



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.*

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, MAY 9/10, 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, 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: **Wed., May 13** Alice & Frederick Bennett by Yvonne Bennett; **Sat., May 16** Claude Morrison, Fred Miller & deceased Oblates & Associates by A-M Bazinet-Miller; **Tues., May 19** Intentions in our prayer basket; **Wed., May 20** Fr. Brendan Megannety, OMI by Yvonne Bennett; **Sat., May 23** Bernadine Burke by Michael Cassidy

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Sun., May 10: Confirmation at Mass; **Mon., May 11:** T&R Committee meeting, 7pm via Zoom; **Tues., May 12:** Liturgy Comm. meeting, 1:30pm; **Thurs., May 14:** Pastoral Council, 7pm; **Wed., May 20** Faith Formation Comm. meeting, 7pm; **Sat., May 23:** Spring Parish Clean-up, 9am; **Sun., May 24:** International Potluck after Mass; **Tues., May 26** Adoration after Mass

Pastor

Fr. Frank Kuczera, OMI

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Meetings: 1st Thurs., 7pm

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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

WELCOME!

We warmly welcome Bishop Tony Krotki, OMI to our parish community this weekend as he joins us to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our young people. We are grateful for his presence among us and for his ministry as shepherd of God's people. Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit and are strengthened in their faith.

PARISH SPRING CLEAN-UP

On Saturday, **May 23**, we will be having our spring clean-up from 9am to noon. This used to be an annual event that was put on hiatus by the pandemic, so we are finally getting back on track! We will be cleaning the inside of the church (cleaning windows, washing pews) and tidying the church gardens. Please bring mops, pails, Swiffers, rakes, etc. Please sign up at the Welcome Table in the church foyer, so we will know numbers for lunch. We will also need volunteers to help serve the lunch. Thank you!

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK

On **May 24** after the 10am Mass, join your fellow parishioners in the cafeteria of Immaculata High School for an International Potluck lunch organized by the Canadian Martyrs Parish Social Committee. There will be food, fellowship and fun for all ages... with a global flavour! Bring a dish to share, meet friends old and new, learn some dance moves and enjoy trivia. Sign up to attend on the sheet on the Welcome Table in the church foyer or [click here](#) AND tell us what dish you'll be bringing to share. Choose 3-5 songs from your culture (include title and artist) and add them to the [song list](#) for the potluck. For more information, see page 4 of the bulletin or visit our website: <https://canadianmartyrs.org/happenings/>.

PROPOSED MURAL PROJECT

Our parish Truth and Reconciliation Committee is researching the use of Indigenous art in the form of an outdoor mural, with funding already approved by the Archdiocesan Indigenous Reconciliation Fund committee. This will be a collaborative process. We are seeking parish support before proceeding. You can read about the project and see an initial artists' proposal for the mural in [this overview](#) – the artists will be asking for community input before anything is finalized. If you have comments, you will find paper and pencils on the T&R table in the church foyer or you can [email the office](#). Thank you!

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.

SCAM ALERT: PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

Please be aware that scammers often impersonate clergy or staff via email or text, asking for urgent favours, "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 & help us keep our community safe!

JOURNEY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

- [The Blanket Fund](#), launched on September 30, 2022, is part of the Hudson's Bay Company's truth and reconciliation efforts. Acknowledging the complex history of the Point Blanket as both a Canadian symbol and a reminder of colonial harm, the fund ensures proceeds support Indigenous Peoples through initiatives shaped in consultation with Indigenous communities. Following Canadian Tire Corporation's acquisition of HBC's intellectual property in June 2025, this commitment continues. Proceeds from every Hudson's Bay Point Blanket will support the fund, with 100% of net proceeds and a minimum of \$1 million annually directed to Indigenous-led initiatives.
- A vigil on Parliament Hill on May 5 (Red Dress Day) called for more action into the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people (MMIWG2S+). Bridget Tolley, Families of Sisters in Spirit founder, led the event to mark the national day of awareness, or "Red Dress Day," after the work of Métis artist Jaime Black. [Read more here](#).
- Kateri: A concert at Notre-Dame Basilica: This concert wove together western music traditions and living Indigenous themes and language. The concert was dedicated to St. Kateri Tekakwitha and held on her feast day in Canada, commemorating her death in 1680 at age 24. Known as the "Lily of the Mohawks," she was the first Indigenous person from North America canonized (2012) and is honored as the patron saint of ecology, the environment, and Indigenous peoples. [Read more about the concert here](#).

PEOPLE'S PARK CELEBRATION & BBQ

Councillor Shawn Menard and his team invite everyone for a celebratory BBQ on Saturday, **May 9** at the People's Park! The BBQ will be in celebration of the removal of the Capital Ward section of the Alta Vista Transportation Corridor (AVTC) from the Transportation Master Plan. The free food and fun will be happening from 12:00pm - 2:00pm! RSVP at: www.shawnmenard.ca/bbq

A CONVERSATION ON DILEXI TE (I HAVE LOVED YOU)

Join an evening conversation on Monday, **May 11** at 7pm in the Upper Room Church Hall of Holy Redeemer parish, 44 Rothesay Dr., Kanata, to explore Pope Leo XIV's first apostolic exhortation about the way we see poverty and discuss Pope Leo's call to move beyond charity for the poor toward structural reform to address the root causes of global inequality. Please register with: Neilrjmaxwell@rogers.com.

CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, you are warmly invited to a special evening of prayer and grace, as we come together to consecrate our hearts to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The celebration will take place on Wednesday, **May 13** at 7pm at Our Lady of Fatima Parish (153 Woodroffe Ave.) and includes the screening of "The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima," rosary, the communal consecration, and a Marian hymn with candles. Each person will receive a consecration card, allowing them to participate in a personal and meaningful way. All are welcome!

MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN DAY

Join Canadians in ceremony and solidarity on **May 14** for Moose Hide Campaign Day with the goal of ending gender-based violence. Together, we are making a change. This Indigenous-led movement invites all people to take part in ceremony, reflection, and action for reconciliation. Registration is free. Whether you're joining from home, your office, or taking a stand in your own community at a local walk, this is your spot. Register as a Virtual Attendee to show your commitment to ending gender-based violence — no matter where you are. As a Virtual Attendee, you'll have full access to all of the Campaign Day content, including livestreams, workshops, and ceremony throughout the day. Your presence matters, together we can make a difference!

WILDFIRE: DIOCESAN YOUTH NIGHT

Wildfire is a diocesan night for Grades 6–12 to encounter the Holy Spirit and discover their call to mission. St. Maurice Parish, 4 Perry St., Saturday, **May 16**, 7:00–9:30pm. This event is run by our diocesan NET Team.

ONE WEEK. ONE ACTION. A GLOBAL CATHOLIC RESPONSE.

Each year, the global Church unites to celebrate Laudato Si' Week — an annual moment of prayer, reflection, and concrete action inspired by Laudato Si' by Pope Francis. In 2026, from **May 17–24**, Catholics across continents will once again respond together — not just with words, but with action. Laudato Si' Week 2026 is not about doing everything. It is about doing something — together. Enroll and add your action: <https://laudatosiweek.org/>

TULIPATHON

Join all Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI) walkathon teams for the annual walkathon fundraiser on Sunday, **May 24**, from 2-4pm. Join or make a donation to a team, or make a general donation today! Each May, rain or shine, MHI hosts Tulipathon, a 3KM walkathon fundraiser at Commissioners Park. This annual event invites MHI's 80+ faith group members, their congregations, and the wider community for a scenic walk through the tulips. With 100% of all proceeds going toward MHI's subsidies program, their goal this year is to raise \$125,000. With nine housing communities and the tenth under construction, MHI has an increased number of families and individuals that qualify for rent subsidies. To register or donate, [click here](#).

MAMI OBLATE SPIRIT MAY 2026

In this issue of Oblate Spirit, we reflect on the enduring question "Why?", a question that leads us from curiosity to compassion, and discover how, through the generosity of so many, it finds its answer in a spirit of service. The answer, in the spirit of the Oblates: "Why Not?" To download the latest issue of the Oblate Spirit, [click here](#).

ST. PIUS X HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 1976 50TH REUNION

The St. Pius X Class of 1976 warmly invites all alumni to a 50th reunion in Ottawa, **September 15–17**. Reconnect, renew friendships, and share memories. For more details, please contact us at: stpiusx76@gmail.com.

INTERNATIONAL POTLUCK, SUNDAY, MAY 24 AFTER MASS

The Social Committee of Canadian Martyrs Parish invites you to participate in an international potluck lunch on Sunday, May 24 after the 10am Mass. There will be food, music, dress and decor from around the world, trivia and dance lessons at the upper cafeteria at Immaculata High School! Bring a dish to share and meet friends old and new!



By May 17th:

Sign up to attend on the sheet at the back of the church or [click here](#) and tell us what food you will bring to share. Please help us to balance the meal by keeping the overall numbers of appetizers, main courses, side dishes and desserts as even as possible!

Note: There are 3 ovens and 2 refrigerators at the parish centre. Food can be heated or chilled during Mass and carried over to Immaculata after Mass. Crock pots can also be plugged in at Immaculata.

Choose 3-5 songs from your culture (include title and artist) and add them on the song list.

You can find the list at the back of the church and by [clicking here](#). Your songs will be added to a playlist for the potluck.



On the May 16/17 weekend:

Bring something from your culture that you can lend to help decorate the Immaculata cafeteria for the potluck. Clearly label the object with your name and the culture represented and leave it in the box marked "Potluck decor" at the back of the church before or after Mass.

Possible items include: a textile (flag, scarf, cloth) or object (basket, poster, etc.) Please, nothing valuable, breakable or unsafe. Objects can be picked up on the May 30/31 weekend, after the Masses.



For May 24th:

Food: Make a traditional dish from your culture to share. Please no nuts. Clearly label your dish with a list of the ingredients it contains, and if it needs to be heated or chilled during Mass. Bring it to the parish centre between 9 and 10am on Sunday, May 24. Take it to the Immaculata cafeteria after Mass. Please plan ahead for carrying hot dishes.

Dishware and tableware: Label and bring plates, bowls, cups/mugs and cutlery for yourself and anyone else in your party.

Dress: Wear traditional clothing from your culture.





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