



Holy Canadian Martyrs Church

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We gather on the traditional and unceded territory of the Algonquin Nation.

*We offer our time, our attention, and our support, listening and learning together,
knowing that respect grows strongest when it is shared.*

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 11/12, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 10:00am

Tuesday 7:00pm

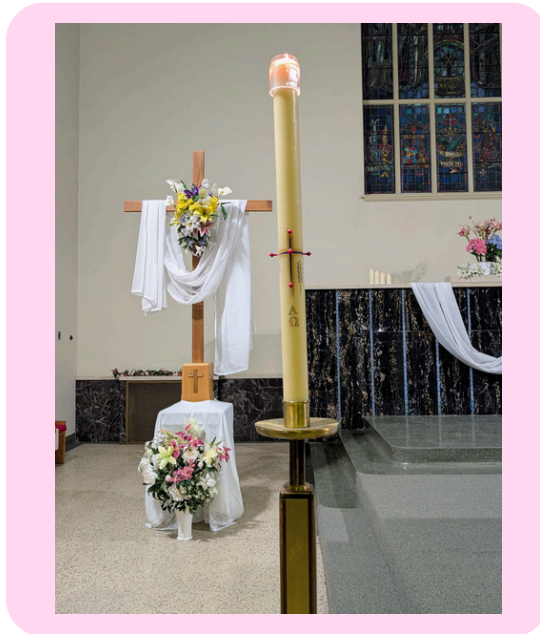
Wed.-Fri. 12:15pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before Mass Tuesday-Saturday or call the office

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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, Sandra LaPointe, Sr. Gwen Legault, OLM, Tony Lim, Fr. Peter Monty, Marg Anne Morrison, Theresa Nieminen, Janna Petrunik, Michael Petrunik, Eleanor Rabnett, Br. Len Rego, Fr. Ollie Rich, Caroline Samson, Jeff Stadtmueller, Beatriz Vercosa Leal

MASS INTENTIONS: **Sat., April 11** Lorna Kelly by Connie Kelly; **Wed., April 15** Sheila Drouin by the Beemans family; **Thurs., April 23** Intentions in our prayer basket; **Sat., April 25** Pearl Grady by Rosemarie Hoey; **Wed., April 29** Albert Casuga by Adele Casuga Lalonde

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

April 11, 26, and May 3: First Communion

Sat., April 11: Laudato Si' Team meeting, 3pm

Sat., April 11: Pizza night after Mass

Sun., April 12: Lunch and Learn after Mass

Mon., April 13: T&R Committee meeting via Zoom, 7pm

Fri., April 24: Youth Group, 7pm

Sat., May 2: Young Adult Group, 7pm

Pastor

Fr. Frank Kuczera, OMI

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Meetings: 1st Thurs., 7pm

Finance Council

Joseph Duggan

Development and Peace

Anna Dorner

Laudato Si' Team

Agnes Richard

Meetings: 2nd Wed., 7pm

Christian Meditation

Dorothy Wood

Mondays, 3pm, via Zoom

Lectio Divina &

Meditation

Maureen Cerroni

Tuesdays, 8pm, via Zoom

Evening Prayer

Brian Cano

Thurs., 6:30pm, via Zoom

RCIA

Sundays, 8:45am

Parish Centre

MANY THANKS!

With a grateful heart, the Pastoral Team would like to extend our deepest thanks to each and every one of you who helped make our Easter Triduum so meaningful and prayerful. Your presence, your generous service, and your heartfelt prayers were a beautiful witness of faith and love.

Through each act of service and every moment shared, you helped create a space where Christ's love could be felt and hearts could be touched. May the joy of the Risen Lord continue to live in each of you. Thank you for being such a blessing to our community.

WHAT IS DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000. In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast. Nevertheless, Divine Mercy Sunday is not a feast based solely on St. Faustina's revelations. Indeed, it is not primarily about St. Faustina, nor is it altogether a new feast. The Second Sunday of Easter was already a solemnity as the Octave Day of Easter. The title, Divine Mercy Sunday, does, however, highlight the meaning of the day. To find out more, [click here](#).

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE - SUCCESS!!

This Lent, through your generosity, we donated over 1,000 items to the Centretown Community Food Centre to support people in need in our community. We continue to collect non-perishable items for the Food Centre throughout the year.

LUNCH AND LEARN

Join us for Lunch and Learn after Mass this Sunday, **April 12**. Agnes Richard will present the [Catholic Eco-Investment Accelerator Toolkit](#). This resource was developed by Mouvement Laudato Si' Movement - Canada to help small and medium investors discern how to align their financial savings (retirement pensions, savings plans, etc.) through a lens of ecological sustainability and Indigenous allyship. She will present how such decisions can help shape a societal shift towards a just energy transition.

YOUTH GROUP

Our next Youth Group meeting will take place on Friday, **April 24** at 7pm. Join us for corporal works of mercy - birthday kits for Centretown children...and there will be snacks!

PROPOSED MURAL PROJECT: A PICTURE PAINTS A THOUSAND WORDS!

Our parish Truth and Reconciliation Committee has been researching the use of Indigenous art in the form of an outdoor mural. The mural would honour creation and recognize the deep Indigenous traditions, wisdom, and stewardship of this land—where three rivers meet—since time immemorial. It would serve as a visual land acknowledgement, expressing our kinship with creation and one another.

This will be a collaborative process. We are first seeking parish support before engaging the artist. Once engaged, the artist will consult with the parish to help shape the mural's design. You can view the proposed location on the outside parish centre wall by [clicking here](#). Our first parish discussion will be in the church after Masses on the weekend of **May 2/3**. If you are unable to attend, please sign up at the T&R table in the church foyer or email maureen.cerroni@gmail.com and we will arrange future dates to receive your input. Thank you!

REFUGEE SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our newcomer family should be here within the week. The Refugee Settlement Committee has most things in hand, but are still looking for a few household goods. If you have the following to donate, **please email** christine.andress@gmail.com **or text** 613-304-0585 first, so we can avoid duplicates: disposable diapers (baby approx. 18lbs), small dresser, kettle, laundry basket, clothes drying rack, tool kit, kitchen garbage can and hand soap.

BLOOD/PLASMA DONATION GROUP

A small parish group is looking for more parishioners to join them for a group blood donation after Easter. Is anyone interested in joining them? The day is not set yet. Join them and save a life. Donating blood creates a life-changing connection. It saves patients in need—and gives you the profound reward of making a difference. So, [Who's Saving Who?](#) Please contact [the office](#) if you would like to join the group or need more information.

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION

You are warmly invited to a Divine Mercy Sunday celebration on Sunday, **April 12**, at 3pm at St. John the Apostle Parish, 2340 Baseline Road. The afternoon will include a short film on the life of Saint Faustina, reflections on the message of Divine Mercy, the Act of Consecration of the World to Divine Mercy inspired by Saint John Paul II, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy prayed together. All are warmly welcome to join this special time of prayer and reflection on God's infinite mercy.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY: PLAY! DANCE! LEARN! EAT! RECYCLE!

Lady Evelyn Alternative & Rainbow Kidschool invite you to their Earth Day event on Saturday, **April 18**, 10am to 2pm at 63 Evelyn Ave (across from the church). Free arts & crafts, ballet classes, gardening and farming workshops, a 'buy nothing swap table (bring items to donate!), e-waste recycling (bring old computers!), a plant sale, and a scrumptious pay-what-you-can bake sale with homemade treats & coffee (bring a reusable mug!)

RALLY FOR GLOBAL DEBT JUSTICE: TURN DEBT INTO HOPE

In the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis called for the forgiveness of unjust debts for countries unable to repay—many of which spend more on debt than on health and education. Over 70,000 Canadians have already called for action. Join these upcoming events in Ottawa: Join the *Rally for Global Debt Justice: Turn Debt into Hope* on **April 28** at 12 pm on Parliament Hill to present signatures and call for change. Organized by the Canadian Jubilee coalition. Sign up: <https://my.linkpod.site/April28Rally>. You're also invited to bring a papier-mâché piggy bank as a visual symbol. There will be Piggy Bank-Making Parties: help create piggy banks to highlight global inequality. Come to Sacré-Coeur Parish (591 Cumberland St., Ottawa): **April 18**, 1:30–4:15 pm and/or **April 19**, 6:15–8:45 pm, snacks provided! Sign up: <https://bit.ly/4sitLMJ>

WYD 2027: DIOCESAN TRIP INTEREST MEETING

From July 28th – August 9th, 2027, young Catholics from every continent will gather in Seoul, South Korea. Is God calling you to be there? The Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall is preparing a group of young people to attend the 41st World Youth Day (WYD). Interested? Come learn more! Our upcoming info session is for anyone curious about the trip, including eligible participants, youth leaders, and parish priests. Thursday, **April 23**, at 7:30pm Saint-Sébastien, 1000 Frances Street.

RIDEAU CHORALE: DURUFLÉ AND BERNSTEIN

On Saturday, **April 25**, at 7:30pm, at Southminster United Church, 15 Aylmer Ave., the Rideau Chorale will present a concert featuring the Requiem by Maurice Duruflé (1947) and the Chichester Psalms by Leonard Bernstein (1965). These are two contrasting modern works. Although they do have some elements in common, they are still very different each in their own way. Come and discover these beautiful and engaging works.

SPRING “BIG COLLECTION” OF RECYCLABLES

Once again, the Glebe Community Association is partnering with the Enviro Crew of Old Ottawa South on a “big collection” event in Brewer Park. You can conveniently drop off unwanted household items—from bread bags and old socks to smart phones and plastic plant pots—so that they can be recycled, reused, or re-purposed. See the full list of what items are accepted here and start putting them aside!

Saturday, **April 25**, 10:00am to 2:00pm, Brewer Park at the corner of Cameron Ave. and Seneca St. For more information, contact: environment@glebeca.ca or envirocrewoos@gmail.com.

CENTRETOWN CHURCHES SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE AGM

The AGM of CCSAC (Centretown Churches Social Action Committee) will be held on Tuesday, **April 28**, at 7pm at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 400 Sparks St. The guest speaker is Kaite Burkholder Harris, Executive Director of the Alliance to End Homelessness. All are welcome to attend.

FAITH IN ACTION

An opportunity for young adults to reflect on how they can live the Gospel through justice and solidarity. During the gathering on Sunday, **May 3**, 2 - 4pm, at Sagrada Familia Parish, 152 Glenora St., we will:

- Hear a short Gospel reflection connected to justice and mission,
- Reflect together on our responsibility as Christians, especially as young believers living in the Global North,
- Participate in an interactive activity to explore themes of justice and solidarity,
- Learn about opportunities to get involved with Development and Peace – Caritas Canada. The hope is to create a space where young adults can connect their faith with action and discover how they can respond to the call of the Gospel in today's world. Food will be provided.



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