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Office Hours:

Tuesday to Thursday
9:00 am to 4:00pm

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 9:00 am
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am

Morning Prayer:

Wednesday & Friday 8:30 am

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 9:30 am to 10:00 am
First Friday 6:15 pm to 6:45 pm
For any other day by appointment only

First Fridays: *except July and August*

Holy Hour: 6:00 pm
Mass 7:00 pm

Baptism:

By appointment and after an interview with the parents.

Marriage:

Couples planning to be married should contact the pastor one year in advance.

Care of the Sick:

Please call the parish to request visitation of the sick or elderly for prayers, Holy Communion, Sacrament of the Sick.

New Parishioners:

Registration Form is available in the vestibule of the Church, in the parish office or on the website.

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Principal: Arlene Martin

Meditate on God's Word



... <i>Mass Intentions</i>		
OCT	MASS FOR	REQUESTED BY
6 Mon, 9am	NO MASS	
7 Tues, 9am	Canadian Martyrs	
8 Wed, 9am	Maria De Manche +	Carmel & Patrick Galvin
9 Thurs, 9am	(Canadian Martyrs Parish)	
10 9am Fri	Dennis Corman +	Barbara Read
11 Sat, 9am	All Parishioners In Honour of Jesus on the Cross Incoronata Ambrosini
5pm	(Canadian Martyrs Parish)	
12 Sun, 9am	Michael Angelo, Luis & Mazie Cervantes +	Marie Cervantes
11 am	Thanksgiving – Myrtle & Lew Saldanha	D'Souza Family

Sunday Gospel Reflection
27h Sunday of Ordinary Time
Gospel: Luke 17.5-10 – Faith like a Mustard Seed

The Gift of Faith

How often do we pray to God for greater faith? The apostles in today's Gospel echo the words of Christians throughout the centuries, "increase our faith!" Jesus was teaching messages that challenged their own preconceived notions and they recognized that they needed faith to be able to accept these truths. So too, it is often difficult in our own secular society to believe all of the increasingly counter-cultural teachings of the Church. In a culture that demands the stamp of scientific approval on all matters, it requires greater faith to believe certain sublime truths of the Church that cannot be proven in such a manner.

This is why we too need to earnestly implore the Lord for more faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church claims that "faith is a gift of God, a supernatural virtue infused by Him." (CCC 153). This understanding is important in realizing that while we can perform acts that help cultivate our faith, it ultimately remains a pure gift of grace from God. This lens allows us to remain humble in times when our faith is strong for we realize that we are constantly being sustained by grace. This should spur us onto greater gratitude to God

By recognizing our great need for the pure gift of faith, we should strive to return to the core act of our discipleship, namely, prayer. Let us set aside time each day to pray to the Father the words found in the Gospel of Mark, "I believe, help my unbelief." Let us then move outwards and pray for others to be strengthened in their faith, especially those whom we know are struggling,

Summary

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<https://www.archtoronto.org/stewardship>

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every **Wednesday and Friday after the 9:00 a.m. Mass from 9:30am until 10:00 a.m.** in the Church **except on holidays.**

Let us pray for the sick



We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the "forgotten members" in our community.

If you have a loved one you would like on our Sick list, please call or email us. We will keep their names on our list for 4 weeks. *Thank you.*

Sacramental Preparation Registration

Confirmation Nov 22 Saturday @10am Requirements: *Baptismal Certificate *Student must be in Grade 7, 8, or High School *Regular attendance at Holy Cross by child/family *Registration Fee: \$75 *Confirmation Certificates of Sponsors *Completed Registration Form	FR/FHC Nov 22 Saturday @ 10am Requirements: *Baptismal Certificate *Student must be in Grade 2 or higher *Regular attendance at Holy Cross by child/family *Registration Fee: \$60 *Completed Registration Form
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For more information or to submit documents, please contact the parish office. Let's prepare our children to receive these sacred sacraments with joy and reverence!



We're happy to share some wonderful news: our parish has been granted a 100% subsidy for a Lay Pastoral Associate (LPA) to support Fr. Fred in his sacramental ministry and catechetical work.

We are delighted to introduce **Maria Agovino** as our new LPA. Maria holds a Master's degree in Theology and Christian Ministry from **Franciscan University of Steubenville** (1997/2024), as well as completed Master's-level coursework in Theology and Catechetics at the **Notre Dame Institute for Catechetics** in Virginia, USA (1994–1995).

Maria officially began her ministry on **October 1**, serving both **Holy Cross** and **Canadian Martyrs** parishes.

Let's extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to Maria as she joins our faith community!



2025 SSVP Thanksgiving Food Drive – October 2025

St. Vincent de Paul is holding a Thanksgiving Food Drive in order to replenish the food cupboard. Interested parishioners are asked to bring in non-perishable food items and place them in the SSVP container located in the front foyer of the Church. We are in need of the following: **(1) Peanut butter/breakfast cereals/pancake mixes (2) Spaghetti pasta and Sauce (3) canned goods**

"We are called to give, driven by our love for God and neighbor"

Special Devotion Candles Oct 7 to 14

In Loving Memory of Raffaele Ruscillo

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For all Intentions

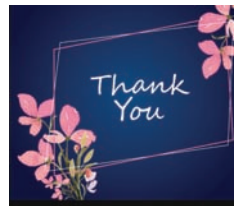
This Sanctuary Lamp Devotion Candle is being offered for all the intentions of the Holy Cross Parish Community, living, sick and deceased



" Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." — Psalm 107:1

As we enter this season of gratitude, we give thanks to God for each of you. Your faith, generosity, and presence in our community are true blessings. May this Thanksgiving be a time of

reflection, joy, and renewed hope in Christ. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and peaceful Thanksgiving.



Thank you to everyone who joined and contributed to the **76th anniversary of Canadian Martyrs Church**. Your presence made the celebration special.

Here are some photos capturing the joy, fellowship, and spirit of the day—moments we'll cherish as part of our

parish journey. Let us continue to walk together in faith and gratitude.



There will be a 2nd collection today. Proceeds will support the **Building Fund** and **Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation Fund**. The collection is intentionally scheduled to take place on the weekend following the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation that is observed each year on September 30. Please give generously.



SSVP's Feast Celebration – October 26 Thank you to everyone who came and joined us in celebrating the SSVP's Feast.

Whether you helped organize, volunteered, or simply came to share in the festivities, your contribution was invaluable. Here's to the strength of our community and the blessings we share together.

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