



Holy Canadian Martyrs Church

A parish of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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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.*

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 18/19, 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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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

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, Maryalice Nugent, Janna Petrunik, Michael Petrunik, Archbp. Terrence Prendergast, Eleanor Rabnett, Br. Len Rego, Fr. Ollie Rich, Caroline Samson, Jeff Stadtmueller, Beatriz Vercosa Leal

MASS INTENTIONS: Sat., April 18 Hugh & Louise Mclsaac by Bernie Eischen; 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

Sun., April 19: Social Committee, after Mass

April 26 and May 3: First Communion

Fri., April 24: Youth Group, 7pm

April 25/26: Good Shepherd Weekend

Tues., April 28: Adoration after 7pm Mass

Sat., May 2: Pizza supper after Mass; Young Adult Group, 7pm

May 2/3: Conversation about proposed mural, after Masses

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU HERE

In every season of life, God invites us not just to sit and receive, but to step in, to share, and to serve. The life of our church is not built by a few—it's shaped by many hands, many hearts, and many quiet acts of faithfulness. Whether it's welcoming someone at the door, helping with children, joining in worship, serving behind the scenes, or caring for those in need, each ministry is a way to live out love in a real and meaningful way. To those who are already serving—thank you. Your faithfulness, often unseen, is deeply felt. The warmth of a greeting, the patience with a child, the time given in preparation and care—these are not small things. They are the threads that hold our community together, and they reflect God's love in ways words alone cannot. You don't need to have everything figured out to get involved. You don't need to be "perfectly ready." Often, it's simply about saying yes—yes to showing up, yes to being available, yes to letting God work through you in ways you might not expect. If you've been wondering where you fit, this could be your invitation to explore. Step into something new. Try, learn, grow, and serve alongside others. You may discover that as you give your time and gifts, you also receive a deeper sense of purpose, connection, and joy. The body of Christ is strongest when each part is engaged. There is room for you.

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!

GOOD SHEPHERD WEEKEND — “WHO WILL GO FOR US?”

On Good Shepherd Weekend, **April 25/26**, we hear the voice of Christ who knows His sheep and calls each by name. That call is not only to follow, but for some, to serve, to lead, and to go where hope is most needed. The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate are a community of priests, brothers, and lay associates dedicated to bringing the Gospel to the poor and those on the margins—in remote missions, inner cities, and places where faith is fragile, but the search for meaning is strong. Today, the Good Shepherd still calls. Could He be calling you—or someone you know? A vocation begins with openness, generosity, and the willingness to say, “Here I am.” Pray for vocations and encourage them. A collection will be taken on the weekend of April 25/26 in support of Oblate Vocations.

ALTAR SERVERS ASSEMBLE!

Calling all current, former, future, and “I’ve-never-tried-but-it-sounds-cool” Altar Servers! Join us for an awesome gathering on Saturday, **April 25** from 11:00am – 3:00pm — where we'll have: a little training (don't worry, no pop quizzes), a lot of fun, games to test your skills (and maybe your competitive spirit), and lunch to keep everyone fueled and happy. Whether you're brand new or practically a pro, you're 100% welcome. This is the perfect chance to learn, laugh, and meet other servers! New faces? We'd love to have you. Experienced servers? Come show us how it's done (or at least try). Bring your energy, your appetite, and maybe a friend! See you there!

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Looking for a fun and relaxed evening with good company? Our Young Adults Group is meeting on Saturday, **May 2** at 7 pm (after pizza supper) for a night of prayer, fellowship, and board games. Bring your favourite game and a friend, and enjoy a great evening together!

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. This will be a collaborative process. They are first seeking parish support before engaging the artist. Committee members will give a brief presentation (10 minutes) in the church after Masses on the weekend of **May 2/3**. [You can also read about the project in this overview](#). Thank you!

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our Yemeni newcomer family arrived this week, exhausted but very happy to have made it here. They have asked that we pass on their thanks and gratitude to everyone involved in helping get them safely to Canada and setting them up with accommodation, furniture and household items.

THE 507 SANDWICH CLUB

The 507 Sandwich Club would like to sincerely thank our parish community for your generous donations and ongoing support. Thanks to you, we are able to continue preparing and delivering sandwiches to Centre 507, supporting those in need in our community. We are also excited to share our new team t-shirts, proudly worn by our volunteers as we carry out this meaningful work together.

17TH OTTAWA SOUTHMINSTER SCOUT GROUP 2026 GARDEN SUPPLY FUNDRAISER

Gardening essentials from Ritchie Feed and Seed conveniently delivered for FREE to your driveway in Old Ottawa South, Old Ottawa East, and to parts of The Glebe and Alta Vista on Saturday, May 2. The scouts are fundraising for a summer canoe trip to Algonquin Park, and to support scouting activities in the community. Your support will help make these experiences possible. If you have any questions please send an email to 17thsouthminsterscouts@gmail.com. If you're interested in supporting local kids (some of whom are our parishioners), please visit their store online: <https://17th-ottawa-southminster-scouts.square.site/s/shop>. Please submit your order before Saturday, **April 18** at 7:30pm.

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.

HORIZONS OF HOPE – IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY PARISH

Do you have questions about death and end-of-life care? Register for the Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care, a four-module program exploring how our faith helps us live well to the end. Topics include the dying process, decision-making, and compassionate accompaniment.

When: Modules 1 & 2: Sunday, **April 26**, 1:00–5:00 pm, Modules 3 & 4: Sunday, **May 3**, 1:00–5:00 pm

Where: Parish Hall, Immaculate Heart of Mary, 1758 Alta Vista Dr. Register: iheartmarysignup@gmail.com

Suggested donation: \$15 for materials

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.

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>

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. Free event and food will be provided!

CENTRETOWN CHURCHES SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Our Centretown Churches Social Action Committee keeps busy working and advocating on behalf of our neighbours. Follow their activities on their website (www.centretownchurches.org) and Facebook page.



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