



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. Frank Kuczera, 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

Brian Cano

Thurs., 6:30pm, via Zoom

RCIA

Parish RCIA Team

Sundays, 9am, Parish Centre

Saints Peter and Paul

June 28/29, 2025



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Debbie Artman, Carol Bazinet, Isabella Boles, Devin Bursey, Brian Cano, Sandy Cano, Frank Chauvin, Austin DeCoste, Molly Fraser, Richmond Guillermo, Eileen Kearns, Marigold Kenney, Sandra LaPointe, Sr. Gwen Legault, OLM, Tony Lim, Wayne, Liz and Ian MacDonald, John Peart, Janna Petrunik, Fr. Vaughan Quinn, Br. Len Rego, Jeff Stadtmueller, Mike Staples

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., July 5 Albert Casuga by the Lalonde family; **Thurs., July 10** Dr. Peter and Mrs. Antoinette Prud'homme by the Prud'homme family; **Thurs., July 17** Dr. Peter and Mrs. Antoinette Prud'homme by the Prud'homme family; **Fri., July 18** In remembrance of our mother, Sabina, and all our parents by Frank and Daniella; **Thurs., Aug. 7** Dr. Peter and Mrs. Antoinette Prud'homme by the Prud'homme family; **Saturday, Aug. 9** Albert Casuga by the Lalonde family; **Tues., Aug. 12** Annette Lapierre by Margaret Denny; **Thurs., Aug. 21** Dr. Peter and Mrs. Antoinette Prud'homme by the Prud'homme family

EVENTS/MEETINGS

Summer bulletins: June 26, July 10, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, and Sept. 4.

Tues., July 1: No 11:30am Mass

Sept. 1 - Oct. 4 Season of Creation

Thurs., Sept 4 Parish Pastoral Council, 7pm

Our Parish News

FROM THE SYNODALITY COMMITTEE

Pope Leo XIV, Vigil of Pentecost, Homily to Members of Movements, Associations, and New Communities (7 June 2025)

“Dear friends, God created the world so that we might all live as one. ‘Synodality’ is the ecclesial name for this. It demands that we each recognize our own poverty and our riches, that we feel part of a greater whole, apart from which everything withers, even the most original and unique of charisms. Think about it. All creation exists solely in the form of co-existence, sometimes dangerous, yet always interconnected (cf. *Laudato Si’*, 16; 117). And what we call ‘history’ only takes place as co-existence, living together, however contentiously, but always together. The opposite is lethal, but sadly, we are witnessing this daily. May your meetings and your communities, then, be training grounds of fraternity and sharing, not merely meeting places, but centres of spirituality. The Spirit of Jesus changes the world because he changes hearts. The Spirit inspires the contemplative dimension of life that rejects self-assertion, complaining, rivalry and the temptation to control consciences and resources. The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom (cf. 2 Cor 3:17). An authentic spirituality thus commits us to integral human development, to making Jesus’ words a reality in our lives. When this happens, there is always joy: joy and hope.”

CONVOCAION OF SYNODALITY

Several parishioners, including Fr. Tim, Fr. John, and Pamela Dixon, attended a convocation on synodality hosted at Saint Jerome’s University in Waterloo, June 15-18, 2025. It was entitled: “Journey of Encounter: Pilgrims of Hope Embracing Synodality”. A keynote presentation was presented by Bishop Alain Faubert and Professor Catherine Clifford (our parishioner), both of whom were members of the Synod on Synodality at the Vatican. All of us are invited to view the keynote address at [this link](#).

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation is the sacrament of initiation where we are anointed with oil and we open ourselves to the gifts that the Holy Spirit can bring to our lives. If your child is in grade 6 or older, please discuss with them if they would like to continue their faith journey with us this fall. Sessions will run on Saturdays at 3pm. The first session is a parents-only session on September 20. Please [register here](#), or contact Adele, religioused@canadianmartyrs.org for more details.



SEASON OF CREATION

The Biblical text for the Season of Creation 2025 is Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated Creation without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between God and humankind. This description of devastated cities and wastelands eloquently stresses the fact that human destructive behaviours have a negative impact on the Earth. The hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored. There is still hope and the expectation for a peaceful Earth. The symbol for 2025 is the Garden of Peace. The symbol is characterized by a dove carrying an olive branch bringing life to the Garden of Peace. With your help, we will be creating a display in the front of the altar which will include prayer doves created by our parishioners. **On the *Laudato Si’* table in the church foyer, you will find prayer doves on which to write or draw your prayer for peace and leave in the basket provided.** We hope these Prayer Doves offer all ages in our parish an opportunity to creatively pray together for peace.

Hosted at Canadian Martyrs!



MAY COLLECTION

Collection:	\$ 9,744.45
Direct Deposit (EFT):	\$ 6,945.00
Canada Helps:	\$ 3,198.54
Total:	\$ 19,877.99

Average monthly expenses: \$ 20,215.38

Diocesan and Community News

A JUBILEE YEAR HISTORIC CHURCH TOUR

On Saturday, **June 28**, starting at 1pm, the Diocese of Ottawa-Cornwall invites you to discover [Très-Sainte-Trinité](#) in Rockland followed by [Saint-Bernard](#) in Fournier. Très-Sainte-Trinité features a 1919 Casavant pipe organ, which will be demonstrated by organist-composer Gilles Maurice Leclerc, as well as painting by T.-X. Renaud. Saint-Bernard features an elaborate interior filled with trompe-l'œil painting by Édouard Méloche. Tours will be given in French and English. Come discover the hidden gems of the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall! No registration is required and all are welcome. Participants must arrange their own transportation.

LAUDATO SI' MOVEMENT

As we mark the 10th anniversary of *Laudato Si'*, we are invited to recommit to Pope Francis' call to care for our common home with courage and compassion. In North America, *Laudato Si'* Movement celebrated with a special [webinar](#), that inspired action across our region to build a just and sustainable future together. Save the date for the Global Online Encounter on **July 19** celebrating the movement's history and envisioning what they could become. Take the first steps into *Laudato Si'* Movement's future by joining this [online global event](#).

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF ST. ANN

Attend the 85th [Annual Pilgrimage](#) to the Shrine of St. Ann in Cormac, Ontario on Sunday, **July 27**. The Triduum of preparation will be led by Bishop Brehl, Bishop of the Diocese of Pembroke. The principal Pilgrimage Mass will be at 11am at the Shrine. The Sacrament of Confession is available throughout the day. A Mass of Healing with the anointing of St. Ann's oil will be celebrated at 2pm. On site: religious articles, St. Ann's Mass League memberships, food vendors. (Please bring your own seating.)

OUR LADY OF KNOCK ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE,

Our Lady of Knock Shrine at St. Malachy's Church in Mayo, Quebec, will be holding their 68th annual pilgrimage to honour Our Lady's apparition at Knock, County Mayo, Ireland on Sunday, **August 10**. The Eucharist will be celebrated in English at 11am by Archbishop Durocher, Archbishop of Gatineau, assisted by Fr. Murray of St. Malachy's parish. Info: <http://stmalachyolv.com/pilgrimage.asp> or mayopilgrimage@gmail.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO MIDLAND

St Theresa's Church, 95 Somerset St W., is planning a pilgrimage to Midland from **August 27 to 29** to visit the Martyrs' Shrine, a national holy and historic space honouring the lives of the Canadian Martyrs, and Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons, Ontario's first European community and headquarters for the French Jesuit Mission to the Huron-Wendat people. The cost is \$350.00 per person (based upon double occupancy (sharing) of a room). To reserve your spot, contact kilbydad@hotmail.com. You will be required to complete an online questionnaire and commit to attendance. See the poster on our bulletin board for more details.

ACT FOR DEBT JUSTICE

Today, nearly half the world's population is living in countries that are forced to spend more on repaying debts than on health, education or tackling the climate crisis. With more than 100 countries in the Global South facing a debt crisis, we must act to stop this by cancelling and restructuring unjust and unsustainable debt and prevent other debt crises from happening again by addressing their root causes. Together with Development & Peace - Caritas Canada and many other faith-based and civil society organisations, let's ensure future generations do not have to pay the price of an unjust debt. Sign the petition now at the Development & Peace table at the back of the church or by [clicking here](#).

GROWING FOOD AND KNOWLEDGE

For Indigenous communities, food is more than nourishment. It is culture, tradition, identity, and a path to self-determination. Building on four successful pilot programs across Canada, Indigenous communities are aiming to establish two more Food Forests this year! Watch [this video](#) to see how your donation to Kinvia can help grow food and revive traditional knowledge within Indigenous communities.



“During summer time, let us learn how to take a break, turn off the mobile phone to gaze into the eyes of others, cultivate silence, contemplate nature, regenerate ourselves in dialogue with God.” - Pope Francis

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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 2025-2030 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).