



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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12/13, 2025



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Debbie Artman, Carol Bazinet, Isabella Boles, Devin Bursey, Brian Cano, Sandy Cano, Frank Chauvin, Muriel Cornwall, Austin DeCoste, Molly Fraser, John H., Nick H., Eileen Kearns, Marigold Kenney, Bernard Kubale, 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, Cosimo Zoccoli

MASS INTENTIONS

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; **Sat., July 19** Mark Hugh Johnstone by Karen Johnstone-Hobbs; **Wed., July 23** Mary Louise Coxon by Shauna Guilfoyle; **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: July 10, July 27, Aug. 10, Aug. 24, and Sept. 4.

Sept. 1 - Oct. 4: Season of Creation

Thurs., Sept 4: Parish Pastoral Council, 7pm

Our Parish News

CHOIR SUPPORT

We are looking for pianists who would be available to provide support for our Saturday or Sunday choirs when our regular pianists are unavailable. We also welcome parishioners to join our weekend choirs. Please [contact](#) the office if you are interested.

SUPPORTERS OF KATERI NATIVE MINISTRY

Please join the Kateri Native Ministry on the land on Tuesday, **July 29**, at 5642 Ferry Road, Fitzroy Harbour for a gathering to explore how and where Friends of Kateri, a non-Indigenous Catholics group, can help Kateri Native Ministry. The Kateri Native Ministry is working to set up fundraising and financial systems to enable the creation of the John Corstan Healing Lodge. If you feel called to help, please join us for this day of fellowship. Carpooling is being organised from Ottawa, please contact Janyce at elserethierjanyce@gmail.com or 613-445-5345 if you need or can provide a ride. If you've been wondering what reconciliation is and could be, please attend this event of the Friends of Kateri for a living example.

FROM THE SYNODALITY COMMITTEE

Pope Leo XIV, Visit to the Ordinary Council of the General Secretariat of the Synod of Bishops (26 June 2025)

"It seems to me that the legacy [Pope Francis] left us is above all this: that synodality is a style, an attitude that helps us to be Church, promoting authentic experiences of participation and communion."

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.

JUNE COLLECTION

Collection:	\$ 9,038.60
Direct Deposit (EFT):	\$ 6,945.00
Canada Helps:	\$ 4,175.00
Total:	\$ 20,158.60
Average monthly expenses:	\$ 20,825.31

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Diocesan and Community News

PILGRIMAGE TO KAHNAWAKE/HOPE FOR CREATION

In the spirit of Hope for Creation, join St. Basil's parish Green Team on Saturday, **July 12** for a visit to the Shrine of St. Kateri Tekakwitha in Kahnawake, QC for a tour, Mass celebrated by Fr. Daryold Winkler, and a picnic on the grounds. Bring a picnic and small donation to the Shrine. The carpools will be leaving from St. Basil's parking lot (940 Rex Ave.) at 9am. For more info, contact Margaret Bott at margbott1136@gmail.com or 613-270-4809.

JUBILEE YEAR HISTORIC CHURCH TOUR

Mark your calendars for the third Jubilee Year Historic Church Tour! On Saturday, **July 19**, starting at 1pm, come the church of St. Andrew's West (17298 County Rd 18, St Andrews West) followed by St. Finnan's Basilica (72 St Paul St, Alexandria). Mass has been celebrated in St. Andrew's West since 1784, and both explorer Simon Fraser and John Sandfield Macdonald, Ontario's first premiere, are buried here. St. Finnan's Basilica is a former Cathedral, and features a fully-original 1907 Casavant pipe organ. Both churches are beautiful examples of neo-Gothic architecture in 19th century Ontario. Tours will be given in 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. Contact tate.pumfrey@ottawacornwall.ca with any questions regarding the tour.

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 a chair.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY

The fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated this year on Sunday, **July 27**. Pope Francis instituted this World Day in 2021 to be celebrated by the universal Church every July, on or near the liturgical Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. This year's theme is "Blessed are those who have

not lost hope" (cf. Sir 14:2). World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is an excellent opportunity for families and faith communities to seek ways to cherish and care for our elders, uplifting them as [signs of hope](#) for future generations. For creative tips and resources to help highlight the Day, visit www.cccb.ca.

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.

WHAT'S NEXT IN SYNODALITY?

"Since 2021, Pope Francis invited all persons of good faith to "walk together" on a synodal journey – under the themes of "Communion, Participation and Mission." Local, regional, national and continental phases of dialogue led to Synods in Rome in both October 2023 and 2024. For the first time in any Synod of Bishops, 54 women were present among the 400 delegates as voting members, sitting in round discussion tables with laymen, priests and members of the hierarchy. Now, in 2025, Catholics are supposed to be living into "the implementation phase" of the synodal process. Many wonder if anything has, or will, change in their parishes and dioceses as a result. With the newly elected Leo assuming the papacy, what are the next steps in synodality?" Read the full article by Joe Gunn by [clicking here](#).

BBQ THURSDAYS IN OLD OTTAWA EAST

Come enjoy a meal with neighbours on Thursdays, 5:30 - 7:00pm at Brantwood Park (39 Onslow Crescent). Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda and juice are sold! Vegetarian, halal and gluten-free options will all be available. Cash, Interac, Mastercard, Visa or eTransfer are all accepted and profits go towards CAG programming and activities in Old Ottawa East.



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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).