



# 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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 5/6, 2025

**“Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”**

**John 8.11**

**Our Lenten journey each year draws us closer to Christ, with the challenge of growing in mercy towards ourselves and others.**

**In what ways do we act like the woman in the Gospel reading? Like the scribes and Pharisees?**

**And in what ways are we like Jesus, living mercy?**

Living with Christ, Sunday Missal, Novalis

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Debbie Artman, Carol Bazinet, Fr. Jim Bleackley, Isabella Boles, Devin Bursey, Sandy Cano, Frank Chauvin, Nathalie Comeau, Austin DeCoste, 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, Richard Wink

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat., April 5** Lorna Kelly by Connie Kelly; **Fri., April 25** The Brown family by Theresa; **Sat., April 26** Mary Davis by former parishioners of St. Margaret Mary Church; **Tues., April 29** Albert Casuga by the Lalonde family; **Sat., May 3** Laura Craigen-Medeiros by Rosemarie Hoey

## EVENTS/MEETINGS

**Sat., April 5:** Funeral for Mary Davis, 11am

**Sat., April 5:** Pizza Night after the 5pm Mass

**Wed., April 9:** Liturgy Committee meeting, 1:30pm

**Sun., April 13 - Sun., April 20:** Holy Week

**Sun., April 27:** Lunch and Learn after the 10am Mass

# Our Parish News

## LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Our target this Lent is to collect **750 non-perishable food and hygiene items** to be given to the [Centretown Community Food Centre](#) for people in need in our community. Collection bins are in the church foyer. We have delivered over 400 items to the Food Centre already!

## PIZZA NIGHT

Join us for pizza after Mass on Saturday, **April 5**, \$3 for a slice of pizza and \$1 for a drink.

## SCRUTINIES

[The Scrutinies](#) are a series of rites in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) journey. They are a time of self-examination and repentance for those preparing for baptism. Whenever they are celebrated, the Scripture readings of Year A of the liturgical cycle are used. On the weekend of **April 5/6**, we will celebrate the Third Scrutiny with our RCIA candidate, who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to be altar servers/presider's assistants and greeters at our weekend Masses. Please [contact](#) the office if you need more information or if you are interested in volunteering. Training is provided.

## EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

All are invited to a reception after the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19. The parish will provide the wine and cheese, and we will welcome donations of sweet or savoury items. Please [email](#) the office if you can bring something to share. Thank you!

## LUNCH AND LEARN, APRIL 27

Pope Francis inaugurated the 2025 Jubilee Year on December 24, 2024, asking us all to become "Pilgrims of Hope". How will you commemorate this Jubilee Year? On Sunday, **April 27** after the 10am Mass, our parish has invited Joe Gunn, an accomplished speaker and activist on social and environmental concerns, to describe the deep Biblical roots of Jubilee traditions, and then highlight Jubilee 2025 themes of canceling debts, caring for people and the land, and ending poverty and inequality. All are welcome!

## TURN DEBT INTO HOPE: THIS LENT, PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace's *Turn Debt into Hope* campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. "As we work together toward a better world, your support strengthens not only our efforts, but the shared hope that we can bring about lasting change through solidarity and love. Your generosity is a testament to the boundless compassion that unites us all as one human family. May we continue to walk together in faith and action, creating a brighter future for all." (The Most Rev. Jorge Izaguirre, Bishop of Chosica, outgoing president of CEAS, a partner in Peru) Help create hope for the communities D&P supports in the Global South by giving to our Share Lent parish collection or online at [devp.org/give](http://devp.org/give). Thank you for your solidarity!

## PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARTYRS' SHRINE

During this Jubilee Year, Divine Infant Parish and Council 7873 Knights of Columbus, who are celebrating the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the Knights in Ontario, are hosting a pilgrimage from **May 20-22** to the [Martyrs' Shrine](#) and [St. Marie Among the Hurons](#) with a stop in Wilno at [St. Mary's Church](#). Cost is \$360pp which includes bus transportation, hotel, entrance to shrines etc., daily breakfast, and one dinner. Deadline to register: **April 20**. For more info, contact at [paul.bourke@sympatico.ca](mailto:paul.bourke@sympatico.ca) or at 343-550-1740. There are 12 spots still available!

## HOLY WEEK

AT HOLY CANADIAN MARTYRS CHURCH  
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**Tuesday, 15 April, 2025**  
11:30am Daily Mass

**Wednesday, 16 April, 2025**  
11:30am Daily Mass

**Holy Thursday, 17 April, 2025**  
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday, 18 April, 2025**  
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Easter Vigil, 19 April, 2025**  
8:00pm Resurrection of the Lord

**Easter Sunday, 20 April, 2025**  
10:00am Mass



# Diocesan and Community News

## **AVE MARIE CONCERT**

Attend the next Cantata Singers concert, *Ave Maria*, at St. Joseph's Church, 174 Wilbrod Street on Sunday, **April 6** at 3pm. The concert will consist of 20 settings of this beautiful prayer from over the centuries. The compositions span hundreds of years and include chant, Palestrina, Haydn, Rachmaninoff, Reinberger, Lauridsen, and Rachmaninov. The well-known Schubert and Bach-Gounod versions will be also be included. [Purchase tickets here](#) or buy at the door.

## **LATER IS TOO LATE**

[Seniors for Climate's](#) new documentary, *Later is Too Late*, which captures the energy and impact of their first-ever National Seniors' Day of Climate Action on October 1, 2024, will be released on YouTube on **April 7**. On that day, Indigenous elders, and climate activists rallied in 76 communities across Canada, from Pugwash, NS, to Victoria, BC, to Yellowknife, NT, to demand urgent climate action. Click [HERE](#) to find out more about the documentary.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

You are invited to the Stations of the Cross in Union with Creation at Holy Redeemer Parish, 44 Rothesay Dr. on Friday, **April 11**, 7-7:30pm. Slides, commentary and music.

## **MUSIC FROM THE HEART**

Attend a concert in support of Centre 507: *Songs from across Canada*, featuring the Nepean Choir and friends, Sunday, **April 13**, 2pm at Trinity United Church, 1099 Maitland Ave. Tickets are \$15 (children 12 and under are free) and available in advance at [www.nepeanchoir.ca](http://www.nepeanchoir.ca) or at the door on concert day.

## **SONGS FOR ST. JOE'S SUPPER TABLE**

Hosted by the Ottawa Regional Youth Choir, and featuring the Ottawa Children's Chamber Choir, the Ottawa Catholic School Board Children's and Chamber choirs, as well as the English Montreal School Board Senior Chorale, this annual fundraiser on **April 13**, 3 - 5pm, supports the food program run at St. Joseph's Parish. All are welcome, and admission is by donation, which you can do in advance at [this site](#) or on concert day, by cash or card.

## **CHRISM MASS**

On **April 15** at 5pm at the Notre-Dame Cathedral, 385 Sussex Ave., you are invited to celebrate the [Chrism Mass](#). The Chrism Mass is an annual Mass where our Archdiocese gathers together to receive the new holy oils for the year. Priests renew their vows and the Archbishop blesses three different oils which are then distributed to parishes: the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Sacred Chrism.

## **DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

If you are celebrating 60 (or more), 50, 40, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 & 5 years of marriage in 2025, you are invited to attend the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass at Notre Dame Cathedral on Sunday, **May 4**, 2:30pm. [Register](#) before Easter, **April 20**, to ensure your place! For questions, contact Annmarie at [annmarie.brown@ottawacornwall.ca](mailto:annmarie.brown@ottawacornwall.ca).

## **JOURNEY OF ENCOUNTER: SYNODALITY**

Be part of an upcoming gathering, *Journey of Encounter: Pilgrims of Hope Embracing Synodality*, to be held **June 15-18**, at St. Jerome's University in Waterloo, Ontario. For more information, visit <https://www.synodalchurch.ca/>. Registration Fee - \$175, accommodation and meals are extra. [Registration](#) deadline: **May 29**. You may be able to save on travel costs by joining a group of 10 people, traveling by ViaRail from Ottawa. Janyce Elser-Ethier is organizing this group. If you'd like to join this group, please contact her at [elserethierjanyce@gmail.com](mailto:elserethierjanyce@gmail.com) or at 613-445-5345. They are hoping that as a group, they may qualify for a discounted fare.

## **PARTICIPATE IN THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE**

The Ordinary Jubilee of 2025 offers an opportunity for all to embark on a pilgrimage of hope; whether locally in our dioceses, cathedral or shrine, or at Canada's national shrines, or by journeying to Rome. Over the coming months, there will be plenty of opportunities and resources to help you observe this special year of grace in our diocese. [Click here](#) to see how you can take part in the Jubilee Year of Hope.

## **JUBILEE BOOK STUDY**

Join KAIROS Canada for a weekly online book study of Robin Wall Kimmerer's book, *The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World* from three Tuesday evenings at 7pm from April 22 to May 6. \$10 per session. [Register here](#).

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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).