

# 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](#)

## RCIA

Parish RCIA Team

Sundays, 9am, Parish Centre

## 3rd Sunday of Advent December 14/15, 2024



## PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:

Carol Bazinet, Isabella Boles, Devin Bursey, Frank Chauvin, Nathalie Comeau, Candy Craigen, Molly Fraser, Richmond Guillermo, Eileen Kearns, Marigold Kenney, Jacqueline Lawlor, Denise LaViolette, Tony Lim, Wayne, Liz and Ian MacDonald, John Peart, Fr. Vaughan Quinn, Br. Len Rego

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat., Dec. 14** Molly Chambers by her family; **Tues., Dec. 17** Jack Lavoie by Shirley Lavoie; **Wed., Dec. 18** Alene Marks by Shirley Lavoie; **Fri., Dec. 20** Fred Barnes by Margaret Denny; **Sat., Dec. 21** Kavanagh family by Joan & Tom Wilson; **Sat., Dec. 28** Helen Colton by Maryalice Nugent; **Sat., Jan. 4** Albert Casuga by the Lalonde family; **Fri., Jan. 10** Maryna Nowosielski by Susanne Shaftoe; **Sat., Jan. 11** Madeleine Remillard by her family; **Sat., Jan. 18** Dan Kelly by Connie Kelly

## EVENTS/MEETINGS

**Dec. 26, 27 & 31:** 11:30am Mass cancelled

**Thurs., Jan. 9:** Pastoral Council, 7pm

**Sat., Jan. 11:** Pizza night after Mass (note date change)

**Sun., Jan. 19:** Lunch and Learn, 11:15am

# Our Parish News

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who donated shoeboxes filled with Christmas joy for young people in Ottawa. The youth of the parish helped wrap the 49 boxes that were donated and they were then delivered to the Centretown Community Health Centre where they will make it onto Santa's sleigh. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

## DONATION ENVELOPES FOR 2025

If you currently use donation envelopes, your box of envelopes for 2025 can be picked up at the Welcome Table in the church foyer. If you are new to the parish and would like a box of donation envelopes, please call or [email](#) the office.

## ADVENT FOOD DRIVE

As you grocery shop this holiday season, think of those in need and pick up an extra non-perishable food item for the [Centretown Community Food Centre](#).

"Thank you Canadian Martyrs parishioners for your continuing support of the Centretown Community Food Centre. This year's Walkathon netted \$53,511.28 which was so helpful as an all time record number of clients accessed the Centre in October."

## ZOOM LITURGY OF THE WORD CANCELLED

Our Zoom Liturgy of the Word served us well through the pandemic and beyond. Participation has waned so this liturgy will be cancelled. Thank you to all who helped facilitate this liturgy and to all who participated. It was a wonderful way to connect when we couldn't gather in-person. For those looking for a Mass that is live-streamed, St. Patrick's Church (an Oblate parish) in Hamilton, Ontario, live-streams the following Masses from their church: Sunday at 11:30am & 7:15pm and weekdays, Tuesday to Friday at 12:15pm, [www.stpatrickshamilton.ca/](http://www.stpatrickshamilton.ca/).

## FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION

Registration is now open for First Communion and First Reconciliation preparation. To register, families can contact Adele at [religioused@canadianmartyrs.org](mailto:religioused@canadianmartyrs.org) or [click here](#). The parent meeting will take place on Saturday, **January 25** at 3pm, in the parish centre. All subsequent preparation sessions will be on Tuesdays at 6pm. Families will be able to choose at which Sunday Mass (after Easter) they would like their children to make their First Communion.

## OBLATES SIGN AGREEMENT TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO HISTORICAL FILES ON RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

On December 3rd, the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation (NCTR) and the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, OMI Lacombe Canada province, the congregation that established Canadian Martyrs Church, announced a supplemental agreement aimed at improving access to personnel files and other important records related to residential schools in Canada. This agreement will further ensure that the personnel files of Oblate members who have been deceased for at least two years are available for research. Previously, personnel records were sealed until 50 years after a member's passing. This agreement represents an important step forward in providing Survivors, their families, and communities with greater access to critical historical documents. It reflects both organizations' shared dedication to addressing the Calls to Action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. For more information, visit the OMI Lacombe Canada's website here: <https://omilacombe.ca/joint-statement-nctr-and-missionary-oblates-of-maryimmaculate-sign-supplemental-agreement-for-strengthened-collaboration-on-residential-school-records/>

## NOVEMBER COLLECTION

Collection:	\$ 7,883.32
Direct Deposit (EFT):	\$ 7,555.00
Canada Helps:	\$ 4,718.63
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 20,156.95</b>
Average monthly expenses:	\$ 21,749.00

## Christmas and New Year's Masses

**Saturday, December 21, 5pm: 4th Sunday of Advent**  
**Sunday, December 22, 10am: 4th Sunday of Advent**  
**Tuesday, December 24, 5pm: Christmas Eve**  
**Wednesday, December 25, 10am: Christmas Day**

**11:30am Masses cancelled on Dec. 26, Dec. 27, Dec. 31**

**Saturday, December 28, 5pm: Holy Family**  
**Sunday, December 29, 10am: Holy Family**  
**Tuesday, December 31, 5pm: Solemnity of Mary**  
**Wednesday, January 1, 10am: Solemnity of Mary**

# Diocesan and Community News

## OCSB CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Enjoy a magical evening of music with the OCSB Children, Boys, and Chamber Choirs at their Christmas Concert! Monday, **December 16**, 7pm at St. Basil Church, 940 Rex Ave. Tickets: Adults: \$15, Seniors (60+): \$10 Children 18 and under: \$5. Don't miss this festive celebration of song!

## 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](mailto:parishoffice@ottawachinesecatholic.org)

## FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Immerse yourself in the spirit of Christmas at a Festival of Lessons and Carols at Ottawa's historic St. Joseph's Church, 151 Laurier Ave. E, on Sunday, **December 22** at 3pm! Presented by the St. Joseph Parish Choir, the service of lessons and carols will be followed by a reception with light refreshments.

## HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is hoping that a collective effort among Ottawa churches can provide necessary support to those who need it most. Items that are needed include: warm clothing, children's toys, small furniture, and general household items to help create a warm and welcoming environment. Items can be delivered to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop at 1273 Wellington St. W. **Please do not bring donations to the church.**

## VOCATION REFLECTION

"Gaudete" by Richard Beaudette, OMI

The Third Sunday of Advent invites us to rejoice in God's abiding presence and to reflect on how we live our vocation with integrity, generosity, and joy in our relationships with God and others. Our primary vocation is as disciples of Jesus; this is lived out in particular vocations within that primary one. We are challenged to reflect honestly on how we are living our vocation as well as to ask if God is calling us to something more today.

Read the [full reflection here](#).

## JUBILEE YEAR 2025

2025 is a [Jubilee Year](#) in the Catholic Church, a special time when all Catholics are asked to renew their faith and social action, including the forgiveness of debts. It also marks a critical year for Catholics as it is the 10 year anniversary of *Laudato Si'* and [Laudato Si' Movement](#) (LSM) and 800 years of Saint Francis of Assisi's "[The Canticle of the Creatures](#)". This milestone invites reflection and action inspired by [Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical](#), which calls for an ecological conversion and emphasizes the interconnectedness of all life, and Saint Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Creatures, which celebrates the beauty and sacredness of creation. 2025 will serve as a pivotal moment to honour these profound teachings and to urge efforts in caring for our common home.

### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both  
humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

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Parishioners can now quickly donate to the church with their mobile devices. Just scan the QR code and donate securely through the parish's Canada Helps page.



**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).