

CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

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Office Hours:

Tuesday–Friday, 10am – 2pm

Confessions:

Saturday: 4:00–4:30 p.m.

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.

Mass Intentions

Tuesday, October 13

9:00am Mass

N For this Intentions of **Myrna Ramos & Family**

Thursday, October 15

9:00am Mass - Available

Saturday, October 17

5:00pm Mass

N Thanksgiving - Lilia Bambao

N Sandra & George Purcell

Sunday, October 18

12:30pm Mass - Available

Sanctuary Lamp

OCTOBER 12 - 18

For all Parishioners: living and gone before us.

“P.S. DRESS CODE REQUIRED”

Isaiah 5:1–7 • Philippians 4:6–9 • Matthew 21:33–43



Isaiah imagines God preparing a feast for all peoples. Jesus takes up that image in the parable of the wedding banquet: the table is ready, the invitation goes out, and yet some are too busy or too indifferent to come. For **Canadian Martyrs**, this speaks directly to our present moment. Our parish is rebuilding its rhythm, rediscovering its ministries, and learning again how to gather with intention. We have faithful parishioners, generous volunteers, and a long history of devotion, but the Gospel still asks: **Who has not yet discovered that there is a place here for them?** Who is waiting for a personal invitation rather than another announcement? The banquet is not simply about attendance; the wedding garment reminds us that grace asks for a response. Christ welcomes us as we are, but He does not leave us unchanged. To come to the feast is to learn the habits of the Kingdom: mercy, humility, service, forgiveness, and attention to those who might otherwise remain unnoticed. So perhaps this week we can do something beautifully simple: notice someone, learn a name, extend an invitation, make room. God has prepared the feast. There is still room at the table — but remember, this banquet does have a dress code.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS – ONE CELEBRATION TOGETHER

This **Monday, October 12**, our cluster will celebrate one Mass only for Thanksgiving Day, at **9:00 a.m. at Canadian Martyrs**. This shared celebration allows our pastor to take his day off while still gathering all of us—Holy Cross and Canadian Martyrs—together in one church for the holiday. Let us come as one community to give thanks to God for His blessings.



INSTALLATION MASS



We will gather this Saturday, October 17 at 5:00 pm to welcome our pastor, Fr. Efren, formally into his ministry among us. After Mass, please join us as we celebrate this new chapter in our parish life in the the Hall and share the joy of a new beginning.

PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 2027

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parish office to leave your contact information. This year's program will be **pastorally guided**, welcoming and flexible for all families.

MASS ATTENDANCE SURVEY



The annual Mass Attendance Survey for all parish and mission communities will take place on the weekends of **October 17-18**, and **October 24-25**. Ushers are reminded of this important practice at each mass.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTION

This is a worldwide collection on October 18 for the missionary church, and it is our opportunity to assist at-need Catholic Communities globally. Offerings are combined with offerings from other Catholics around the world and distributed to missions and dioceses. We are called to share from our abundance with those less fortunate who lack the basic essentials to know, love and praise God. *Thank you for your support of this important work*

PARISH SERVICE & LEADERSHIP INVITATION



Thank you to all who have already responded to our call for volunteers in liturgical ministries—lectors, altar servers (children and adults), and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—as well as those interested in parish leadership roles. We are especially grateful to those who have stepped forward for the Parish Finance Council, mandated by Canon 537, and to those offering their help for the new Parish Building Committee. Because of the busy days leading up to the Installation Mass, Fr. Efren will begin replying to everyone after the celebration, allowing time for additional responses to come in. Your willingness to serve is deeply appreciated, and no one will be overlooked.

FIRST COMMUNION ORIENTATION

Parents of children 7+ who are baptized Catholic are invited to an Orientation Session for the First Reconciliation and First Communion Program on **Tuesday, October 13 at 7pm in the Church**. This session is the required first step before enrollment. Please sign up through the parish office so we can prepare for families attending. All program details will be provided at the orientation.



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**

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – CAST YOUR VOTE!



A municipal election will take place on Monday, October 26. All Catholics are encouraged to exercise their democratic right to vote. Cardinal Leo has permitted Catholic School Board Trustee candidates (or their volunteers) to distribute information after Mass on weekends from October 3/4 to October 24/25. We invite parishioners to take a moment to learn about those seeking this important role. To ensure your vote is counted for Catholic School Board Trustee, please verify at the polling station that you are registered as a separate school supporter. If your status is incorrect, ask for an application to Amend Voters' List. This form can be completed and submitted directly at the polling station. Thank you for your participation in this year's municipal election.

Know Your Faith

We extend our sincere appreciation to all who participated in our recently concluded *Know Your Faith* program. Inspired by this momentum, we are pleased to introduce **Know Your Faith: Scripture Study. COME AND JOIN US** at



Holy Cross Parish as we reflect on the Sunday readings through prayer and study **after the Saturday 9:00 a.m. Mass (9:40–10:45 a.m.) on October 3, 10, 24 & 31. Facilitator: Therese De Manche**. All are welcome as we continue growing together in God's Word.