



# 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			
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**Daily Mass Readings for Sunday, 29 March 2026  
Passion (Palm) Sunday**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 50.4-7  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 22:8-9,17-18,19-20.23-24  
**Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11 **Alleluia:** Philippians 2:6-11  
**Gospel:** Matthew 26.14–27.66 – *The Passion of the Lord*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

March - April	Mas Intention	Requested by
30, Mon – 9am	<b>NO MASS</b>	
31, Tue - 9am	Thanksgiving Birthday – Mary Anne Tougan & Cynthia Ramos	Myrna Ramos
1, Wed – 9am	<b>HOLY CROSS</b>	
2, Thurs –9am	For all parishioners & visitor	
3, Fri – 9am	<b>HOLY CROSS</b>	
4, Sat – 5pm	For all parishioners & visitor	
5, Sun 12:30pm	+ Giuseppe Amello & Gioluca Sestito	Maria Sestito



***Through the Eyes of a Donkey***

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most sacred week in the entire liturgical calendar of the church. It opens with the

celebration of Palm (Passion) Sunday where Jesus triumphantly enters Jerusalem riding a donkey amidst the waving palm branches. We can glean a great insight into true stewardship when we reflect on this event through the lens of the donkey which is a metaphor for our lives.

From the donkey`s perspective, he sees a great crowd ready to welcome him into Jerusalem. He hears the singing of praises and sees them laying their coats and branches on his path. It would be easy for the donkey to feel prideful as he walks along. However, we as onlookers can clearly see that the crowds are not praising the donkey, but the one sitting upon the donkey, Jesus Christ.

As stewards offering ourselves to our parish community, we can be tempted to think that all of the compliments, praises and thanks we receive is properly owed to us. However, from this image of the donkey, we should strive to humbly recognize that

all of our good works should lead others to Christ, not ourselves. The donkey served Christ just as we, through our time and talents, should serve Him and His body, the Church. This Palm Sunday let us ask ourselves, do we fully direct all of the praise, glory and honour of our actions to Jesus?

**Summary:** The donkey on which Christ rode into Jerusalem could've seen all the palms and praises being sung around him and been tempted to believe that he was the one they celebrated. However, we as onlookers can clearly see that the crowds are not praising the donkey, but the one sitting upon the donkey, Jesus Christ. This Palm Sunday let us learn from this image and ask ourselves, do we fully direct all of the praise, glory and honour of our actions to Jesus? <https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>.

**Prayer:**

Lord Jesus, help me stay faithful, trust Your will, and return to You when I fall. In suffering give me patience and courage and, in the silence, and waiting, strengthen my hope. Stay with me always. Amen



**A Simple Reflection: “Lent: Carrying Our Cross with Jesus**

As we begin Holy Week, we are reminded that love is not always easy or comfortable, especially when it comes to loving those who hurt us.

In our daily lives—at work, in our communities, and even in our families—we experience stress, disappointment, and misunderstanding. At times, we may feel treated unfairly. Yet, Jesus shows us that even in suffering, we can still choose to love and to trust in God.

When we are hurt, we are called to respond with patience and forgiveness, just as Jesus did—even to those who betrayed Him. We know it is not easy to forgive, but we can pray for the grace to do so, not only for others but also for our own peace of mind.

There are moments when we feel weak, overwhelmed, and burdened, and we may even feel that God is far from us. But Jesus also struggled and suffered, yet He continued forward with trust in the Father.

May we have the courage to carry our own crosses each day, remembering that we are not alone. When we surrender everything to Him, Jesus is always ready to help us. Let us trust in God’s will, knowing that it will always prevail. Each day is a new chance to follow His example—to love, to endure, and to hope, even when it is difficult. God will make a way.

**ANNOUCEMENTS**



**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**



**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	\$ 5,066.65
Building Funds	\$ 962.00
Votive Candles	\$ 272.80
Flowers Donation	\$ 450.00
Confirmation and First Comunion	\$ 361.00
Mass Offering	\$ 150.00
Mass Offering	\$ 210.00
Share Life	\$ 2870.00

**Canadian Martyrs Upcoming Schedules**

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