



# Canadian Martyrs

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Sunday Dec 31, 2017 – Holy Family

- Sat Dec 30 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park For †Daniel Revoy
- Sun Dec 31** 9:00am Mass in Arborfield For †Aurel Soucy  
**11:00am Mass in Carrot River For the people**  
 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park For †Andre Laforge
- Mon Jan 1** 9:00am Mass in Arborfield For the people  
**11:00am Mass in Carrot River For Jerry Martin**
- Tues Jan 2 no mass
- Wed Jan 3 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park For †Etienne & Theresa Potie
- Thurs Jan 4** **2:00pm PP Finance Council meeting**  
**6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River**  
**7:00pm Mass in Carrot River**
- Fri Jan 5 10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home
- Sat Jan 6** **5:00 pm Mass in Carrot River For †Andre Laforge**
- Sun Jan 7 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park For the people  
 11:00am Mass in Arborfield For †Gerry Riou

Date	Commentator	Readers	Communion	Hospitality	Proc. Of Gifts	Welcoming
Dec 31 <sup>st</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Dan Oakes	Sharon Cross Volunteer	Bob Gagne Suzanne Gagne	Leo Brochu Ted Myslicki	Jolene Brochu Rose Myslicki	Volunteers
Jan 6 <sup>th</sup> - Sat 1st Sunday	Shirley Zeller	Sharon Cross Volunteer	Albert Tkach Ted Myslicki	Dan Oakes Bob Gagne	Myrna Oakes Suzanne Gagne	Volunteers
Jan 13 <sup>th</sup> - Sat 2nd Sunday	Rosemarie Wasko	Volunteer Rick Relland	Aaron Brochu Albert Tkach	Larry Trew Perry Mamer	Fredel Trew Volunteer	Volunteers
Jan 20 <sup>th</sup> - Sat 3rd Sunday	Bob Gagne	Shirley Zeller Volunteer	Rosemarie Wasko Neal Wasko	Rick Relland Allan Malfair	Sharon Cross Aline Malfair	Volunteers
Jan 27 <sup>th</sup> - Sat 4th Sunday	Perry Mamer	Bob Gagne Doug Senko	Dan Oakes Myrna Oakes	Milton Wood Herb Baskey	Connie Wood Volunteer	Volunteers
Feb 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Sat 1st Sunday	Shirley Zeller	Volunteer Marguerite T	Allan & Aline Malfair	Leo Brochu Ted Myslicki	Jolene Brochu Rose Myslicki	Volunteers
Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> - Sat 2nd Sunday	Rosemarie Wasko	Volunteer Rick Relland	Albert Tkach Ted Myslicki	Jeff Trombley Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteers
Feb 17 <sup>th</sup> - Sat 3rd Sunday	Bob Gagne	Dan Oakes Myrna Oakes	Rosemarie Wasko Neal Wasko	Milton Wood Volunteer	Connie Wood Volunteer	Volunteers
Feb 24 <sup>th</sup> - Sat 4th Sunday	Perry Mamer	Marguerite T Doug Senko	Bob Gagne Suzanne Gagne	Rene Loran Herb Baskey	Eva Loran Anne Mazurek	Volunteers

**Note:** there are several “volunteer” spaces in our mass ministry schedule. If you would like to help any of the ministries, please contact Maxine to add you to the schedule.

**Collection: Dec 24, 2017 \$1595.00**

**Announcements:**

**New Year Day Mass**

Arborfield 9:00am

**Carrot River 11:00am**

**Mass Times for January/February**

**Sat 5:00pm – Carrot River**

Sun 9:00am – Zenon Park

Sun 11:00am – Arborfield

**Parish Council nominations** will be accepted for our pastoral council and pastoral finance council until Feb 8, 2018. Please give nominations to any pastoral council member:

Father Travis

Allen Malfair – Chairperson

Aline Malfair – Décor

Milton Wood – Member at large (maintenance)

Connie Wood – Member at large

Janet Caouette – Treasurer

Herb Baskey – Finance chairperson

Theresa Korpach – Community Life

Maxine Baskey - Liturgy

Wilma Wheeler – Recording secretary (Need a replacement now in Wilma's absence)

Do you have a particular prayer intention that you would like prayed for? You are welcome to write in down and place it in our prayer box! It will be prayed for on the 4th Thursday of the month @ 7:30pm after mass. Everyone is welcome to come and pray with us!

We sometimes need to remind ourselves that God has given us all the resources and we are but stewards of what we have been given. The ability of the Church to be fruitful in today's world is dependent on the willingness of the faithful to nourish the church with our gifts through such things as the Sunday collection and the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please give generously as you are able.

Please have all parish pledges for the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal sent to the Diocese by December 31, 2017 for processing. If you have already sent in your pledge, thank you for your generosity.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal update: We have 13 donations for a total of \$3145.00. Thank you.

***Bishops's Annual Appeal:  
Are you willing...to commit yourself to working in the Lord's Vineyard?  
October 1 – December 31, 2017  
Every gift is greatly appreciated.***



# Families Shape Us

In St. Luke's Gospel, we read that Jesus' parents brought him to the temple to comply with the Jewish rite for firstborn males. Forty days after the child's birth, Mary would complete a period of purification and present her child to the rabbi at the Temple. The family would offer an animal for sacrifice and a sum of money. This practice recalled the Tenth Plague [Exodus] during which the firstborn in every Egyptian household died. Following this tragedy, the Pharaoh allowed the Israelites to leave Egypt.



We read about animal sacrifice, a financial offering, and the commemoration of a widespread massacre of firstborns. The Gospel presents Mary and Joseph as traditional parents who conformed to these laws. However, Jesus' experiences would be anything but traditional.

Later in his life, their son would call into question some of the religious laws, including those associated with celebrating the Sabbath and purification rites. He would distance himself from Temple customs involving animal sacrifices and propose a religion that came from the heart. How did Mary and Joseph's son evolve in this way? We won't simply answer that he was God's son. This would ignore the Incarnation and that God assumed our human condition. The Gospel passage continues: *The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him* (Lk 2:40).

His parents guided Jesus' development throughout his youth. Our Saviour grew up with love, confidence and attention. His family was his source of life, though he did question aspects of his tradition.

Families guide and support children throughout life's challenges and enable them to make choices that lead to the Source of life.

*Gilles Leblanc*

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

