



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 at 7:00pm

Wednesday-Friday at 12:15pm

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Wednesday-Friday at 11:30am

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, 8:45am, Parish Centre

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4/5, 2025



REMEMBER IN PRAYER: All who are ill, including:

Debbie Artman, Carol Bazinet, Dan Berube, Devin Bursey, Brian Cano, Sandy Cano, Austin DeCoste, Fr. Jim Fiori, John H., Nick H., Eileen Kearns, Marigold Kenney, Bernard Kubale, Sandra LaPointe, Sr. Gwen Legault, OLM, Tony Lim, Janna Petrunik, Br. Len Rego, Fr. Ollie Rich, Caroline Samson, Jeff Stadtmueller, Mike Staples, Beatriz Vercosa Leal

MASS INTENTIONS: **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; **Fri., Oct. 10** the Martino family by Lidia Cotroneo; **Sat, Oct. 11** Albert Casuga by the Lalonde family; Leonard & Denise Herbert on their 50th anniversary by Leonard Herbert; **Thurs., Oct. 16** intentions of Fr. Jim Fiori; **Fri., Oct. 17** Teresa & Zbigniew Fallenbuehl by Yvonne Bennett; **Sat., Oct. 18** Jim & Mary McMinn by Margaret Denny

EVENTS/MEETINGS

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

Sat., Oct. 4: Pizza night after Mass

Sun., Oct. 5: Walk for the Centre, 1:30pm

Tues., Oct. 7: T&R book study starts, 4:30pm

Sun., Oct 19: Kenyan tea sale after Mass

Sun., Oct. 19: Lunch and Learn on the Alpha program, after Mass

Tues., Oct. 21: Liturgy Committee meeting, 1:30pm

Fri., Oct. 24: Youth Group, 7pm

Our Parish News

FROM FR. FRANK

Dear Sisters and Brothers, I will be away in Rome for the meeting of major superiors of our Congregation from October 14 to November 11. Please keep us in your prayers and be assured of my prayers for you and your families. I am grateful for Frs. Richard, John, Ali, Mark and Eugene who will cover for me at our parish during my absence.

BAPTISM THIS SUNDAY

Congratulations to Roma and Andrew on the baptism of their daughter, Emmy Lucia. May God bless Emmy Lucia as she begins her new life as a Christian.

SHOWCASING OUR MINISTRIES/COMMITTEES

Are you looking for ways to get more involved in our parish community? Our parish ministries and committees will be showcased during the weekend Masses in October and November; several every weekend. Perhaps you will find your calling. Meet ministry members, learn about the amazing work happening behind the scenes, and discover how you can use your gifts to serve. From worship and outreach to hospitality, youth, missions, and more—there's a place for everyone! Whether you're a long-time member or new to the parish, we invite you to explore, engage, and find where God is calling you to serve. "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others..." – 1 Peter 4:10

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. 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](#).

KENYA TEA FUNDRAISER!

After Mass on Sunday, **October 19**, Oblate Ontario Associates within our parish will be selling bags of loose-leaf tea from Kenya as a fundraiser for programs/formation of Kenyan Associates. Oblate Associates are lay associates of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. The charism of the Oblates encourages reaching out to the poor, on-going formation, support of the Church and working in discipleship with Mary. Please consider purchasing a bag of Kenyan tea for \$20. All funds will go to support continuing formation of Kenyan Associates and priorities of their parishes. Saint Eugene de Mazenod guide us with your mercy and blessings to you all.

LUNCH AND LEARN

After Mass on Sunday, **October 19**, we will welcome Rob and Lynne, Alpha Ministry leaders at St. Mary's parish, to give a presentation and answer questions regarding the [Alpha program](#). Alpha is a series of interactive sessions exploring the basics of the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question and is designed to create conversation. Join us to learn more about the Alpha program!

STATUE OF ST. JOSEPH

Our statue of St. Joseph at the back of the church needs a little restoration (a new coat of paint). If you, or anyone you know, has the skills to do this, please [contact the office](#).

SHOES AND SHORTS NEEDED

Immaculata Middle School is looking for donations of running shoes and athletic shorts. As grade 7 and 8 students can vary in their stage of development, the school will accept items in any and all sizes, as long as they are still in good condition. You can drop them off directly at the main office of the school, or at the church (please make sure the bag is clearly labelled "Immaculata Middle School").

Diocesan and Community News

MASS FOR CREATION

Archdiocesan Mass for Creation will be held this Saturday, **October 4** at 5pm at the Notre-Dame Cathedral. This Mass will be presided by Mgr. Yvan Mathieu and be followed by the presentation of the John Dornier Care for Creation award and a small reception. All are welcomed.

IMMACULATA TERRY FOX RUN

The Immaculata HS Terry Fox Run will take place on Thursday, **October 9**. Please help fund cancer research in Canada by supporting the students' participation in the School Run. You can donate directly to the [Immaculata Terry Fox Fundraising page](#). You can sponsor the school, a student, or [a classroom](#) (hint: you might know a teacher/parish team member who goes by her maiden name at Mac!). If you would like to donate a prize/gift card to help us incentivize our kids to raise more funds, please email adele.casuga@ocsb.ca.

VISIO DIVINA

You are invited to come experience an ancient prayer form called Visio Divina on Tuesday, **October 7**, from 7 to 8:30pm, followed by light refreshments at Holy Redeemer Church, 44 Rothesay in Kanata. At the event, you will be called to allow God to speak to you through art and the beauty of Creation. Bring a journal/notebook, listen with your eyes to what God might reveal to you through images, dismissing the words that sometimes overwhelm us, confuse us and assail us. God's first language to express his love to humankind was through Creation.

PILGRIMAGE TO ST. JOSEPH'S ORATORY

To mark the 15th Anniversary of the Canonization of Saint Brother André (October 17, 2010), the annual Autumn Pilgrimage to Saint Joseph's Oratory, Montreal, will take place on Sunday, **October 12**. All faithful are warmly invited to take part in this beautiful time of prayer and celebration. You are invited to join in great numbers for this expression of faith and devotion to one of our most beloved Canadian saint. For more info contact Mike Budge, 613-224-8110 or mikebudge20@rogers.com.

ST. GEORGE OKTOBERFEST

St. George Knights of Columbus is holding its annual Oktoberfest on Sunday, **October 19** from 11:30am to 3pm at St. George Parish, 415 Piccadilly Ave N. A hearty sausage lunch with sauerkraut, potato salad and dessert will be served. Advance tickets are \$20/adults and \$10/children. E-transfer: stgeorgekoc12124@gmail.com

PILGRIMS OF HOPE, COME WALK WITH US!

On Thursday, **October 23**, celebrate the 9:00am Mass at St. Patrick's Fallowfield and walk the Ottawa Camino to Notre Dame Cathedral in downtown Ottawa. The 29 km walk will take approximately 8 hours, leaving at 9:45am and concluding with a potluck reception at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica. Check out pilgrimage details (alternate start and finish points) and signup: to walk, to volunteer to shuttle, to clean up, or to bring something for the potluck in crockpot or prepared dish at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E48AAA82FAAF5C16-57986854-rosary>

JUBILEE 2025: DEBT JUSTICE WEBINAR SERIES

Don't miss this informative 3-part series that unpacks the global debt crisis, ecological debt and the urgent need for reparations and fair international rules. Time: 7:00-8:30pm on the dates below. To register, [click here](#).

Wednesday, **October 8** - The Global Debt Crisis: Why It's Worse Than Ever and How We Can Break the Cycle.

Learn about the historical roots of the debt crisis and how current debt structures reinforce inequality and hinder climate and social progress.

Wednesday, **October 15** - Restoring Justice: Ecological Debt and Canada's Fair Share. Explore what it means for Canada to repay its ecological debt by enabling debt cancellation and other policies outlined in Canada's Fair Shares Platform.

Wednesday, **October 22** - Time for Global Rules: A case for a UN Framework Convention on Debt. Find out how a UN Framework Convention on Debt could shift power away from private creditors toward the common good.

REFLECTION - FINDING THE DIVINE MILIEU

"Once we acknowledge the painful truth of having contributed to the burdens and injustice of colonization, the eyes of our understanding open and we start to recognize that more than needing accompaniment, Indigenous people point a way to God. ...With the centrality of things of the spirit, Indigenous people and spiritualities are a prophetic reminder and support to the Church that we live in a divine milieu." Read the full reflection by Fr. Peter Bisson, SJ [here](#).

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make." - Dr. Jane Goodall

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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).