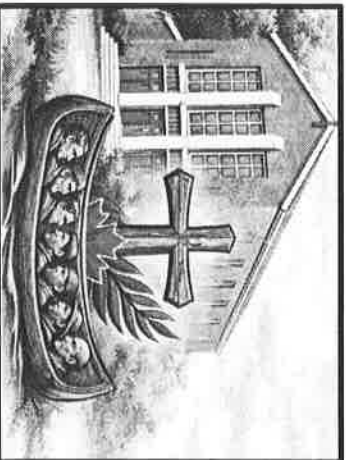




CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH

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Mass Intentions

Tuesday, September 15

9:00am Mass

♦ In Thanksgiving for Rhyan Francis Bambao

Thursday, September 17

9:00am Mass

✦ For the repose of the soul of Roque Bambao

Saturday, September 19

5:00pm Mass

Available

Sunday, September 20

12:30pm Mass

Available

(Call the parish to request intentions for this dates)

Sanctuary Lamp

SEPTEMBER 14-20

For the Needs of all Canadian Martyrs' Parishioners

NEW FIRST FRIDAY MASS

Starting in October, Canadian Martyrs will introduce a 9:00 a.m. **First Friday Mass**, followed by the traditional devotions to the Sacred Heart.

Please note that Holy Cross will NOT have a 9:00 a.m. **Mass on First Fridays**; their usual 6:00 p.m. Holy Hour and Confession and 7:00 p.m. Mass will continue as normal.

Parish Information

Office Hours:

Tuesday–Friday, 10am – 2pm

Confessions:

Saturday: 4:00–4:30 p.m.

Or by appointment

Baptism

Families seeking Baptism for their children are asked to contact the parish office to begin the process.

Marriage

Couples planning to marry are asked to contact the parish priest at least one year in advance.

Visiting Ministry

Parishioners who are homebound, ill, or in hospital and wish to receive pastoral visits or the sacraments are invited to contact the parish office

FORGIVENESS “SEVENTY-SEVEN TIMES”

Message from the Pastor

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that forgiveness cannot be reduced to numbers or limits. Peter asks how often he must forgive, and Jesus responds with a measure that is intentionally impossible to calculate. The message is clear: forgiveness is not a transaction but a way of life. It is the willingness to let go of resentment so that relationships, communities, and hearts can breathe again. This kind of forgiveness is not easy, but it is the path that frees us from carrying old injuries into new moments. For our parish community, this Gospel speaks directly to our present journey. Canadian Martyrs has lived through seasons of hurt, misunderstanding, and discouragement. Some wounds were caused by decisions from above, and some by one another. Healing will not come from pretending these things never happened, but from choosing mercy over bitterness and conversation over silence. As we rebuild parish life, may we be people who forgive generously, seek unity sincerely, and allow God's grace to restore what has been strained.



THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Those interested in joining the Catholic Church (non-baptized and Christians baptized in a different denomination) are invited to contact the parish for this fall's OCIA program. To begin this process, contact the parish office to express your interest. Please allow for some time for people to respond.



CANADIAN MARTYRS PARISH FEAST

We Need Your Help!

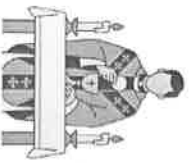


Our parish Feast Day will be celebrated on **Saturday, September 26 at the 5:00 p.m.** Mass, followed by fellowship at the back of the church. A group of parishioners met last Saturday to begin preparations, and others who could not attend will also be involved — but we need more hands to make this a joyful parish celebration. We are asking for your help in any of the following ways:

- ❖ **Food Contributions:** We are preparing finger-food platters for easy sharing. Suggested items include: cheese platters, sandwich trays, vegetable or fruit platters, national finger foods, or ingredients to prepare simple finger foods.
- ❖ **Cash Contributions:** If you prefer to contribute financially, a volunteer will be available at the back of the church after Mass to receive donations.
- ❖ **Supply Contributions:** We also need basic hosting supplies: plates, cups, serviettes, bottled water, and bottled drinks.

With only two weeks to prepare, your support is truly appreciated. Let's come together as one parish family to honour our patron saints and celebrate with joy.

MASS OF INSTALLATION OF OUR PASTOR



With great joy and gratitude, we invite all parishioners, families, and friends to celebrate the **Installation of Fr. Efrén** as our pastor on **Saturday, October 17, at 5:00 pm.** This special occasion marks the beginning of a new chapter in the life of our parish. Let us come together in prayer, thanksgiving, and fellowship as we warmly welcome Fr. Efrén and offer our support as he begins his ministry among us. Following the Mass and installation ceremony, there will be a **parish potluck gathering** in

the hall. Please bring a favorite dish to share if you are able, but most importantly, bring your presence and spirit of community. **Everyone is warmly invited to attend. We look forward to celebrating this joyful occasion together!**

MASS INTENTIONS EXPLAINED

(Sharing a Sacred Tradition)



Having a Mass offered for someone is a beautiful and longstanding tradition of the Church. Over time, however, practices and expectations can develop around Mass intentions that do not always reflect what the Church actually teaches. In the coming weeks, we will offer a short bulletin series explaining **what a Mass intention is, what the offering means, why the Church regulates intentions, the purpose of Mass cards, and why an intention does not depend upon a name being announced or published.** As a first practical change, beginning in October, the four Masses currently limited to one intention will be able to accommodate **up to two intentions**, normally limited to one or two names per intention. We are currently working on getting permission to assign one mass for multiple intentions. Our hope is simple: to preserve this beautiful tradition while making the opportunity to request Masses **fair, accessible, and properly understood by everyone.**

"I ask that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone." — 1 Timothy 2:1
One of the beautiful privileges of being Christian is that we can pray for one another.

*We pray for the living. We pray for the sick.
We give thanks. And, from very ancient times,
God's people have prayed for the dead.*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST RECONCILIATION/COMMUNION PROGRAM



Parents of children age 7 and older who are baptized Catholic and wish to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Communion are asked to **call the parish office** and leave their contact information. Children attending Catholic or public schools are welcome. Families will be contacted once the required Parent Orientation is finalized. Registration will follow the Orientation.

CONFIRMATION 2026-2027



Parents of young people in Grade 7 and above, including high school, who are interested in preparing for Confirmation are invited to **call the parish office** and leave their contact information. Students from Catholic and public schools are welcome. Children not yet baptized will need to discuss this with the Church first. Families will be contacted when the Parent Orientation is finalized.