

# 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.			
Canadian Martyrs School: 416-393-5251			
Principal: Nathalie Bangala			
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**Daily Mass Readings for Sunday, 15 March 2026**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**First Reading:** 1 Samuel 16.1b,6-7,10-13  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4,5,6  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5.8-14 **Alleluia:** John 8.12  
**Gospel:** John 9.1-41 – Jesus Heals a Blind man

**MASS INTENTIONS**

March	Mas Intention	Requested by
16, Mon – 9am	NO MASS	
17, Tue - 9am	For all parishioners & visitors	
18, Wed – 9am	HOLY CROSS	
19, Thurs –9am	For all parishioners & visitors	
20, Fri – 9am	HOLY CROSS	
21, Sat – 5pm	For all parishioners & visitors	
22, Sun 12:30pm	For all parishioners & visitors	

**The Recovery of Sight**



In today's Gospel we encounter Jesus healing a man who was born blind. In all of the Bible, this is the only healing of a man blind since birth, whereas other healings were of temporary blindness. The uniqueness of this great mystery offers us the ability to richly reflect on what it means to be good stewards of Christ. Firstly, while the man was healed of his physical sight, the more remarkable miracle was his ability to grasp Jesus' true identity. When Jesus reveals to him that He is the Son of Man, the blind man boldly responds, "Lord, I believe." The blind man did not come to this realization on his own, but it was the Lord's working in his life that led him to this change of heart. So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about our interior conversion. We must never fall into the temptation that our faith and charity is the result of our own strength or abilities. After the blind man's encounter, it says "he worshipped Him." As good stewards we should seek to imitate his example, falling down in thanksgiving and adoration for all of the grace and gifts the Lord has poured into our lives. Let us take a moment today to praise God most especially for the gifts of our Catholic faith and the Church.

**Summary** In the Gospel Jesus performs a two-fold miracle of healing a man of his physical blindness and his spiritual blindness. So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about the miracle of our interior conversion. Let us imitate the cured blind man and fall at the feet of Jesus and thank Him for the gifts and grace He has poured into our lives. <https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>.

**Prayer:**

Heavenly Father,  
You are the giver of life and you are the light of the world. Help us see what is good and right each day. Guide our choices, our words, and our actions. Stay with us and lead us in Your light. Amen

***A Simple Reflection: Opening Our Eyes to Faith and Kindness This Lent***



This Lenten season, the story of the man born blind reminds us of the power of faith and hope. Though he lived his whole life in darkness, he trusted in Jesus, the light of the world, and received sight. His journey teaches us that even in our struggles, hope and faith can help us see clearly—not just with our eyes, but with our hearts.

In our daily lives, many of us are “blind” in different ways. We may fail to notice the kindness of others, overlook those in need, or focus only on ourselves. Like the blind man, we are called to open our eyes—to see and appreciate the goodness around us. Even small acts of love, care, or gratitude can bring light to someone’s day.

During this Lent, may we open our eyes to the goodness around us. Let us appreciate even the simplest acts of care, and let us respond with gratitude and love. May we be the people who bring light, peace, and compassion into the lives of others, sharing the love of Christ in both small gestures and meaningful actions.

***Blessed to Give: Parish Fundraising Campaign***

We extend our heartfelt thank you to Couples for Christ community organizing a fundraising event held on March 8, 2026. We are also deeply grateful to all our visitors and parishioners who generously supported this event. May God bless you abundantly for your support and generosity.

## SPECIFIED DONATIONS

<b>Snow blower</b>	<b>Anonymous</b>	
<b>Flowers for Easter Sunday</b>	<b>Raised proceeds from fundraising and from Anonymous Donors</b>	<b>\$ 420.00</b>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SANCTUARY VOTIVE PRAYER CANDLES



Light a candle for a loved one or special intention.

Candles burn for five days starting each Saturday, with names displayed at the altar and remembered in prayer.

Requests can be emailed to **CanadianMartyrsTO@archtoronto.org** or submitted at the office (Tue–Fri, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.). Donation: **\$20**.

### Share Life Collection Dates



**March 22 | April 26 | May 31 2026**

Kindly make your gift at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or directly at [sharelife.org/donate](http://sharelife.org/donate).

### Financial Report

<b>March</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Offertory	\$ 2,933.30
Building Funds	\$ 722.00
Votive Candles	\$ 104.90
Flowers Donation	\$ 420.00

### Canadian Martyrs Upcoming Schedules

March 20	7:00 pm Mass	Followed by the Stations of the Cross
March 27	7:00 pm Mass	Followed by the Stations of the Cross
March 29	12:30 pm mass	Palm Sunday (Blessing of Palms)
April 2	7:00 pm Mass	Lord's Supper Adoration until 9:00 p.m
April 3	3:00 pm	Liturgy of the Passion of Christ
April 4	7:00 pm	Easter Vigil
April 5	12:30 pm	Easter Sunday