

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			
<p><u>Baptism:</u> By appointment and after an interview with the parents.</p>			
<p><u>Marriage:</u> Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor one year in advance.</p>			
<p><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.</p>			
<p><u>New Parishioners:</u> Registration Form is available in the vestibule of the church, in the parish office or on the website.</p>			
<p>Canadian Martyrs School: 416-393-5251 Principal: Nathalie Bangala Address: 520 Plains Rd, East York, ON M4C 2Z1</p>			

**Daily Mass Readings for Sunday, 3 May 2026
Fourth Sunday of Easter – World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

First Reading: Acts 6.1-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2.4-9 **Alleluia:** John 14.6
Gospel: John 14.1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

May	Mas Intention	Requested by
4, Mon – 9am	NO MASS	
5, Tue - 9am	Dionisia Claudio + Julio Enriquez + Sofronio&Carolina Bautitsa +	Myrna Ramos Enriquez Family Vienna Bautista
6, Wed – 9am	HOLY CROSS	
7, Thurs – 9am	For all parishioners & visitor	
8, Fri – 9am	HOLY CROSS	
9, Sat – 5pm	Thanksgiving wedding Anniversary Angel Bathan and Trinidad Bethan	Bathan Family
10, Sun - 12:30pm	Thansgiving Mass – (MFC) Missionary for Christ – Handmaid of Christ Prayers for all the deceased members of Manpul & Enriquez Family	MFC-Handmaids of Christ Mary Grace



Exercising our Priestly Call

“Beloved: let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood.” These are the words of St. Peter that we find in the second reading today. St. Peter exhorts us to see ourselves as priests. The Catechism says “the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king” (CCC 1546). What is the primary and essential act that priests perform? The answer is simply that priests offer sacrifices. The USCCB in their Pastoral Letter on Stewardship* says that “In exercising this office, [disciples] most fully realize the meaning of [their] Christian stewardship. To be an authentic steward is to offer our God-given gifts back to God for the good of the Church and our parishes. Essentially, it is to sacrifice our lives for Christ, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. That is why He is

the true, high priest that we strive to emulate. The USCCB goes on to say that “part of what is involved here for Catholics is a stewardship of time, which should include setting aside periods for family prayer, for the reading of Scripture, for visits to the Blessed Sacrament, and for attendance at Mass during the week whenever this is possible.” Let us conclude this reflection by asking ourselves, how well are we living up to the call of being part of the royal priesthood of Christ?

Summary: The Catechism says that “the faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet, and king.” The primary and essential act that priests perform is to offer sacrifices. Let us strive to be an authentic steward by sacrificing our time and gifts for Christ, especially in the little things, just as He sacrificed Himself for our salvation. <https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for making a way for me through Jesus. Lord Jesus, You are the way, the truth, and the life—lead me closer to the Father each day. Help me trust You, follow You, and live in Your truth and love. Amen.

Walking Daily in the Way of Jesus

Jesus speaks to our worries and tells us not to let our hearts be troubled. In everyday life, we often face stress, uncertainty, and doubt. But as His sheep, we are gently reminded to place our trust in Him, knowing He is guiding us even when things feel unclear.

When Jesus says He is the way, the truth, and the life. This means that in the small choices we make each day—how we speak, how we treat others, how we respond to challenges—we are called to follow His example. Like sheep listening for their shepherd's voice, we try to recognize His guidance in prayer, in Scripture, and in quiet moments of reflection.

He also reminds us that He is always leading us toward the Father. So even in ordinary routines, our lives have a deeper purpose: to grow closer to God and reflect His love to others.

Each day, we can simply ask ourselves: “Am I following Jesus right now?” Trusting Him in the little things helps us live with peace and confidence, knowing He is always with us.



First Communion at Holy Cross Church
 On Sunday April 26 the children from Holy Cross and Canadian Martyrs celebrated their First Holy Communion. Our hearts were full on this beautiful

occasion when these little brides and grooms received the body, blood, soul and divinity of their Lord. Father Freddie’s beautiful homily reminded us that “more beautiful than a Saint’s last communion is a child’s first”. We would like to thank Father and all those who helped make this celebration so special, especially our volunteer catechists: Juliana Stewart, Denise Roberts, Elena Manuel, Mary Quinagon and the Choir. May our children continue to come to be fed by Jesus!

Financial Report

April	Amount
Offertory	\$ 7,146.85
Building Funds	\$ 1,404.00
Votive Candles	\$ 648.45
Sharelife	\$ 2,746.30
Easter Sunday	\$ 1,415.00
Holy thursday	\$ 480.00
Good Friday	\$ 642.00
Mass Offering	\$ 122.65

ANNOUNCEMENT



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.

Canadian Martyrs Upcoming Schedules

April 26	2:00 pm	First Holy Communion at Holy Cross Church
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