

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

Christ the King

November 23/24 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, Denise LaViolette, Tony Lim, Chris Litster, Wayne MacDonald, John Peart, Adrian Poplawski, Fr. Vaughan Quinn, Br. Len Rego

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov. 23 Harold Allen by Robert & Brian Allen; **Thurs., Nov. 28** Maurice Lapierre by Margaret Denny; **Fri., Nov. 29** Joyce White by Albert White; **Sat., Nov. 30** Dan & Lorna Kelly by Connie Kelly; **Thurs., Dec. 5** Dr. Peter and Mrs. Antoinette Prud'homme by the Prud'homme family; **Fri., Dec. 6** Edna Manion by Nancy MacDonald; **Sat., Dec. 7** Albert Casuga by Jason Dedo; **Thurs., Dec. 12** Olga Staresinic by Margaret Denny; **Fri., Dec. 13** Pasquale Cotroneo by Lidia Cotroneo; **Sat., Dec. 14** Molly Chambers by her family

EVENTS/MEETINGS

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

Fri., Dec. 6 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass, 4pm

Sat., Dec. 7 Advent Retreat, 10am

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

Our Parish News

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.

YOUTH GROUP

Come help the Youth Group wrap our Christmas boxes for disadvantaged youth in our Ottawa community on Friday, **November 29** at 7pm. There will be snacks!

ADVENT RECONCILIATION LITURGY

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and, as she is the Patroness of the Oblate congregation, her Feast is an occasion for prayer and celebration in Oblate communities across the world. You are invited to join our Oblate community as they celebrate at Canadian Martyrs on Friday, **December 6** at 4pm.

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. The theme for the retreat is "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you ... [for] your people shall be my people, and your God my God." Ruth 1:16-17

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.



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

STAR OF THE NORTH RETREAT CENTRE: RON ROLHEISER PUBLIC LECTURE

Join in-person or online for this annual public lecture on Friday, **November 29**, 7-8:30pm. with Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI. This year's lecture is titled: *Domestic Monastery: God is More Domestic than Monastic*. God is more domestic than monastic and is found more in your home than in your church. [Click here](#) for more information or to register (\$30).

THE GIFTS OF ADVENT

A special service, [The Gifts of Advent](#), at Knox Presbyterian Church, 120 Lisgar St., on Sunday, **December 1** at 2pm. The themes of hope, peace, joy and love will be shared with Word, choir, organ and carols. An offering will be received for the uOttawa Peter Bryce Indigenous Scholarship in Medicine. Everyone is welcome. City Hall parking: \$2.00

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.

FANTASIA ON CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Come and join the Rideau Chorale for an evening of Bach cantatas, Christmas carols, and songs of wassail at 7:30pm on Saturday, **December 7** at Southminster United Church, 15 Aylmer Ave. The concert will feature *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Join in on the carol sing-along and the good cheer! [Click here](#) to buy tickets.

DISCERNING OUR VOTE IN POLITICALLY CHARGED TIMES

We live in an increasingly polarized world divided along political/ideological lines. Conscious of upcoming Canadian federal and provincial elections (as well as the tensions of the recent U.S. elections), Centre Oblat (with other organizations) is offering a contemplative space for more discerning conversation in light of our faith. Join this online event, *Discerning our Vote in Politically Charged Times*, on Tuesday, **December 10**, from 5-7pm. For more info and to register (free), [click here](#).

THE BELLS OF DUBLIN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Ottawa Choral Society's concert of Christmas music from Ireland with a delightful selection of music accompanied by fiddle, Celtic harp, uilleann pipes, tin flute and bodhranis is on Sunday, **December 15**, 3pm, at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 20 Fairmont Ave. There will also be a carol singalong. For tickets, [click here](#).

SPIRITUAL BANQUET FOR JUBILEE YEAR

Get ready for the Jubilee Year 2025 with this series of spiritual reflections on Luke's Gospel at Sheng Shen (Holy Spirit) Chinese Parish, 1187 Michael Street North. Speaker: Bible scholar, Bishop Yvan Mathieu. Dates: Wednesday, **December 18**, 7-9pm (note date and time change) and Saturday, **January 11**, 10am-12pm. To register: parishoffice@ottawachinesecatholic.org

SACRED ADVENT

Embrace the Advent season as a sacred space from the ease of your inbox with Sacred Advent. Each day of Sacred Advent invites you to slow down for a moment of reflection inspired by the Advent retreat in Sacred Space: Retreats & Reflections for Daily Life by the Irish Jesuits. The messages also include suggestions for exploration of Advent themes through additional online articles and prayers. [Sign up](#) to receive the daily messages during Advent. The messages will come from the Year in Our Church from Loyola Press.

CLEAN ELECTRICITY IN CANADA BY 2035

Over the last three years, tens of thousands of people throughout Canada have been pushing the federal government to prioritize regulations for clean, affordable, reliable electricity. We're so close to getting clean electricity regulations finalized! Help get this important work across the finish line. Learn more about renewable electricity and sign the petition [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).