

# CANADIAN MARTYRS CHURCH



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Weekday Masses		Weekend Masses	
Tuesday	9:00am	Saturday	5:00pm
Thursday	9:00am	Sunday	12:30pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation			
First Thursday: 9:30am to 10:00am		Saturday 4:00pm to 4:30pm	
For any other day: by appointment only			
<b><u>Baptism:</u></b> By appointment and after an interview with the parents.			
<b><u>Marriage:</u></b> Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor one year in advance.			
<b><u>Care of the sick:</u></b> Please call the parish to request visitation of the sick or elderly for prayers, Holy Communion, Sacrament of the Sick.			
<b><u>New Parishioners:</u></b> Registration Form is available in the vestibule of the church, in the parish office or on the website.			
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**Daily Mass Readings for Sunday, 5 April 2026  
Easter Sunday (Resurrection of The Lord)**

**First Reading:** Acts 10.34a, 37-43

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 118: 1-2,16-17,22-23

**Second Reading:** Colossians 3.1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5.6b-8

**Alleluia:** 1 Corinthians 5.7-8

**Gospel:** John 20.1-18++ – *The Resurrection of Jesus*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

April	Mas Intention	Requested by
6, Mon – 9am	NO MASS	
7, Tue - 9am	For all parishioners & visitor	
8, Wed – 9am	HOLY CROSS	
9, Thurs –9am	Thanksgiving Birthday - Mila Valencia	Myrna Ramos
10, Fri – 9am	HOLY CROSS	
11, Sat – 5pm	+ Vitto & Erina Sestito	Maria Fossell
	Thanksgiving mass -Rico Beltran	Yvette Beltran
12, Sun 12:30pm	Thanksgiving Mass MFC (Missionary for Chirst - Handmaids of Chirst	MFC Handmaids of Chirst
	+ Michael Sestito	Maria Sestito



***Christ is Risen***

**Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen! On this glorious Easter morning, the Sunday of Sundays, the Solemnity of Solemnities, we are filled with the joy of the risen Lord. On this great day, death and sin was defeated as the Lord triumphed over all evil, leading us to the joy and love of eternal life. As stewards of Christ we should always have the identity of an Easter people.**

**The USCCB in their *Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*\* says that stewardship “reflects the core of the Easter message of the earliest Christian community: ‘We have seen the Lord!’ (Jn 20:25). Stewardship always starts with the personal experience of the Risen Christ in our midst and in our hearts.” We must first encounter Christ before we can share Christ.**

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<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>.

**Prayer:**

Risen Lord, Thank You for the gift of new life and hope. In our ordinary days, help us see the light of Your resurrection. Fill our hearts with hope and new life. Help us trust in You each day and share Your love with others. Amen.

**EASTER MESSAGE 2026**

As we celebrate Christ's Resurrection, let us focus on the true meaning of Easter. Let us reflect how in this disordered, chaotic world, Easter can be our permanent guide that leads us to hope and peace and joy.

Wars, violence and misunderstanding are experienced in most parts of the world. These are due to selfishness, pride and greed. These wars and violence has affected millions of people and caused their sufferings. One may wonder, when will PEACE, real peace happen in our world? When will the people's suffering end? does God see our pain? If God truly cares, why is He allowing all these to happen?

But we should not lose hope. let us first of all anchor our faith in God's promises. The first letter of St. Peter tells us: "God, the

giver of all grace, has called you to share in Christ’s eternal Glory, and after you have suffered a little, He will bring you to perfection. He will confirm, strengthen and establish you forever.” (1 Peter\_5:10). Therefore, whether we are in the middle of a personal or global crisis, the risen Christ is the source of our hope. he knows our struggles and He understands our challenges. We may feel hopeless and afraid, let us take heart, for our assurance comes from the reality that Jesus has risen and will lead us to peace and joy in His kingdom. Hope and trust in the Lord Jesus will bring us lasting peace and joy. Jesus is RISEN! He is as real today as He was two thousand years ago. The trials and challenges and sufferings we are facing is a way for us to experience how He suffered for us all. But after all these trials come the joy of sharing in his Resurrection. We may not see it with our own eyes, but God’s power is at work in the world, even in times of war and violence. He still sits on the throne. Let the miracle of Easter, the blessed resurrection of Jesus Christ be our beacon of hope, of joy and peace!

Happy Easter to all of you!

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**Financial Report**

<b>April</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Offertory	\$ 3503.50
Building Funds	\$ 358.00
Votive Candles	\$ 119.25
Holy Thursday	\$ 5.00
Good Friday	\$ 5.00
Easter Sunday	\$ 5.00
Sharelife	\$ 1235.00

**Canadian Martyrs Upcoming Schedules**

April 3	3:00 pm	Good Friday – Liturgy of the Passion of Christ
	7:00 pm	Station of the Cross
April 4	7:00 pm	Easter Vigil
April 5	12:30 pm	Easter Sunday
April 12	1:30 pm	Coffee and Donut