



CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 29

9:00am Mass

♦ Ms. Cristina. C Santos

[Thanksgiving]

✠ Ding Jr & Edith Szuhovsky

Thursday, October 1

9:00am Mass

✠ Claudette Mary Bishop

✠ Nancy & Dan Ingrouville

First Friday, October 2

9:00am Mass

Available*

Saturday, October 3

5:00pm Mass

✠ Rocchina Ciccarelid

✠ Domingo Ramos

Sunday, October 4

12:30pm Mass

Available*

(*) Contact the parish to request intentions for these dates)

Sanctuary Lamp

SEPTEMBER 14-20

For all Canadian Martyrs' Parishioners: living and gone before us.

ROSARY RALLY

We invite you to join us **Saturday, October 10, 2026, at 12 noon** Outside of the Holy Cross Parish. Bring your family and friends. For more details, please contact: Sr. Terry Felonia at 647-528-8864 Sr Elena Manuel at 416-878-9272 Legion of Mary, Our Lady of the Holy Cross Praesidium.

Office Hours:

Tuesday–Friday, 10am – 2pm

Confessions:

Saturday: 4:00–4:30 p.m.

Or by appointment

Baptism

Families seeking Baptism for their children are asked to contact the parish office to begin the process.

Marriage

Couples planning to marry are asked to contact the parish priest at least one year in advance.

Visiting Ministry

Parishioners who are homebound, ill, or in hospital and wish to receive pastoral visits or the sacraments are invited to contact the parish office.

A PARISH NAME IS A PROMISE

Message from the Pastor



Canadian Martyrs is not only the name on the church sign. It is a promise about the kind of parish we hope to be. In today's Gospel, one son says the right thing but does nothing. The other son begins with a refusal but later changes his mind and goes to work. Jesus makes the point clearly: God looks for a yes that becomes real. That is what we celebrate in the martyrs. Their faith did not stay inside their heads or their prayers. It became courage, service, and witness. Our witness will usually be quieter. It may be showing up again after discouragement. It may be welcoming someone new. It may be helping with one task instead of assuming someone else will do it. It may be telling the truth kindly, repairing a relationship, or making room for another person's gift. Canadian Martyrs does not have to look like a rebuilt parish before it can be a faithful parish. We do not need every answer before we begin. **We need people willing to say: "This is my parish too. I will be one small, faithful part of its future."** Paul says Christ took the form of a servant. That is our model. We do not build a parish by protecting our place. We build it by serving one another. The Good News is that God can work with an honest yes, even when it begins small. Christ gathers our small acts of faithfulness and makes a community of witness.

MASS INTENTIONS EXPLAINED

The fulfillment of a Mass intention rests in the celebration of the Eucharist itself. The priest offers the Mass for the person or purpose requested, and that prayer is joined to the Church's universal intercession. The name identifies the intention, but the grace of the Mass does not depend on it being announced. Each intention is carried within the prayer of the Church, whether spoken or silent. What is required is the offering which is the priest's act of presenting the intention to God through the Eucharist. This understanding helps us appreciate the depth of the tradition: the Mass itself is the prayer, and every intention is embraced within it.



INSTALLATION MASS



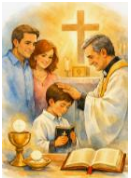
A reminder that the Installation Mass of Fr. Efren as our pastor will take place on **Saturday, October 17 at 5:00 p.m.** We invite all parishioners to join us for this important moment in the life of our community. Following the Mass, a parish potluck will be held in the hall. If you are able, you are welcome to bring a dish to share. Most of all, we look forward to gathering together as we begin this new chapter in our parish life.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS



Starting on **Friday, October 2**, Canadian Martyrs will introduce a **9:00 a.m. First Friday Mass**, followed by the traditional devotions to the Sacred Heart. Please note that Holy Cross will no longer have a 9:00 a.m. Mass on First Fridays; their usual 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Confession and 7:00 p.m. Mass will continue as normal.

FIRST COMMUNION ORIENTATION



Parents of children **7 years and older** who have been **baptized Catholic** are invited to attend an **Orientation Session** for the First Reconciliation and First Communion Program on **Tuesday, October 13 at 7pm** in the Church. This orientation is an important first step, and **participation is expected before formal enrollment** in the program. Signing up through the parish office helps us prepare for families attending. All program details will be shared during the session.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM



For students in **Grade 7 and up**, including high school, our Confirmation program will begin **later in the Fall**. We're preparing a schedule that reflects our parish's transition and ensures everyone can take part. Please **call the parish office** to leave your contact information. This year's program will be **pastorally guided**, welcoming and flexible for all families.

CORRECTION – SECOND COLLECTION UPDATE



We made an error in last week's notice about the **Maintenance Fund** collection. Because the **Needs of the Canadian Church** collection is on **September 26-27**, and the **Commitment to Reconciliation** collection is set for **October 4**, our parish **Maintenance Fund** collection must be postponed again. A new date is being arranged and will be announced shortly. Thank you for your patience and your continued generosity.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Many people bring their pets to the church to be blessed on St. Francis's feast day because of his love for animals. **On Sunday, October 4**, immediately **following the 12:30pm Mass**, the blessing will take place outside, by the front door of the church near Plains Rd. We invite all parishioners to bring their pets to the parish. Please be sure to have your pet always restrained.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS



Our parish is seeking volunteers to serve in our liturgical ministries—lectors, altar servers (children and adults), and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—as well as other areas of parish life. Everyone is welcome to join and training will be provided. If you feel called to help, please contact the parish office to learn more and sign up.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SECOND COLLECTION



On October 4, the second collection is an opportunity to contribute to programs that promote healing, cultural revitalization, education, and stronger **relationships with Indigenous communities**. Envelopes will be available along with the bulletin. Thank you for supporting our Cardinal in this endeavour.

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 2027

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