



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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26/27, 2025



REMEMBER IN PRAYER: All who are ill, including Debbie Artman, Carol Bazinet, Isabella Boles, Devin Bursey, Brian Cano, Sandy Cano, Mike Charrier, 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, Fr. Ollie Rich, Jeff Stadtmueller, Mike Staples, Cosimo Zoccoli

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat., July 26 Mark Hugh Johnstone by Karen Johnstone-Hobbs; **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 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.

NO EGG CARTONS PLEASE!

Currently, the Centretown Community Food Centre does **NOT** need egg cartons. Please do not bring them to the church. **We are still collecting non-perishable food items for the Food Centre.** Thank you!

VISIT TO PILGRIMAGE CHURCH

As part of the Jubilee Year celebration at Canadian Martyrs Parish, the Jubilee group is organizing two visits to pilgrimage churches in the summer and the fall. The first visit will be on Wednesday, **August 20** to St. Patrick Basilica, 200 Kent Street. [St. Patrick Basilica](#) is one of four pilgrimage churches in the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall in which the faithful can obtain a [Jubilee Plenary Indulgence](#). We will depart from the parish parking lot at 3:30pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4pm and Mass is at 4:30pm. Carpooling from the parish parking lot has been arranged but you can also bus, drive or walk and meet our group there. If you can offer a ride or need a ride, kindly let the [office](#) know no later than Thursday, **August 14**. Thank you!

DONATIONS OF CHILDREN'S CLOTHING

One of our parishioners is taking part in an [Oblate Mission Awareness Tour](#) to Kenya in September where she will be involved in visits to numerous mission sites operated by the Oblates. She will have the opportunity to observe the ongoing work and engage directly with both the Oblates and the beneficiaries of their efforts. She would like to take a suitcase of children's clothing to donate to the children in Kenya. If you have gently-used summer clothing in children's sizes, please bring them to the Parish Centre before Sunday, **September 14**. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

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. The first session is a parents-only session on **September 20**. Please [register here](#), or contact Adele, religiously@canadianmartyrs.org for more details.

YOUTH GROUP

Young people in grades 6-12 are welcome to join our Youth Group. You will meet other people close to your age, and grow in faith together. Meetings will take place once a month, on Fridays starting in October.

RCIA PROCESS

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming fully initiated into the Catholic Church? Our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) process welcomes you to join us on a journey of faith and discovery as we explore the richness of the Catholic faith. Our sessions begin in September and continue until Pentecost, meeting on Sundays before Mass. Together, we will break open the Word, delve into Catholic teachings and traditions, and engage in meaningful dialogue. We are here to walk this path with you! Please contact [the office](#) for more info.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We hope to schedule altar server training this fall, date to be determined. Children who have received their first communion can become altar servers. We also encourage adults to become presider's assistants. If you are interested in attending the training, please [email](#) or call the office.

SEASON OF CREATION

The symbol for the Season of Creation 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

Diocesan and Community News

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.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION FOR THE SICK

As part of the Triduum marking the birth anniversary of Saint Brother André, Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal is pleased to extend a cordial invitation to our parish community to join them for a [special Jubilee Celebration for the Sick](#), taking place on Wednesday, **August 6** at 2pm, in the Crypt Church of Saint Joseph's Oratory. In this Jubilee Year, the celebration will include the Mass for the Sick, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, and the veneration of the relic of Saint Brother André. Whether you are personally afflicted by illness or not, your presence will be a meaningful expression of solidarity and prayer for all those who suffer – faithful to the spirit of Saint Brother André's mission of compassion. The event is entirely free, and no registration is required.

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.

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.

ON SYNODALITY

Pope Leo XIV, Meditation on the Occasion of the Jubilee for Bishops (25 June 2025)

An essential virtue of every bishop is pastoral prudence. "Pastoral prudence is the practical wisdom that guides the Bishop in his decisions, in his governance, in his relations with the faithful and with their associations. A clear sign of prudence is his exercise of dialogue as a style and method, both in his relationships with others and in his presiding over participatory bodies: in other words, in his overseeing of synodality in his particular Church. Pope Francis taught us much in this regard, insisting with pedagogical wisdom on synodality as a dimension of the life of the Church. Pastoral prudence also enables the Bishop to guide the diocesan community by cherishing its traditions and by promoting new directions and initiatives."

JOIN THE JUBILEE MOVEMENT: SUPPORT DEBT RELIEF FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE!

Jubilee 2025 is a global ecumenical initiative that builds on the transformative success of Jubilee 2000, which canceled \$100 billion of debt for 36 low-income countries. 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. Together, they are mobilizing communities of faith and conscience to demand: Debt cancellation for unjust and unsustainable debts, global financial reform to prevent future crises, a debt resolution framework within the United Nations that is transparent, binding and fair. Please consider lending your voice to this crucial cause by signing [the petition here](#) or on the D&P table at the back of the church. Your support can help drive this essential change and create a more equitable and sustainable world for all.

SUMMER AT MĀDAHÒKÌ FARM

New Visitor Experiences programming at [Mādahòkì Farm](#) for families and individuals that connect you with Indigenous culture through land, animals, and storytelling is now open to families, individuals and small groups! FREE general admission. Fees apply for workshops, horse encounters, and other guided experiences.

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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).