

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			
Address: 520 Plains Rd, East York, ON M4C 2Z1			

Daily Mass Readings for Sunday, 8 March 2026
3rd Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17.3-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95:1-2,6-7,8-9
Second Reading: Romans 5.1-2,5-8 **Alleluia:** John 4-42,15
Gospel: John 4.5-42 – Jesus and the Samaritan Woman

MASS INTENTIONS

March	Mass Intention	Requested by
9, Mon – 9am	NO MASS	
10, Tue - 9am	For all parishioners & visitors	
11, Wed – 9am	HOLY CROSS	
12, Thurs –9am	Mass Intentions & Thanksgiving Mass - Lauren DeVera	Lauren DeVera
13 Fri – 9am	HOLY CROSS	
14 Sat – 5pm	Death Anniversary – Rocco Ciccarelli	Lorraine Ciccarelli
15 Sun - 12:30pm	Thanksgiving Mass – (MFC) Missionary for Christ – Handmaid of the Christ	MFC – Handmaids of Christ



Living in the Living Waters

In the Gospel today we reflect on the episode of Jesus’ meeting with the Samaritan woman at the well. The passage recounts that Jesus was “tired” yet he still went out of His way to minister to the woman. Jesus tells her that “the water that I will give will become a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” Through this image of water Jesus is alluding to the gift of the Holy Spirit that the Lord wishes to lavish upon His children (CCC 728).

As stewards of Christ, we are called to generously share our time and talents with our parish community. However, a mere sharing of our gifts without the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit can easily lead us to becoming burnt out, discouraged or resentful. It is important to have all of our charitable acts infused with the Spirit. This way it is not our own merits but the Lord’s grace bringing about conversion in our parishes.

How often do we invoke the Holy Spirit before we serve the Lord as stewards? It is in this invocation that we humbly recognize that it is the Lord, through us, accomplishing great deeds. Let us begin each

day with the traditional prayer to the Holy Spirit. “Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love.” Let us bring about a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit into the hearts of our parish community by constantly turning to Him to strengthen us.

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Prayer: Lord Jesus, You are the living water. Quench our thirst, cleanse our hearts, and teach us to worship You in spirit and Truth. Break the walls that divide us, fill us with your mercy and grace, and make us bold to share Your love with the world. Amen



A Simple Reflection: Becoming Living Water This Lent

In the Gospel, Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well. He speaks to her with kindness, even though others would avoid her. He does not judge her past. Instead, He offers her “living water” — new life, forgiveness, and hope. After encountering Jesus, she leaves her water jar behind and runs to tell others about Him.

In our daily lives, we are called to do the same.

As volunteers, priests, parishioners, and all who serve the Church, we are invited to reflect the love of Christ in the way we speak, act, and serve. The Church becomes a beautiful house of the Lord not only because of its walls or decorations, but because of the people inside it — people who show mercy, patience, humility, and joy.

When others see our unity, kindness, and sincerity — especially those who are struggling in their faith or who have not yet come to know God — they may begin to notice something different. They may see Christ living in us. Our actions can become the “living water” that gently draws their hearts closer to faith. Like the Samaritan woman, may we leave behind our pride, anger, and selfishness. May we share the love of Jesus not only with words, but through good example.

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



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.

Financial Report

March	Amount
Offertory	\$ 1,950.00
Building Funds	\$ 657.50

Canadian Martyrs Upcoming Schedules

March 8	1:30 pm	CFC Coffee and Donut - Fundraising
March 13	7:00 pm mass	There will be no Stations of the Cross due to the Confirmation Mass at CMC
March 20	7:00 pm mass	Followed by the station of the Cross
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 pm	Easter Sunday