



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

Before Mass Tuesday-Saturday
or call the office

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

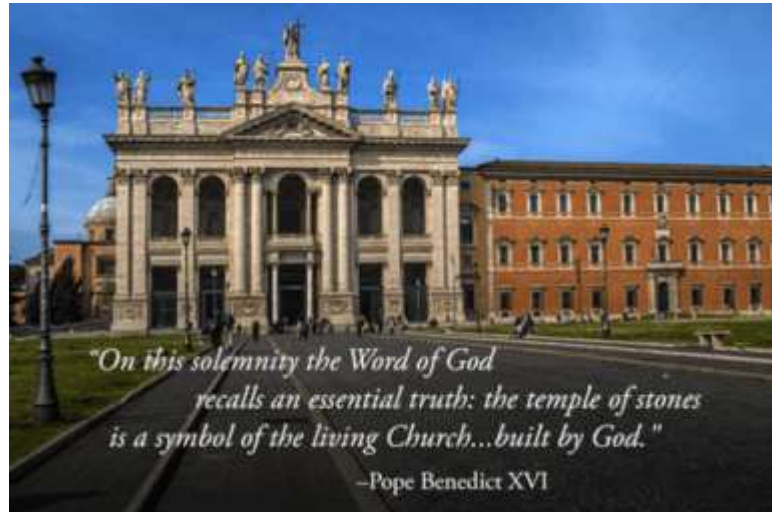
RCIA

Parish RCIA Team

Sundays, 8:45am, Parish Centre

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 8/9, 2025



REMEMBER IN PRAYER: All who are ill, including: Debbie Artman, Carol Bazinet, 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, Fr. Peter Monty, Janna Petrunik, Michael Petrunik, Br. Len Rego, Fr. Ollie Rich, Caroline Samson, Jeff Stadtmueller, Mike Staples, Beatriz Vercosa Leal

MASS INTENTIONS: **Sat., Nov. 8** Albert Casuga by the Lalonde family; Robert Remillard by Denise Remillard; **Thurs., Nov. 13** Ed Gasnick by his family; **Fri., Nov. 14** Tim Hart by Frances Montgomery; **Sat., Nov. 15** Maryne & Josef Nowosielski by Susanne Shaftoe; **Tues., Nov. 18** Intentions in our prayer basket; **Wed., Nov. 19** Robert Newman by Theresa; **Thurs., Nov. 20** Blair McMinn by Margaret Denneny; **Fri., Nov. 21** Maurice Lapierre by Margaret Denneny; **Sat., Nov. 22** Dan & Lorna Kelly by Connie Kelly; Carole Remillard by Denise Remillard; **Wed., Nov. 26** Ewa & Denis Bennett by Yvonne Bennett; **Fri., Nov. 28** Maurice Lapierre by Margaret Denneny; **Sat., Nov. 29** Harold Allen by Robert & Brian Allen & family

EVENTS/MEETINGS

Nov. 8/9: Sunday Missals available for purchase after Mass, \$5 each

Thurs., Nov. 13: Pastoral Council meeting, 7pm

Sun., Nov. 16: Lunch and Learn after Mass

Nov. 22/23: Deliver your Christmas Shoebox to the Parish Centre

Sun., Nov. 30: Advent Fair after Mass

Our Parish News

WHY IS THERE A FEAST FOR THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN LATERAN?

The feast day honouring the dedication of St. John Lateran was introduced in the 12th century and was initially celebrated only in the city of Rome. In 1726, Pope Benedict XIII ordered a worldwide commemoration of the basilica as a sign of universal Catholic unity. The feast is celebrated on **November 9** and is known today as “The Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica.” The intent behind the annual feast day is to encourage Catholics to keep strong ties to our past and to the universal Catholic Church. [Read more here.](#)

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.

WALK FOR THE CENTRE

Thank you so much, Canadian Martyrs parishioners, for the very generous support given to the Walk for the Centre in support of the Centretown Community Food Centre. There were many comments on the friendly welcome received by walkers from other area churches. While the final tally from the campaign is not available yet, our parish contributed \$4,000, which will go a long way in providing fresh vegetables and fruit for those in need.

SUNDAY MISSALS

The Sunday missals for 2026 will be sold starting on the weekend of **November 8/9** after the weekend Masses. They are \$5 each. Please bring the correct change. Thank you!

LUNCH AND LEARN

Join us on Sunday, **November 16** after Mass to learn, from long-time parishioner, Rosemarie Hoey, about our stained glass window that depicts the Canadian Martyrs and a bit of our parish history.

CAMPAIGN LIFE CHRISTMAS CAKES AND JAM

Please order your 600g Christmas cakes (\$25) or Trappist jams (\$12) made by the Monks of Abbaye Val Notre Dame in support of Campaign Life by [clicking here](#) or by using the order form on the Welcome Table and dropping

off payment (cash or cheque) to the office by Sunday, **November 23**. Please make cheques payable to Canadian Martyrs Church. Pickup at the church will be in early December.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

This year, we are once again inviting families to fill a shoebox for youth in need in Ottawa. Please bring your unwrapped, filled shoeboxes to the parish by **November 22/23** and we will make sure they get into grateful hands by Christmas. Thank you in advance for helping us to spread the cheer this Christmas! See the flyers at the entrances of the church for more information or [click here](#).

INDIGENOUS RECONCILIATION FUND

In alignment with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' commitment to healing and reconciliation, the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall has pledged to raise \$1.2 million for the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund. As of April 2025, the Archdiocese has raised just over \$1 million representing 83% of our goal. We are very close to the finish line, please help us cross it! Donate online: www.journeyforhealing.ca or with the envelopes on the Welcome Table in the church foyer.

MELODY OF JAPAN SINGERS

You are invited to a choir concert by the Melody of Japan Singers on **November 30** at 2:30pm at Canadian Martyrs. Freewill donation to the choir appreciated.

LENDING LIBRARIES

The parish has two lending libraries in the church foyer: one outside the children's room and a small one at the Truth and Reconciliation table. Have a look and find something to read as the days get shorter!

CENTRETOWN COMMUNITY FOOD CENTRE

The parish collects non-perishable food items on an on-going basis for our local food bank, the Centretown Community Food Centre. The bins for donations are in the church foyer under the Truth and Reconciliation Table.

MILK BAGS

The parish collects the outer colourful milk bags which are then made into sleeping mats for people in disaster areas and the homeless. Please put your clean, dry and flattened milk bags into the baskets under the table as you enter the church from the breezeway. Many thanks to all who bring in their milk bags; 21 mats were recently delivered for distribution!

Diocesan and Community News

REMEMBRANCE DAY MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Scott McCaig, CC, Bishop-Ordinary of the Roman Catholic Military Ordinariate of Canada, is pleased to invite all Canadian Armed Forces members, veterans, their families, and interested members of the public to a Solemn Mass of Remembrance for the Fallen at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica, 385 Sussex Drive. on **November 11** at 8:30am. This memorial Mass is offered for the eternal rest of all persons who, throughout the generations, have died in the service of Canada in times of war, armed conflict and peace. The Cathedral Basilica's proximity to Canada's National War Memorial will allow participants the possibility of attending the National Remembrance Day Ceremony following the conclusion of the Mass. As well, immediately following the conclusion of Mass, a relic of Saint Martin of Tours will be displayed for silent veneration. Please join in honouring and praying for our fallen and in celebrating our patronal feast day either in person or virtually at the following link: <https://rcmilord-ordmilcr.com/>

RENEWED IN LITURGY SERIES

Our Lord accompanies us in many ways, but none as profound as when we encounter him in the Eucharist. However, the reality is that a significant percentage of Catholics do not believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and consider Sunday Mass a mere obligation instead of necessity. Vatican II says, "Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian Life". To experience it, we must know what we are doing in the church when we celebrate the Holy Mass. The 6th [Renewed in Liturgy](#) series continues with Most Rev. Terrence Prendergast, S.J., Archbishop Emeritus on **November 14** and Bishop Scott McCaig CC on **November 21**. This teaching series is free at Holy Rosary Parish, 20 Grant St., from 7-9pm.

VIGIL FOR COP30

In the spirit of the Turn Debt into Hope campaign, all are invited to participate in an ecumenical vigil. This will be a time to reflect and share our love for our planet, our concern for ourselves, humanity and all our non-human relations at risk from climate change. It is also a time to share hopes for truly transformative action to happen at the United Nations Conference of the Parties (COP30) meeting in Belém, Brazil this month. A group will meet from 3 to 4:30pm on Saturday, **November 15**, at Knox Presbyterian Church, 120 Lisgar Street. If weather permits, we will walk to the Prime Minister's Office.

CONVERSATIONS FOR OUR TIMES

The next webinar in St. Basil's Conversations for Our Times series will feature Dr. Moira McQueen, recently retired from her position as Director of the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute at the University of St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto and Professor of Moral Theology at the Toronto School of Theology. Together we will explore Catholic guidelines for making challenging ethical decisions in today's complex world. All are invited to join the online conversation on Sunday, **November 16**, 2 - 4:30pm. [Please register](#) to receive the Zoom link.

NATIONAL HOUSING DAY

Join the Multifaith Housing Initiative at National Housing Day on Sunday, **November 23**, 3pm - 5pm at the Sir John A. Macdonald Building, 144 Wellington St, where we celebrate Communities Building Communities. [RSVP required](#).

FESTIVE PROGRAMMING AT MĀDAHÒKÌ FARM

Trail of Lights & Traditions

Nov 27 – Dec 28 (excludes Dec 24 & 25) | 4pm – 8pm

Indigenous Craft Market

Nov 29 & Dec 6 | 11am – 8pm | FREE Admission

Beaded Earring Workshop with Shawna Liao from Studio Sweetgrass

Nov 29 | 11:30am; 4:30pm; 6:30pm

Beaded Christmas Ornament Workshop with Charmaine Leonard from Shining Eagle Creations

Dec 6 | 11:30am; 3:00pm; 6:00pm

Breakfast with Santa

Dec 7 & Dec 14 | 10am – 12pm | \$35 per person

[Learn more and book now](#).

WINTER WEAR SHOP DONATIONS

Ottawa Innercity Ministries (OIM) operates a Winter Wear Shop every Thursday afternoon from October to April. People experiencing homelessness and poverty can shop for clothes that are offered free, along with hot drinks, snacks and fellowship. OIM is looking for gently used winter items that could be dropped off at their building, 391 Gladstone Ave, Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 3:30pm. Please do not drop off at the parish.

MONTHLY INTENTION FROM POPE LEO

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish

Volunteer with us!

Canadian Martyrs is proud of its vibrant and active community, with many different committees and ministries currently serving the needs of our parish and neighbourhood.

Volunteers come from many backgrounds, all ages, and interests. All we ask is that you have a positive attitude and a willingness to learn.

If you are interested in learning more, or would like to be connected with a particular group, you can:

- Browse the volunteer binder on the Welcome Table in the church foyer
- Check out "Our Ministries and Committees" page at www.canadianmartyrs.org
- Reach out to the church office: office@canadianmartyrs.org



Parish Committees and Ministries

Altar Servers	Liturgy Committee
Children's Liturgy	Mass Coordinators
Communications	Music Ministry
Development and Peace	Parish Pastoral Council
Eucharistic Ministers	Pastoral Care Team
Faith Formation	Prayer of the Faithful
Finance Council	RCIA Team
507 Sandwich Club	Refugee Settlement Committee
Greeters	Sacramental Preparation
Hospitality Team	Synod Committee
Laudato Si' Team	Truth & Reconciliation Committee
Lectors	Ushers
Liturgical Environment	Youth Group

Which ministry is calling you?



Parishioners can now quickly donate to the church with their mobile devices. Just scan the QR code and donate securely through the parish's Canada Helps page.

PARISH REGISTRATION: The registration form is available on the Welcome Table in the church foyer 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 or email 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](#). The Pastoral Plan 2025-2030 can be [found here](#). These documents are also on the Welcome Table in the church foyer.

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 would like to donate towards the sandwich ingredients, [please click here](#) (choose 507 Sandwich Club fund). If you would like to volunteer, please contact the office.