There is no time like the present ... we will need to collect the shoe boxes by **November 23/24** in order for the Centretown Community Health Centre to deliver them to families in need by Christmas. Please bring your filled shoeboxes to the parish, unwrapped, and we will make sure they get into grateful hands by Christmas.

Thank you in advance for helping us to spread the cheer this Christmas!!

Pick an age range and fill a box for a child in need:

10-12 years old, 12-14 years old, 14-16 years old
(male, female, or non-binary)

Please include: a toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, hand towel or washcloth, hairbrush or comb

Suggested additional items:

Clothing: t-shirts, socks, tuques, ball caps, hair accessories

Art: journals, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, craft kits, colouring books, art supplies

Games and toys: brainteaser puzzles, juggling balls, card games (e.g., Uno, Skipbo, Sushi Go), travel-sized board games, playing cards

Please label your unwrapped box with age range & gender and include a Christmas card.



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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).