



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.*

PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 23/24, 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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"All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."
Acts 2:4

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: All who are ill, including: Debbie Artman, Carol Bazinet, Devin Bursey, Brian Cano, Sandy Cano, Virginia Cassidy, 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., May 23 Bernadine Burke by Michael Cassidy; Nick De Palma by Lidia Cotroneo & family; **Fri., May 29** Jorma Nieminen by Theresa Nieminen; **Sat., May 30** Jorma Nieminen by Theresa Nieminen; **Sat., June 6** David Kirkey by A-M Bazinet-Miller

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sat./Sun. May 23/24: Welcome and Blessing for our new parishioners **Sat., May 23:** Spring Parish Clean-up, 9am; **Sun., May 24:** International Potluck after Mass; **Tues., May 26:** Adoration after Mass; **Thurs., June 4:** Pastoral Council, 7pm; **Sat., June 6:** Doors Open Ottawa; 10am - 4pm; **Sat., June 6:** Pizza Night and Young Adult Group; **Tues., June 16:** Volunteer Appreciation after 7pm Mass; **Sun., June 21:** Mass on the Grass and BBQ, 10am

Pastor

Fr. Frank Kuczera, OMI

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Meetings: 1st Thurs., 7pm

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Laudato Si' Team

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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

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME AND BLESSING

This weekend, **May 23/24**, we will offer a special welcome and blessing for all new parishioners at each Mass. We are grateful to all who have recently joined our parish family and invite the community to extend a warm welcome as we continue to grow together in faith and fellowship.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Young adults are invited to join us on **June 6** at 7pm for an evening of prayer, reflection, fellowship, and karaoke! Come connect with others in faith, share in conversation and music, and enjoy a fun and welcoming community atmosphere. All young adults are welcome!

PIZZA NIGHT

Our last pizza night until October will be on Saturday, **June 6** after Mass. All are welcome! Pizza is \$3/slice and drinks are \$1.

DOORS OPEN OTTAWA

Canadian Martyrs will be participating in Doors Open Ottawa on Saturday, **June 6**. This annual event invites visitors to explore unique and historic buildings across the region, including places of worship. We welcome parishioners, neighbours, and guests to visit our church, learn about our parish history, and experience the beauty and heritage of our sacred space. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact the office.

VOLUNTEER/MINISTRY APPRECIATION EVENT

Join us after the Tuesday evening Mass on **June 16** for our Volunteer Appreciation Event! In gratitude for all who share their time and talents in our parish community, everyone is invited to stay and enjoy a "Build Your Own Ice Cream Sundae" social in the parish centre. We look forward to celebrating and thanking our wonderful volunteers together.

SAVE THE DATE! MASS ON THE GRASS

Mark your calendars! Mass on the Grass returns on Sunday, **June 21**! We will have Mass on the lawn at Immaculata High School (bring your lawn chair!) and then enjoy a BBQ lunch in our parking lot. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church or at the entrances to the church, or email the office so that we know how many hamburgers and hotdogs to buy. Please also bring a side to share: salad, chips, fruit, etc. We are also looking for a few volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up.

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

Improving the lighting in the church has long been on the Finance Council wish list for future projects. We cannot ignore that our outdated lighting system is deteriorating and we must find out now what to do about it. Martin Conboy Lighting Design (they designed new lighting for the Cathedral) is currently working on a concept design for our sacred space. Stay tuned for more information on the project consultations, timelines and decisions to come.

MONTH OF MAY, MONTH OF MARY, MONTH OF OBLATES

For the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI), May is an incredibly significant month because it weaves together traditional Marian devotion with the celebration of their holy founder, Saint Eugène de Mazenod. This month is experienced as a season of gratitude and a renewal of our missionary charism. Read more here. Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI, Provincial of OMI Lacombe Canada, shares a message of gratitude, hope, renewal, and encouragement as the Oblates celebrate the 200th anniversary of the approbation of their Constitutions and Rules and continue preparing for their upcoming Convocation.

JOURNEY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

- The Odawa Traditional Powwow is taking place at the Odawa Native Friendship Centre on St. Laurent Boulevard on **May 23 and 24**, with traditional Indigenous dances, drumming, storytelling, music and cuisine.
- The Ottawa church where Inuktitut is the language of faith Read the Ottawa Citizen article here.

APRIL COLLECTION

Collection:	\$ 12,241.20
Direct Deposit (EFT):	\$ 7,415.00
Canada Helps:	\$ 2,598.68
Total:	\$ 22,254.88
Average monthly expenses:	\$ 24,883.72

DIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

ONE WEEK. ONE ACTION. A GLOBAL CATHOLIC RESPONSE.

You are invited to the Creation Care Ceremony: A Blessing and Sending Forth on Saturday, **May 23** at 9am, Pentecost weekend. [Join online](#) with hundreds around the globe to renew your commitment, commend your initiatives, and be sent forth on a mission to care for our common home. Participants will receive a special blessing for the concrete actions and initiatives registered in [Laudato Si' Week call to action](#) and all initiatives submitted on the Laudato Si' [Padlet](#).

INAUGURAL OTTAWA GUITAR SOCIETY STUDENT SHOWCASE RECITAL

Sunday, **May 24**, 3:00pm at Holy Canadian Martyrs Church. Free admission. Join the OGS for a celebration of student achievement, featuring the studios of Ottawa Guitar Society members.

YOUNG CATHOLICS OTTAWA PENTECOST MASS & BONFIRE FARM PARTY

Calling all young adults (ages 18–35)! Join us on May 24 to celebrate Pentecost with a Young Adult Mass presided by Archbishop Marcel Dampousse, followed by a bonfire party! Enjoy food & drinks, great music, s'mores, and a night of fellowship around the fire! Date: **May 24**; Mass Time: 7:00 PM, followed by bonfire party; Mass Location: Holy Spirit Parish, 1489 Shea Rd.; Party Location: 2957 Shea Rd.; Ages: 18–35; Donation of \$10 appreciated at the party. Need a ride or can offer one? Reach out to [Young Catholics Ottawa](#). Event details: <https://tinyurl.com/PentecostMassandParty>.

A VIGIL OF LAMENT AND WITNESS

Amidst the ongoing violence and deprivation in Gaza and the West Bank, a Vigil of Lament and Witness will be held for the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians killed, wounded, uprooted, starved and traumatized by the ongoing war. This “come and go” vigil will take place on Pentecost Sunday, **May 24** from 1pm to 10pm in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit at First United Church Westboro, 347 Richmond Road (accessible entrance). Street parking is free on Sunday. All are welcome to participate in this mostly silent 9-hour vigil with opportunity for candle lighting and, at regular intervals, bidding prayers, special readings, and Palestinian music. For further information please email sandramary.ballantyne@gmail.com.

OCEAN WEEK CANADA

Come celebrate Ocean Week Canada with Canadian Geographic and Oceana Canada as they peer deep beneath the waves off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland. Tuesday, **June 2**, 6-8:30pm, 50 Sussex Drive. The Southern Newfoundland Slope is a biologically rich, largely unseen deep-sea ecosystem — home to ancient coral habitats, vast sea pen fields, and submarine canyons that support diverse marine life, including commercially important species and species at risk. Recent expeditions are revealing this ecosystem in new detail — deepening understanding of how these habitats function, what they support, and why they matter. [Register now!](#)

TOWARDS A SPIRITUALITY OF SYNODALITY

You are invited to the one-year anniversary event of Concerned Lay Catholic's Pilgrims of Hope: Journey of Encounter in Waterloo on Thursday, **June 4**, 6-8pm! Concerned Lay Catholics, the Centre Oblat, the Star of North & Galilee Centre are co-hosting an interactive webinar, featuring roundtable conversations on the topic of the spirituality of Synodality. [Register here](#).

CONVERSATIONS FOR OUR TIMES: SYNODALITY

Once again, St. Basil's is extending an invitation to their Zoom webinar series, *Conversations for Our Times*. The webinar is on Sunday, **June 7** at 2:30pm and the topic is the Synodal Church. We will be learning what has been happening in the Catholic Church in follow up to the Synodal Sessions of 2023 and 2024, and discussing how we, as Catholic parishioners, can continue to be part of the Synodal spirit. [Registration is required](#).

ISLAND CARNIVAL FOR A CAUSE

Join St. Joe's Supper Table on **June 10** at 7:00 PM at St. Joe's Parish Hall (174 Wilbrod St) for a vibrant night of beginner salsa lessons, live dance performances, DJs, and drinks! All at-will donations support St. Joe's Supper Table and OrKidstra, empowering kids through the universal language of music. [Link for tickets \(at will donations\)](#).

OBLATE YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE (ALBERTA)

Registration is now open for the Young Adult Conference at Star of the North Retreat Centre in Alberta from **July 16-19**, inviting young adults ages 18-35 to a faith-filled and inspiring weekend of prayer, community, renewal, and celebration as part of the 200th anniversary of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. For more info and to register, [click here](#).



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