



# MARTYRS' SHRINE

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## Pilgrimage: the True meaning

In speaking to the various pilgrim groups that arrive here at Martyrs' Shrine, we may use various ways of welcoming – but we always begin with our thanks for saying yes to coming on Pilgrimage and walking with the martyrs. We remind them to remember that they are all pilgrims, that WE are all pilgrims as well, just passing through life. You put yourself on the road, a journey into the unknown, to be open to hear God's

call. Coming to Martyrs' Shrine, you hear the story of the Martyrs, and this helps you even more. We acknowledge that God continues to search for us. In short, that God is here even when we may not feel close to God. Pilgrimage awakens all of this and more from within us. This past week, I experienced this firsthand.

I was reminded about the true meaning of pilgrimage while attending the funeral of one of the organizers of the Walking Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine. He had been part of the organizing group for the past 25 years, and was often heard sharing that this "week-long Pilgrimage" prepares him for the upcoming year-long pilgrimage in preparations for his final pilgrimage into the arms of his loving God. He was always reminding us of letting go of the past, to leave things behind, and to continue forward. There is a surprise waiting at the top of the next hill! This type of pilgrimage spirituality calls us to reflect on our journey and where we see God in all of things.

Being greeted at the doors of the Church by his family, it became clear that pilgrimage also forms us for community. For, although we would see each other once every other month, we rarely intersected at other times, and his family was so pleased to see members of the organizing committee. We were part of their community, their family. I was immediately ushered to see the picture of the thousands of pilgrims coming to the Shrine each on their own pilgrimage, but all connected in faith.

The full meaning of pilgrimage came to light when his wife thanked me and the others for leading the pilgrimage, that her husband so cherished. We were humbled when we were asked to lead the casket into the Church for this his final pilgrimage. Someone offered a reflection at the service, and in that reflection remarked that his pilgrimage is now over, but that for us it continues into the daily walking and searching for God at places of work and play. Together, we continue the mission!

John Zurakowski,  
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**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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## MARTYRS' SHRINE MESSAGE

Get the latest copy of the Martyrs' Shrine message at the information centre. The message is a way for our members to stay connected to the shrine and submit their prayer intentions for the Novena to the Canadian Martyrs and the Novena to St. Joseph.

## 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.

## A SPECIAL THANK-YOU TO OUR DONORS

With over 100,000 visitors a year, Martyrs' Shrine relies solely on the generosity of our visitors. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has donated to Martyrs' Shrine and helped us to excel in our mission, vision and values.

If you would like to make a donation, visit [www.martyrs-shrine.com/donate](http://www.martyrs-shrine.com/donate) or visit the Pastoral and Administrative Office.

### ONLINE GIFT SHOP HAS LAUNCHED!

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!**

**Visit our Website:  
[www.martyrs-shrine.com](http://www.martyrs-shrine.com)**

## MASS INTENTIONS †

### 13-SAT

- 9:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association
- 10:30 Family Baglione
- 12:00 Peter Cheng - Thanksgiving for the Favour Receiving
- 7:30 Kamil and Jaekua Almeida +

### 14-SUN

- 9:00 Myrna Tinio - Thanksgiving
- 10:30 Balthazaar Families
- 12:00 Alina+, Bohdan+ & Olgierd Kiersnowski +
- 7:30 Jack Doherty +

### 15-MON

- 9:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association
- 10:30 Matthew & Priya and kids Family
- 12:00 Nicola Corrado & Liberta Sestito +

### 16-TUE

- 9:00 Xavier and Mrs. Monti D' Souza +
- 10:30 Martyrs' Shrine Association

### 17-WED

- 9:00 Malcolm Jayatilake +
- 12:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association

### 18-THU

- 9:00 John Mattice +
- 10:30 Toronto CSJ Jubilarians 2019
- 7:30 Martyrs' Shrine Association

### 19-FRI

- 9:00 Irma Palladino
- 10:30 Henry and Mrs. Dulcine D' Souza +
- 12:00 Dave Paillé†
- 7:30 Mr. & Mrs. Allan Weishar - 46th Wedding Anniversary

**If you would like a Mass sacrificed for your intention, please inquire at the Pastoral and Administrative Office. Masses still available in the month of July.**