

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

2nd Sunday of Advent December 7/8, 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, Chris Litster, Wayne, Liz and Ian MacDonald, John Peart, Fr. Vaughan Quinn, Br. Len Rego

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Dec. 7 Albert Casuga by Jason Dedo; **Tues., Dec. 10** Italina Marino by Norina Morris; **Wed., Dec. 11** Reine Paule & Ubald Remillard by their family; **Thurs., Dec. 12** Olga Staresinic by Margaret Denneny; **Fri., Dec. 13** Pasquale Cotroneo by Lidia Cotroneo; **Sat., Dec. 14** Molly Chambers by her family; **Tues., Dec. 17** Jack Lavoie by Shirley Lavoie; **Wed., Dec. 18** Alene Marks by Shirely Lavoie; **Fri., Dec. 20** Fred Barnes by Margaret Denneny; **Sat., Dec. 21** Kavanagh family by Joan & Tom Wilson; **Sat., Dec. 28** Helen Colton by Maryalice Nugent

EVENTS/MEETINGS

Fri., Dec. 6 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass, 4pm
Sat., Dec. 7 Advent Retreat, 10am
Sat., Dec. 7 Pageant photo shoot, 2pm
Sat., Dec. 7 Pizza night and carol singalong, after Mass

Our Parish News

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.”

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

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.

PIZZA NIGHT AND CAROL SINGALONG

Join us on Saturday, **December 7** after Mass for our monthly pizza night with a twist! Join some of our choir members in singing some Christmas carols to get us into the Christmas spirit! Contribute to our dessert table, if you wish. See you there!

DIOCESAN NET RETREAT FOR TEENS

Teenagers in grades 9-12 are invited to “Into the Deep”, a diocesan NET retreat exploring the big questions of life and what really matters on Saturday, **December 7** (10am-4:30pm) hosted at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, 675 Gardenvale Rd. The cost is \$30/participant and includes lunch. For more info, [click here](#). To register, [click here](#). There will be an identical retreat for grades 6-8 on Saturday, January 18.

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE ACTION CARDS

A big thank you to all who have responded to the Development and Peace (D&P) Fall Campaign initiative. We collected 150 signed action cards. This is the Christian spirit to be part of the answer and not just another question! We will expect the Canadian government to listen to us as a group and to approve the legislation to hold Canadian companies accountable for environmental disturbances and human rights abuses, not only internationally, but also here at home. There is still time to sign an action card on the D&P table or at [devp.org/act](#). D&P committee members will be available after Mass this weekend to answer questions. D&P could not do the amazing work they do advocating for the poor and our planet without your support!

HARMONY IN WINTER

A concert of classics and folk traditions arranged for voice, cello, and guitar on **December 14** at 7pm at Canadian Martyrs Church. All proceeds go to Polaris School’s Financial Adjustment Program, supporting families in the Ottawa area. Tickets \$20 [in advance](#) or \$25 at the door.

VOCATION REFLECTION

“Chaos and Calling” by Darcie Lich, Oblate Associate
In this reflection, we explore how the historical context of John the Baptist’s mission in the Gospel mirrors the reality of our own lives, highlighting that, like John, we are called to point to Jesus amid our imperfect, everyday moments. Like John, I’m called to be a voice crying out in the wilderness, even on the days when the wilderness is my kitchen with smoke billowing from the toaster: He’s here. Jesus is here. And the story isn’t over yet. Read the [full reflection here](#).

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

JOURNEY THROUGH ADVENT

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops presents [Journey through Advent](#) with the Most Rev. Frank Leo, Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto. Join us as we reflect on the Scriptures for the Sundays of Advent 2024.

The videos will guide viewers through the Advent season by offering reflections, enriched by spiritual and pastoral insights, on the Gospel readings proclaimed during each of the four Sundays of Advent.

ADVENT MEDITATIONS

Enjoy an evening of choral music and Advent meditations on Sunday, **December 8** at 7pm at St. Theresa Church, 95 Somerset St. W. Tickets are \$25 and proceeds from the event will support Jérôme Lejeune School, a newly established independent Catholic school in Ottawa. [Click here](#) to purchase 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](#).

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER IN SOLIDARITY WITH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

On **December 12**, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Church in Canada marks the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples. This initiative of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has been coordinated since 2002 by the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council (formerly the Canadian Catholic Aboriginal Council). This year, the reflection by the Council is inspired by Pope Francis's words of healing and reconciliation spoken during his "penitential pilgrimage" to Canada. Read the [reflection here](#).

PRAYER SERVICE

You are invited to a prayer service to celebrate Gaudete Sunday at St. Basil's parish, 940 Rex Ave., on Sunday, **December 15** at 2pm. A time of quiet prayer and reflection in anticipation of the Christmas season, designed by Catholic women. Open to all.

LIGHT UP THE OLD TOWN HALL

Celebrate the holiday season with your Old Ottawa East community on Saturday, **December 14**, 3-5pm, at Old Town Hall, 61 Main Street! With activities for children and adults alike (Kid's movies and crafts and adult crafts, social and holiday cookie/treat exchange, snacks and drinks) everyone is welcome, no registration required! For more info, [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](#).

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

HOLIDAY DONATION DRIVE

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is hoping that a collective effort among Ottawa churches can help spread holiday cheer and provide necessary support to those who need it most. Items they are hoping to collect 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.**



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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).