



# MARTYRS' SHRINE

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## Answering the call to be here, now, with Him.

Our everyday life can be hectic, that is the reality of the world we live in. Whether it is the mind that is always thinking of what information is being presented or the body exhausted in trying to check off the boxes of all the tasks we might face that day. We, especially myself can get caught up in the cycle of “what is next” rather than continuing to live presently with the moment right in front of us. I am a firm believer that what we dedicate our attention to can alter our life experiences for good or bad in the world, and even, alter our continual journey with Christ.

I first came to Martyrs' Shrine this past Easter weekend, prior to the opening of the 2019 Season. My experience here on these grounds were peaceful, calming, and restful as I could retreat away from the busyness of everyday life. I found myself attentive not only to my exterior environment but my interior with new light and peace. That peace was the peace of resting in the Lord, and trusting in him just has the Martyrs had back in the 17th century.

I became overwhelmed with gratitude for that grace as well as discovered a stirring desire to spend more time here at the Shrine not only in prayer, but in a ministerial way as I continue to discern my vocation with the Society of Jesus here in the Canadian Province. This attention to my interior movement also led to a conversation with the Director of Martyrs' Shrine, Fr. Michael Knox. He offered me the opportunity to return to the Shrine for an extended stay over the 2019 Season, where I would be able to not only work side-by-side with the lay staff, but also be present to witness the fruits that come with having this sacred space to pray at. I gleamed with excitement, and became all the more interested in what else the Shrine must offer to those who say yes to being a pilgrim on these sacred lands.

That is when I learned of the Pilgrim Route, a route created by Martyrs' Shrine in partnership with existing local trail groups to help provide an opportunity for pilgrims to take a slower, more scenic, and more prayerful route over the traffic-filled roads the comes with commuting to a northern region during the summer. I thought what a perfect occasion to be more attentive again to my interior, as I prepare for a new season of my life here, and in my discernment. In that walk I had the revelation that God is here, right now, side-by-side with me. He is continuing to invite me to be in His presences at every moment. I have always known this, but it was in the continual silence, and hope while walking that it became more clear that God is always here. As St. Paul tells us, “in Him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:28).

Christopher Spiegel was born in London, Ontario, and grew up in Florida. He is currently discerning a vocation to the Society of Jesus, Canada Province, and will be staying through the rest of the 2019 Season to work alongside the Jesuit Father's and lay Staff into the Fall season.

## ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE MARTYRS' SHRINE ASSOCIATION?

Share in 100 Masses every year, and receive the Shrine Message twice annually.  
Find out more or join at the Pastoral & Information Office.



# LE SANCTUAIRE DES MARTYRS

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## TIAWENK FUNDRAISING DINNER & AUCTION

Our 6th annual Tiawenk fundraising dinner & auction will be held at the Quality Inn and Conference Centre in Midland, on **Saturday, September 28th** at 5:00 PM. Tickets are available at the Pastoral and Administrative Office or online for \$95.00. The ticket purchaser is eligible for a \$45.00 tax receipt per ticket. This year's Tiawenk proceeds will be directed towards the Fire Suppression System.

### Please Join Us:

Saturday, September 28th at 5:00 PM.

Quality Inn & Conference Centre, Midland

Tickets \$95 each, \$45 of which is eligible for a tax receipt.

Tickets available at the Office or online at [www.martyrs-shrine.com/tix](http://www.martyrs-shrine.com/tix)

## TOONIE CHALLENGE

The Church of St. Joseph was not constructed for year-round use. For that reason, the Church was never insulated, and is not heated. A specialized dry-air fire suppression system is required. Our system is in need of an update including replacing its pipes that are at the end of their life. Please support this project through our toonie challenge. If every pilgrim who visited Martyrs' Shrine gave a toonie, we would reach our fundraising goal. Yellow envelopes are available at the rear of the Church for anyone who would like their gift recorded and included on their annual donations receipt for income tax purposes.

## ST. LOUIS CHURCH 180<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

St. Louis Church is celebrating its 180th Anniversary Saturday Sept 14 . One of the oldest churches in Simcoe County, St. Louis was also a mission outpost of St. Marie dating from 1638, over 380 years ago. Mass celebrated by Bishop Kirkpatrick at 10:30, followed by luncheon (\$10), and entertainment. Space is limited. Contact (705) 538-2353 or [taycatholics@rogers.com](mailto:taycatholics@rogers.com) for tickets.

### GIFT SHOP NOW ONLINE!

Martyrs' Shrine has been working to create an online store for the purchase of religious goods sold in our Gift Shop. We hope to make religious gifts more accessible to those who can't journey to our site, and more convenient for those who can.

**Browse our online shop at [www.martyrs-shrine.com/giftshop](http://www.martyrs-shrine.com/giftshop).**

**Your feedback is always appreciated!**

## MASS INTENTIONS †

### 31-SAT

- 9:00 Crowley Family
- 10:30 Wijeratne Family
- 12:00 Leo and Mary Peiris and Sylvia Fernando
- 7:30 Martyrs' Shrine Association

### SEPT 1-SUN

- 9:00 Norah Gaffney - Birthday
- 10:30 L. Ross Family
- 12:00 Irma Palladino
- 7:30 Gloria and Michael Amirthanathan - 40th Wedding Anniversary

### 2-MON (LABOUR DAY)

- 9:00 Rodrigo Family - Thanksgiving
- 12:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association
- 7:30 Rose Barter - Thanksgiving

### 3-TUE

- 9:00 Crisanto F. Mercado Jr. +
- 12:00 Marc Glipo
- 7:30 Antonio and Maria Scotto Di Luzio & Family

### 4-WED

- 9:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association
- 12:00 Walfrido "Boss" Monsod +
- 7:30 Mathiri Pavunny +

### 5-THU

- 9:00 Anselm & Noeline Emmanuel Family - Thanksgiving
- 12:00 Gabriel Cabahug
- 7:30 Kumulha Basbar family

### 6-FRI

- 9:00 Salvadore Simone +
- 12:00 Emilio & Sandra Antonello
- 7:30 Martyrs' Shrine Association

If you would like a Mass sacrificed for your intention, please visit the Pastoral and Administrative Office.

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