



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.*

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, APRIL 25/26, 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, 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 25** Pearl Grady by Rosemarie Hoey; **Wed., April 29** Albert Casuga by Adele Casuga Lalonde; **Thurs., April 30** John Dorner by Anna Dorner; **Tues., May 19** Intentions in our prayer basket; **Sat. May 23** Bernadine Burke by Michael Cassidy

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

Sun., May 10: Confirmation at Mass

Pastor

Fr. Frank Kuczera, OMI

Administrative Assistant

Heather Duggan

Pastoral Associate

Sr. Matilda Owolagba

Director of Religious Ed.

Adele Casuga Lalonde

Youth Coordinator

Mallory McAvoy-Daniels

Pastoral Council

John Richardson

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

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.

SCAM ALERT: PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Please be aware that scammers often impersonate clergy or staff via email or text, asking for urgent favors, "secret" tasks, or gift cards. Fr. Frank and parish staff will never ask you for money or gift cards over email. Check the Sender: Always verify the actual email address, not just the display name. Don't Click: Avoid clicking links or downloading attachments from unexpected messages. Verify Directly: If you receive a suspicious request, call the parish office directly to confirm. Stay vigilant and help us keep our community safe!

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!

EPISTLE NEWSLETTER

Do you or your parish committee or group have information or thoughts to share in The Epistle newsletter? Send your articles and photos to office@canadianmartyrs.org by **May 8** for our Pentecost 2026 issue.

PROPOSED MURAL PROJECT: A PICTURE IS WORTH 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!

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Catholic Education Week begins on Sunday, **May 3**. The Catholic schools in our parish will engage in a series of events to celebrate the ongoing gift of publicly-funded Catholic education. You are invited to learn about the various celebrations that are happening in your children's school, and are welcome to attend, if possible. Publicly-funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly-funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. Parishioner, Nicola Whitehouse, will be receiving a Director of Education Commendation Award which is presented to honour staff members who have made exceptional contributions to Catholic education at the OCSB Education Week Eucharistic Celebration.

SETTLEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Our newcomer family has arrived and has started settling in. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the family. **The committee is still looking for a few more things to help them setup their home in Ottawa: an air fryer, a laptop or tablet, bicycles for a small woman and medium man, and bike locks.** If you have such items to donate, please contact the office or Christine Andress at christine.andress@gmail.com. **Also, to the kindly soul that donated the two iPhones: One is still locked by the "Find Me" app. Could you delete it from your iCloud account so it can be repurposed for our newcomer family, and let the office or a Refugee Committee member know?**

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.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Recognize Earth Day (April 22) by supporting one of the following causes:

Give it up for the Earth – Sign open letter to end equivalency agreements prolonging coal-fired electricity generation in Canada – Citizens for Public Justice.

Canada's Climate Fair Share – As one of the world's top polluters and wealthiest countries, Canada must do our fair share globally, not just at home.

Call for Climate – End Fossil Fuel Subsidies in Canada – Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Citizens for Public Justice.

Call for East-West Electricity Grid – Christian Reformed Centre for Public Dialogue and Climate Witness Project

Call for Climate Leadership – The United Church of Canada.

Turn Debt into Hope – Debt Justice is Climate Justice. Sign the petition.

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.

GENESIS: THE PALETTE OF CREATION ART SHOW

On Saturday, **May 2** from 12:30-4:30pm, come explore through art the beauty of God the Creator and his creation. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Ottawa-Cornwall at Saint-François d'Assise Church, 20 Fairmount, the show will feature local artists with a focus on creation and how we find God through it.

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!

RED DRESS DAY

Red Dress Day on **May 5** honours Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls, and Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S+). There are several key events in Ottawa including a Sunrise Ceremony on Parliament Hill on May 5 at 5:30am. Public gatherings and art installations are also scheduled at Ottawa City Hall on May 4 and 5 to promote awareness. There is also a display at the parish with more information about Red Dress Day.

SHADES OF IRELAND TOUR – OCTOBER 16–25, 2026

Join Fr. Gerard Plant (Our Lady of Miraculous Medal, Russell, Ontario) for an unforgettable 10-day journey through the Emerald Isle with Collette Tours next fall! Highlights include Dublin, a traditional Irish dinner & entertainment, Blarney Castle, a brewery experience, the Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher, and a sheepdog demonstration. The trip concludes with a magical stay in a majestic Irish castle, where we'll toast farewell to Ireland during an elegant group dinner. Hurry, the \$300 discount ends on May 15. Pre- and post-tour extensions are available. For details or to reserve your spot, contact Nisreen Salem at Marlin Travel — 613-728-1616 ext. 232 or nisreen.salem@marlintravel.ca. Travel, faith, and friendship — a journey to treasure forever.

REFLECTION ON THE HOLY FATHER'S CALL FOR PEACE

In light of recent public commentary surrounding the Holy Father's appeals for peace, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' (CCCCB) Communications Service wishes to reiterate several principles of Catholic teaching that remain especially relevant in times of war and international tension. Pope Leo XIV's witness in such moments is moral and pastoral, not partisan. His words remind the world that peace is never advanced by contempt, that leadership requires restraint, and that the suffering of innocent people should always be avoided as much as possible. Catholic teaching holds that war is subject to strict conditions of moral legitimacy. To read the full reflection, [click here](#).



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