

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, 17 May 2026
The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord**

First Reading: Acts 1.1-11

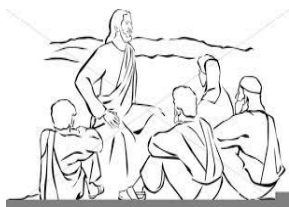
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 47

Second Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23 **Alleluia:** Matthew 28.19,20

Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20- The Commissioning of the Disciples

MASS INTENTIONS

May	Mas Intention	Requested by
18, Mon – 9am	NO MASS	
19, Tue - 9am	Birthday Thanksgiving for Myrna Ramos	Myrna Ramos
20, Wed – 9am	HOLY CROSS	
21, Thurs – 9am	Cristina Benedicto + Birthday Thanksgiving for Myrna Ramos	Myrna Ramos Josie Carino
22, Fri – 9am	HOLY CROSS	
23, Sat – 5pm	For all parishioners & visitor	
24, Sun - 12:30pm	Birthday Thanksgiving for Myrna Ramos	Toni Tabaniag



Being the Hands and Feet of Christ

This Sunday we celebrate the great feast of the Ascension of the Lord which is ripe with spiritual importance and depth. Let us examine how the Lord’s ascension affects us as stewards. Firstly, when the apostles watched the Lord ascend into heaven, two angels appeared and asked them “why do you stand looking up toward heaven?” The apostles were not meant to stay there constantly gazing heavenward. Instead, they, like us, are called to live firmly on this earth with our whole purpose set on reaching heaven and leading as many people with us as possible. We see this at the end of St. Matthew’s Gospel when Jesus gives the great commission to “make disciples of all nations.” Jesus’ ascension is a firm call to action. A call to be stewards and use our gifts to spread the Gospel within our parishes and the Church. We do this through the strength of Christ within us who says “remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” It is now up to us to cooperate with the Spirit and make disciples of the whole

world. Let us end by pondering the beautiful saying of St. Teresa of Avila. “Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are His Body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.”

Summary: Jesus’ ascension is a firm call to action for at the end of St. Matthew’s Gospel He gives us the great commission to “make disciples of all nations.” This is a call to be stewards and use our gifts to spread the Gospel within our parishes and the Church. Let us strive to do this through the strength of Christ within us who says “remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” _ <https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>

Prayer:

You gathered Your disciples and sent them out to share Your love with the world. Be with us always, as You promised. Give us courage to follow You faithfully, wisdom to teach by our words and actions, and hearts ready to welcome all people into Your peace.

Help us to trust in Your presence every day and to live as Your disciples with joy and love. Amen.



“The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.” (St. Thérèse of Lisieux)

On Sunday, May 10, the Antipolonians Group and Legion of Mary facilitated a beautiful May Crowning in honour of Mother’s Day at Canadian Martyrs Church and Holy Cross Church,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parishioners, altar servers, and devotees of the Virgin of Antipolo (Antipolonians Group) for bringing the image of Mother Mary and for your prayerful participation in this special celebration honouring Mary as our Queen and Mother. We also sincerely thank everyone who assisted Fr. Claudio during last Sunday’s celebration at Canadian Martyrs Church.

Our gratitude likewise goes to the First Communion children of this year’s cohort and their mothers for taking part in this beautiful celebration honouring Mary as our Queen and Mother at Holy Cross Church. Your presence and devotion helped make the occasion truly meaningful and memorable.

God bless all Mothers, living and those who are already in His presence, as well as all those women who “mother” others in their lives.



Financial Report

May	Amount
Offertory	\$ 3,232.30
Building Funds	\$ 731.00
Votive Candles	\$ 290.05
Sharelife	\$ 1,298.70
Pope's Pastoral Work	\$ 100.00
Mass Offering	\$ 90.00
Funeral Mass	\$ 350.00

ANNOUCEMENT



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.

Mission Appeal 2026 (Disciples of Mary)

June 13, Saturday at 5:00 pm mass

June 14, Sunday at 1230 pm mass

Canadian Martyrs Upcoming Schedules

May 26	9:00 am	School Mass