

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			
<u>Baptism:</u> By appointment and after an interview with the parents.			
<u>Marriage:</u> Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor one year in advance.			
<u>Care of the sick:</u> Please call the parish to request visitation of the sick or elderly for prayers, Holy Communion, Sacrament of the Sick.			
<u>New Parishioners:</u> 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, 22 March 2026
5th Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 130: 1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8
Second Reading: Romans 8.8-11 **Alleluia:** John 11.25,26
Gospel: John 11.1-45 – The Raising of Lazarus

MASS INTENTIONS

March	Mas Intention	Requested by
23, Mon – 9am	NO MASS	
24, Tue – 9am	For all parishioners & visitor	
25, Wed – 9am	HOLY CROSS	
26, Thurs –9am	Mulanga Marthe Angelique & Katende Gregoire	Celestine Kapinga
27, Fri – 9am	HOLY CROSS	
28, Sat – 5pm	For all parishioners & visitor	
29, Sun 12:30pm	For all parishioners & visitor	



Raising from Death of Life

In today’s Gospel we encounter the great mystery of the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This apparent death of Lazarus was not in vain for Jesus says it occurred so “that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” After raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus instructs the crowd to “unbind him, and let him go”

This “unbinding” signifies that Jesus doesn’t just raise him from the dead but also sets him free. So too, through God’s great gift of forgiveness, He raises us from the death of sin and leads us to interior freedom. This Lent, let us seek God’s forgiveness by availing ourselves to the sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. The Catechism says that “the sacrament of reconciliation with God brings about a true “spiritual resurrection, restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God” (CCC 1468).

Moreover, after Lazarus was freed it says that many people believed in Jesus. Likewise, after we receive God’s forgiveness and live in freedom and friendship with God, we should be true

stewards of God’s gifts and evangelize those around us. Through the grace of the sacrament we will have the necessary strength to offer our time and talents to our parish community. So this Lent let us not remain in the death of sin but turn to Jesus and receive the life and freedom of forgiveness.

Summary: Just as Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, He raises us from the death of sin and leads us to interior freedom through His forgiveness. This Lent, let us seek God’s forgiveness by availing ourselves to the sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter. Through the grace of the sacrament we will have the necessary strength and grace to offer our time and talents to our parish community.

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

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, You called Lazarus out of the tomb. Call me out of anything that holds me back. Help me trust You, even when things fell hopeless. Bring new life where I fell stuck or tires. Thank you for your power and care. Amen

A Simple Reflection: “Lent: Trusting God in the Waiting



This Lenten season, “being raised” doesn’t always come in big or obvious ways. Sometimes it’s just having enough strength to get through the day, someone taking the time to sit with us, or a quiet sense of peace even when nothing has really changed. Life doesn’t always turn out the way we hope, and God doesn’t always move on our schedule. Still, He is there—in hospital rooms, in simple acts of service, in the quiet efforts of those who care for others, even when no one notices. And like in the story, He often asks only small things from us—to show up, to help where we can, and to stay with one another—trusting that He is at work in ways we may not see.

In this spirit, we are also reminded to be grateful. We thank those around us who bring light and comfort during difficult times: the priests who are present, who listen, and gently guide us in our spiritual needs; and the volunteers who give their time and energy, often quietly and without recognition, to care for others and to make the house of the Lord a more welcoming place for all.



Here is a picture of the Confirmation class for the bulletin and some words of thanks:

On March 13, the Holy Cross/Canadian Martyrs students received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are proud of them as they continue their faith journey. Thank you to Fr. Freddie for his support and guidance, the families and sponsors, our Holy Cross and Canadian Martyrs administrative staff, sacristan, Laurel Cusack altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, and the choir led by Ms. Quinagon and her son Keith as well as Rico DeLeon and the MFC choir for their support and service. A special thank you to our catechists—Laura Mastromarco, Mila Benedicto, and Ms. Kelly—for their faithful dedication. You are a blessing to the community. May God reward you!

Financial Report

March	Amount
Offertory	\$ 3,958.85
Building Funds	\$ 847.00
Votive Candles	\$ 199.10
Flowers Donation	\$ 450.00
Confirmation and	\$ 361.00
First Comunion	\$ 150.00

Canadian Martyrs Upcoming Schedules

March 27	7:00 pm mass	Followed by the station 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 p	Easter Sunday