



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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 20/21, 2025



Garden of Peace
Isaiah 32:14-18

**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: All who are ill, including Debbie Artman, Carol Bazinet, Dan Berube, Isabella Boles, Devin Bursey, Brian Cano, Sandy Cano, Mike Charrier, Muriel Cornwall, Austin DeCoste, Fr. Jim Fiori, 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, Br. Len Rego, Fr. Ollie Rich, Caroline Samson, Jeff Stadtmueller, Mike Staples

MASS INTENTIONS: **Wed., Sept. 24** Pamela & Patrick Armstrong by Frances Montgomery; **Thurs., Sept. 25** For the intentions of Fr. Jim Fiori, OMI by Rosemarie Hoey; **Sat., Sept. 27** Brenda & Michael Kearns by Anne Marie Bazinet-Miller; **Thurs., Oct. 2** Dr. Peter & Mrs. Antoinette Prud'homme by the Prud'homme family; **Sat., Oct. 4** Theresa & Jack Nolan by Anne Marie Bazinet-Miller; **Tues., Oct 7** Intentions in our prayer basket; **Wed., Oct 8** Ewa & Denis Bennett by Yvonne Bennett

EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sept. 20/21: Season of Creation Mass

Fri., Sept. 26: Feast of Canadian Martyrs Mass, 7pm (no 11:30am Mass)

Sat., Sept. 27: Altar server/Presider's assistant training, 11am

Sept. 27/28: Parish Mass for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Sept. 30: No 11:30am Mass (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)

Sept. 30: Archdiocesan Special Mass on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, 7pm, Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica

Fri., Oct. 3: Youth Group, 7pm

Sat., Oct. 4: Pizza night after Mass

Our Parish News

CLIMATE FRESK WORKSHOP CANCELLED

Saturday's Climate Fresk workshop is cancelled. If you would like to join other public workshops, you can register at one of the following links:

[Climate Fresk Citizens' Workshop Tickets, Sat, Sep 27, 2025 at 1:30pm | Eventbrite](#)

[Climate Fresk Citizens' Workshop Tickets, Thu, Oct 16, 2025 at 5:30pm | Eventbrite](#)

https://Climate-Fresk-Citizens_Workshop-Mon-Nov-17-at-Dovercourt.eventbrite.ca

https://Climate_Fresk_Citizens_Workshop-Tue_Dec_02-at-Dovercourt.eventbrite.ca

DAILY MASS TIME CHANGE

Starting **October 1**, daily Mass times will change to the following: Tuesdays at 7pm, Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays at 12:15pm.

FEAST OF CANADIAN MARTYRS MASS

There will be a Mass on Friday, **September 26** at 7pm to celebrate the feast day of the Canadian Martyrs, followed by a reception in the parish centre. **The 11:30am Mass on that day is cancelled.**

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We will have an altar server training workshop on Saturday, **September 27** at 11am followed by a pizza lunch. Children who have received their first communion can be altar servers. We also welcome adult presider's assistants.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

We will recognize the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at our Masses on **September 27 and 28**. Our T&R Committee is asking parishioners to wear orange to these Masses to mark the 10th anniversary of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report. **There will not be an 11:30am Mass on September 30.** We encourage you to attend the Archdiocesan Special Mass on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with Archbishop Damphousse presiding on **September 30** at 7pm at the Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica, 385 Sussex Dr.

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

His Holiness Pope Leo XIV will lead a celebration of hope for our common home on **October 1** starting at 9:30am. Register for the [livestream here](#). Celebrate the close of the Season of Creation with an ecumenical prayer service on "Peace with Creation" (Isaiah 32:14-18). Reflect on the

beauty of creation and the harm caused by pollution, overexploitation, and other human impacts, as we commit to justice and peace with all creation. Join the online youth closing service for St. Francis Day, **October 4** on [YouTube live](#) at 8am.

YOUTH GROUP

Young people aged 10 to 18 are welcome to join our Youth Group gatherings! The first meeting will take place on Friday, **October 3** at 7pm. This session will focus on the theme "Service to Others" and there will be pizza!

PIZZA NIGHT

Our first pizza night this fall will be on Saturday, **October 4** after Mass. Pizza is \$3/slice and drinks are \$1 each. Come join us for food, socialization, sometimes solace, and fun beyond the church pews!

WALK FOR THE CENTRE

Join us for the 10th Anniversary [Walk for the Centre](#) celebration! Canadian Martyrs will be hosting the celebration on Sunday, **October 5** from 1:30 - 4:00pm. Walk the western Rideau Canal pathway on a 2 or 4 km loop in support of the Centretown Community Food Centre. You could win the Spirit of the Walk prize worth \$250 from Davidson's Jewellers. Before the walk, there will be a banjo performance and guest speakers. The Sons of Scotland Pipe Band will lead us on the walk. Please dust off your walking shoes and plan [to join the team \(or sponsor us!\)](#) in support of this great cause!

UPCOMING BOOK STUDY: *BECOMING KIN*

Join the Truth and Reconciliation committee for a 6-week online study of *Becoming Kin: An Indigenous Call to Unforgetting the Past & Reimagining the Future* by Patty Krawec on Tuesdays, **October 7 – November 18** (skipping Oct. 21), 3 - 4:30pm on Zoom. Together, we'll explore selected sections and discuss themes of reconciliation and healing through open, respectful conversation. To register, contact Janyce Elser-Ethier at elserethierjanyce@gmail.com. Zoom link will be provided upon registration. All are welcome! For more information visit the T&R table in the church foyer or [click here](#).



Diocesan and Community News

100TH ANNIVERSARY ORGAN RECITALS

As part of Hulse, Playfair & McGarry's 100th Anniversary celebrations, they are bringing back a cherished tradition: weekly organ recitals first hosted at their McLeod Street Chapel in the late 1940s. Every Sunday in September (two left, **September 21 and 28!**) at 4pm at the Central Chapel, 315 McLeod Street. Go and experience the glorious sound of their historic Casavant pipe organ in an intimate, reflective setting. Admission: By goodwill cash donation in support of local charities.

OTTAWA SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY & SPIRITUALITY (OSTS)

Something for everyone, near and far! Courses are available in both the fall (starting **September 22**) and winter terms, and are held on Monday evenings starting at 7:30pm. This year, [OSTS](#) is offering two courses in person and four courses online in the fall, while all six courses for the winter are online. Please see the [Courses page](#) for more details.

KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE

St. Joseph's Parish is proud to host a Kairos Blanket Exercise on the evening of Monday, **September 29**; and they would like to extend an invite to our parishioners. A brief overview: The blanket exercise is an experiential teaching tool that explores the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in the land we now know as Canada. The exercise covers pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization, resistance and more. Clifford Mushquash, from Pawgwasheeng (Pays Plat First Nation) on the north shore of Gichigami (Lake Superior), will serve as our Facilitator, and John Henri Commanda (Ojibway) of the Eagle Clan and a member of Okikendawt (Dokis First Nation), as our co-facilitator. All are welcome to this free event, which is recommended for participants aged 12 and up. [Please click here](#) for more information and to register for this event.

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

On **September 30**, we mark the 5th annual National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. In recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Rideau Hall will hold a [special Doors Open event](#) on **September 28 and 30**. To find out about more activities happening in Ottawa on September 30, please [click here](#) and for resources from Kairos Canada, [click here](#).

Join the [Wakefield Writers Festival](#) for a special evening on Saturday, **September 27** at 7pm to honour National

Day of Truth & Reconciliation featuring [INISKIM – Return of the Buffalo](#), a stunning documentary, blending rich storytelling with the artistry of life-size puppets, on the Niitsitapi-led buffalo restoration and cultural renewal. The evening opens with a smudging ceremony and prayer by storyteller and knowledge keeper, Louise Profeit-Leblanc, grounding us in respect, intention, and community. You can also watch the [documentary here](#).

ARCHDIOCESAN SPECIAL MASS

All are invited to gather for an Archdiocesan Special Mass on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation with Archbishop Marcel Damphousse presiding on **September 30** at 7:00pm at the Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica, 385 Sussex Dr. This day is a vital component of the reconciliation process, and we join in public commemoration of the tragic and painful history of residential schools and their ongoing impacts.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

- Prayer, fasting and peaceful witness at 600+ abortion mills world-wide
- Thousands of babies' lives saved since the first campaign in 2004
- Moving society from a culture of death into a culture of life

Key dates: Sunday, **September 21**, 6 pm: Kick-Off Rally, Queen & Bank Streets; Sunday, **October 19**, 6 pm: Mid-Point Rally, Queen & Bank Streets; Sunday, **November 2**, 6 pm: Closing Rally, Queen & Bank Streets. More info at: <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/ottawa/> or www.facebook.com/40days4lifeottawa.

ON SYNODALITY

"Synodality is an attitude, an openness, a willingness to understand. Speaking of the Church now, this means each and every member of the church has a voice and a role to play through prayer [and] reflection. It's an attitude which I think can teach a lot to the world today. I think this is a way of addressing some of the greatest challenges that we have in the world today." Pope Leo on Synodality



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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).