

# CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH


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## Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, November 10**
**9:00am Mass**

- ♦ Health of Benedeho Leano
- ✠ Deceased members of the Cortina Family (Bert)

**Thursday, November 12**
**9:00am Mass**

- ✠ Gregoria and Domingo Ramos
- ✠ Members of the Argonza Family

**Saturday, November 14**
**5:00pm Mass**

- ✠ Peter and Connie Buttigieg
- ✠ Benedetta Del Mastro
- ✠ Maria & Francesca Sabatini

**Sunday, November 15**
**12:30pm Mass**

- ✠ Giovanni Del Mastro
- ✠ Maria Del Mastro

### Sanctuary Lamp

**NOVEMBER 9-15**

For the repose of the Souls of All Souls in Purgatory

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

Each year on **November 11**, Canadians pause to remember the brave men and women who served and sacrificed in times of war, military conflict, and peacekeeping missions. Remembrance Day is a solemn occasion that invites us to reflect on the cost of freedom and the courage of those who defended it. **Lest we forget.** May we always remember their sacrifice and cherish the freedoms we enjoy today.

### "KEEPING THE FLAME ALIVE"

*Wisdom 6:12–16 • Psalm 63 • 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 • Matthew 25:1–13*



In today's Gospel, ten bridesmaids wait for the bridegroom. All have lamps, all are invited, and all eventually fall asleep. But only five have enough oil when the moment comes. The difference is not enthusiasm or good intentions, but what they have done to sustain their light. It is a gentle but challenging reminder that having faith and nourishing faith are not quite the same thing. We can know our prayers, attend Mass, and keep religious traditions, yet neglect the quiet relationship with God that gives them life. The oil in our lamps is replenished in ordinary ways: through prayer, forgiveness, compassion, and the daily decision to love when loving is difficult. These things cannot be borrowed at the last minute or lived entirely through someone else's faith. And perhaps that is the deeper invitation of this Gospel: not to live anxiously waiting for Christ, but to live attentively, recognizing His presence already among us. The question is not simply whether our lamps are lit today, but what we are doing to keep them burning tomorrow.

### ALL SOULS



November is dedicated by the Church to pray for **All Souls in Purgatory**. The **Book of Life** has been placed near the sanctuary and we are all invited to write the names of our beloved departed so that together we can pray for them all. **All Souls Envelopes** will be available near the Book of Life before and after all Masses throughout November. You may write the names of your deceased loved ones on these envelopes. They will be included in our parish's general prayers for **All Souls in Purgatory**. Completed envelopes may be placed in the Offertory Collection or in the offering boxes at the back of the Church

### SHEPHERD'S TRUST

There will be a second collection next weekend, **November 15**, in support of **The Shepherds' Trust**, which provides financial assistance and care for our retired, elderly, and disabled priests. Your generosity helps ensure that priests who have faithfully served the Church can live with dignity and receive the support and medical care they may need. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

## Considering a Joint Simbang Gabi Celebration



Holy Cross and Canadian Martyrs are exploring the possibility of a joint Simbang Gabi celebration this Advent. Parishioners interested in helping plan and organize this cherished tradition are invited to contact the parish office by email. A planning meeting will be scheduled by Joan and held at Holy Cross Parish. We welcome participation from parishioners of both communities.

## 2027 Offertory Envelopes



We are currently preparing our 2027 Sunday offertory envelopes. If you would like to receive envelopes, please make sure **you are registered with Canadian Martyrs church.** Parish registration helps us keep accurate records, issue income tax receipts correctly, and stay connected with you. If you are not yet registered, or if your contact information has changed, please contact the parish office (see contact information on the bulletin cover). Please note that some envelope numbers have been reassigned for 2027. Please **use only the envelope number currently assigned to you.** If you have not used your envelopes during 2026, your previous envelope number **may have been reassigned to another parishioner.** In that case, please contact the parish office to be assigned a new envelope number before making donations using envelopes.

## Ways to Support Our Parish



We are grateful for your generosity and support of our parish. You may make your offertory contribution through: **Weekly offertory envelopes, Cash donations during Mass, Cheques payable to Canadian Martyrs Church, Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG)** Your support helps sustain our mission, ministries, outreach programs, and parish operations. For more information, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your continued generosity.

## Red Wednesday – November 18

Join Catholics around the world in observing **Red Wednesday**, a day of prayer and solidarity with persecuted Christians. **Bishop Vincent Nguyen** will celebrate Mass at **5:30 p.m.** at **St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica**, which will be illuminated in red for the occasion. All are encouraged to attend, wear red, and keep persecuted Christians in their prayers.

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## New to the Parish?



If you are new to the parish, please remember to register with us and let your old parish know that you have moved, so that they too can update their records. Registration forms and offertory envelopes are available at the parish office.

## Volunteer Custodial Support



Temporary custodial assistance has been arranged and is expected to begin on **November 24**, with service provided on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. As we continue to care for our parish facilities, we are grateful for the parishioners who have generously helped maintain our church over the years and who continue to offer their time and talents in this important ministry of stewardship. There remains a place for this valuable volunteer service alongside our custodial support. We invite volunteers to assist with simple tasks such as: Taking garbage and recycling bins out for collection; light cleaning and tidying of the church; checking and refreshing washrooms; helping maintain the sanctuary and sacristy. Sign-up sheets are available at the church entrance. **Thank you for helping us care for God's house and keep our parish welcoming for all.**

## Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe 2027

A Journey of Grace for Every Heart

**February 22 – 27, 2027**

Under the spiritual guidance of **Fr. Efren Alvarez-Pelayo**, Pastor of Holy Cross & Canadian Martyrs

**Price:** CA $3,650 per person (double occupancy)

**Includes:** Round-trip airfare + taxes • Deluxe coach • 7 nights' accommodation with breakfast, lunch & dinner All city taxes & entrance fees • Dedicated tour escort & English-speaking guides • Daily Mass



**For information and registration:** Call 877-701-7729 ext. 342