



# 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

Sheila Foy-Connolly

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

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

## RCIA

Parish RCIA Team

Sundays, 9am, Parish Centre

## 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### February 22/23, 2025



**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Carol Bazinet, Fr. Jim Bleackley, Isabella Boles, Devin Burse, Sandy Cano, Frank Chauvin, Nathalie Comeau, Laura Craigen, Molly Fraser, Richmond Guillermo, Eileen Kearns, Marigold Kenney, Sandra LaPointe, Tony Lim, Wayne, Liz and Ian MacDonald, John Peart, Fr. Vaughan Quinn, Br. Len Rego, Jeff Stadtmueller, Mike Staples

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat., Feb. 22** Bertha Dibartolo by Margaret Denny; **Wed., Feb. 26** Jim & Mary McMinn by Margaret Denny; **Sat., Mar. 1** Denise LaViolette by Anne Marie Bazinet-Miller; **Wed., Mar. 5** Intentions of Julien & Sandra Bennett by Yvonne Bennett; **Sat., Mar. 8** Albert Casuga by the Lalonde family; **Fri., March 14** Ed Gasnick by Rosemarie Hoey; **Sat., March 15** Jim Chambers by his family; **Wed., March 19** Pat & Fern Denny by Margaret Denny

## EVENTS/MEETINGS

**Sun., Feb. 23:** YAC (Young, Adult, Catholic) Mass, 7pm

**Mon., Feb. 24:** Truth and Reconciliation Committee, 7pm via Zoom

**Sun., Mar. 2:** **rescheduled Lunch and Learn with Fr. Erik Sorenson, after Mass**

**Wed., Mar. 5:** Ash Wednesday, 11:30am and 7pm

**Sat., Mar. 8:** Development & Peace Share Lent workshop, 8:30am

**Tues., Mar. 11:** Lenten Reconciliation Service, 7pm

**Sat., Mar. 15:** Lenten Retreat, 9:30am

# Our Parish News

## YAC (YOUNG, ADULT, CATHOLIC) MASS



Join us on Sunday, **February 23** at 7pm for our YAC (Young, Adult, Catholic) Mass. We meet in the parish centre to read and discuss (or “yack” about) the readings in a circle and then proceed to the church, where we gather around the altar for the Eucharistic. This

Mass used to be called our Youth Mass, but we have rebranded it our YAC Mass, to encourage more of our younger parishioners to attend.

## CHALICE CANADA

Chalice is coming to Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish! At the **February 22/23** Masses, Canada’s largest Catholic Child Sponsorship organization will provide you the opportunity to begin a relationship with a child in the developing world through the benefits of Child Sponsorship. Your support can change a life! There will be an opportunity to sign up as a sponsor, along with a table with information and a representative available to answer any questions at Masses on February 22/23. Please visit [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca) for more information about Chalice and its mission.

## TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE

The Truth and Reconciliation Committee is meeting on Monday, **February 24** at 7pm via Zoom. This parish committee is researching the possibility of having an Indigenous artist create a mural on an outside wall of the parish centre. They are also looking into using a Book Club Kit from the Ottawa Library for a discussion group, and is reaching out to like-minded parishes across Canada to share experiences and offer support. Please [email](mailto:) the office if you would like to join the meeting.

## LUNCH AND LEARN, MARCH 2

**Rescheduled!** Join us after Mass on **March 2** for Lunch and Learn: *All are Welcome: Exploring the links between liturgy and social justice*. Fr Erik Sorensen, SJ, as a part of his doctoral work, conducted a qualitative study at Canadian Martyrs during Lent 2024. Fr. Erik will discuss how the parish links its celebration of the Sunday Eucharist with its social justice outreach through its commitment to welcoming everyone. The hope is to deepen the connections between what we celebrate on Sunday and our commitment to social justice.

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE LUNCHEON

Our Pastoral Council is hosting a pancake luncheon on Shrove Tuesday, **March 4** after the 11:30am Mass. The cost is \$5. Seating is limited to 40 people, so please add your name and contact information to the sign-up sheet on the Mass Coordinators’ table. If you would like to volunteer to help with this event, please email the office.

## ASH WEDNESDAY

Our Ash Wednesday Masses. with distribution of ashes. will be on **March 5** at 11:30am and 7pm.

## SHARE LENT WORKSHOP

Our parish is hosting the Ottawa-Cornwall Development & Peace Share Lent workshop on **March 8** from 8:30am - 1:00pm. The parish’s Development & Peace committee will welcome people from across the Ottawa-Cornwall area to learn about Development & Peace’s campaign “Turn Debt into Hope”, to meet other D&P members, build community, and share a solidarity meal together.

## LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Let us bring our hearts and minds before the Lord. Our Lenten Reconciliation Service will be held on Tuesday, **March 11** at 7pm.

## PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

Join us at Canadian Martyrs for a morning discussion on our Lenten journey during this Jubilee Year led by Fr. Richard Beaudette on Saturday, **March 15**, from 9:30 to 11:30am. Please register by emailing the parish office: [office@canadianmartyrs.org](mailto:office@canadianmartyrs.org).



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# Diocesan and Community News

## MUSIC AND PRAYER IN THE STYLE OF TAIZÉ

You are invited to St. Basil's Parish, 940 Rex Ave., on Thursday, **February 27** at 7:30pm for music and singing in the style of Taizé. There will be coffee and tea afterwards. If you enjoy the evening and would like to join us again at a future date, please send an email to [waxxon50@yahoo.ca](mailto:waxxon50@yahoo.ca) for more info. Taizé is a community in France of brothers of Catholic, Anglican and Protestant faiths. The Taizé brothers developed a way to sing, pray and chant together to give God praise. This month we will sing some of their songs around the theme of "Peace".

## CHESTERTON ACADEMY DRAMA PRODUCTION

[Chesterton Academy](http://ChestertonAcademy) is excited to announce their 2025 play, *Bad Manners at the Manor* by Dale Ahlquist! Please mark your calendars for Friday, **February 28** and Saturday, **March 1** at 7:30pm (doors open at 7pm) at Blessed Sacrament Church Hall, 194 Fourth Ave. Join in for a night of laughter, confusion, bad manners, and yes, a dead body, as Officer Walsh, a traffic cop, tries to sort it all out. Tickets will be available at the door: \$15 Adults, \$10 Seniors & Children; no advance reservations required. For more info: [chesterton.ottawa.drama@gmail.com](mailto:chesterton.ottawa.drama@gmail.com).

## GENESIS: THE PALETTE OF CREATION ART SHOW

On **April 27**, come explore through art the beauty of God, the Creator, and his creation. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall at the Café Des Tours, the show will feature local artists with a focus on creation and how we find God through it. **If you are a local artist and would like to submit your work for the show by April 14**, please email [mireille.church@ottawacornwall.ca](mailto:mireille.church@ottawacornwall.ca). For more information, [click here](#).

## ARCHBISHOP'S RECEPTION 2025

On **May 15**, our Archdiocese will gather to hear what God has done, what he is doing, and where he is leading us. Will you be there? Mingle with others from Ottawa-Cornwall, hear live testimonies from people who encountered God, and be present for the official launch of our new Archdiocesan vision, presented by Archbishop Marcel Damphousse. Whether you are new to the Catholic Church or have been here your whole life, we want you with us. Come be empowered with the mission. Hosted at the Infinity Convention Centre, doors open at 6 pm for a cocktail hour, followed by the main programming from 7 pm – 9 pm. Appetizers will be served. Tickets are 65\$ and on sale now. Visit [ottawacornwall.ca/events/archbishops-reception/](http://ottawacornwall.ca/events/archbishops-reception/) to purchase your tickets today.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PILGRIMAGE 2025

Enjoy fellowship, prayer and reflection on this St. Patrick's Day pilgrimage. On Monday, **March 17**, celebrate 9am Mass at St. Patrick's Fallowfield and then pilgrimage to St. Patrick's Basilica in downtown Ottawa. The 28km walk will take approximately 8 hours and will conclude with a potluck reception at St. Patrick's Basilica. Check out the pilgrimage details and signup! Check the route, need for a ride or able to provide a ride, optional start/finish points, potluck dish/volunteer cleanup at <https://tinyurl.com/St-Patrick-Pilgrimage>.

## YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

The Jubilee of 2025 is a special Year of Grace with pilgrimages at the core of the experience. If you are between 18 and 35 years of age and interested in journeying with other Catholic young people to the Jubilee in Rome, please email [ottawayouthjubilee@gmail.com](mailto:ottawayouthjubilee@gmail.com) for more information. The pilgrimage is 11 days from **July 27 to August 6**, 2025 and includes a Jubilee for young people and day trips to Pompeii and Castel Gandolfo. [Click here](#) for a brief overview of the trip, organized through Spiritours (a specialized pilgrimage travel agency).

## TURN DEBT INTO HOPE

Canadian Christian organizations, led by Kairos Canada, are calling on Canadians to join a global movement to end the mounting global debt crisis by signing the Canadian petition for Jubilee 2025. [The petition](#), which aims to collect 100,000 signatures in Canada by the end of 2025, will be combined with a global initiative urging world leaders to cancel unjust debts, establish a United Nations mechanism for debt resolution, and prevent future cycles of crushing debt. In Canada, [KAIROS Canada](#) is leading the campaign in collaboration with [Citizens for Public Justice, Development and Peace – Caritas Canada](#), and the [Office of Religious Congregations for Integral Ecology \(ORCIE\)](#). [The Canadian Council of Churches](#) has been active in developing the campaign and will be inviting its member churches to support it.





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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).