



MARTYRS' SHRINE

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From the gate looking out: what I've learned from my time at Martyrs' Shrine

I'd like to start with a surprising (or perhaps not surprising) fact, the Church here at the Martyrs' Shrine isn't a parish church. While it's true that we don't hold funerals or weddings or operate day-to-day the way a parish church does. I however, propose that we are a Community church. If we expand what we define as "community" we have the opportunity to see two different perspectives. One is the massive scale. The large numbers of pilgrims that come through our gates every year and the many more family and friends that are prayed for here every day. I'd also be remiss if I didn't mention the Martyrs' Shrine Association which is a thriving part of our community.

The other is the small community comprised of the staff that run Martyrs' Shrine. Looking at the Shrine and its grounds how many people do you think it takes to have us operate? – Given that on our busiest days we have between 6,000 and 10,000 pilgrims. Now that you have a guess the correct number is 25, that includes the 6 Fathers that we have serving here. So as you can imagine we are a fairly tight group, and I can certainly say this is true for at least the department I'm part of (there is 7 of us).

On a personal level, I have been greatly impacted by this sense of community. You see, I'm a transplant from Toronto, and moving so far from my friends and family left me with a sense of something missing. But since my involvement with the Shrine, I've made new friends and found the sort of belonging I had been lacking. Everyone both staff and pilgrims are very welcoming which has made adjusting to living here much easier. I've been part of many teams in my life and I'm very impressed with the one we have here.

A lot of work goes into building community like that, it started all the way back at our orientation we had a tour of St Marie among the Hurons. From there, we were led as a group of pilgrims up to the church where they welcomed us with the tolling of the bells. Later that day we did an activity where we had to prioritize what tasks need to happen first or are most important. What it was meant to teach us is that no independent person or department is more important than the others, and we are all important members of the team. It also had the added benefit of having the various departments learn what each other does. It's reassuring to know help is only a radio call away. It certainly helped to create a real sense of community.

Rachael Schneller,
Pilgrim Services Team.

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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ST. IGNATIUS FEAST DAY

As you may or may not know, the shrine is run by the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) who were founded by St. Ignatius Loyola. We celebrate his Feast Day on July 31st and would like to invite you to join us as we recognize the founder of our institution. Please join us at 12:00 noon for Mass celebrated by Fr. Erik Oland, Provincial of the Jesuits of Canada. If you cannot attend our 12:00 noon Mass, but would like to attend another Mass that day in honour of the Feast Day, all Masses on that day will be dedicated to St. Ignatius Loyola, and his statue displayed prominently in the Sanctuary.

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 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.
Your feedback is always appreciated!

Visit our Website:
www.martyrs-shrine.com

MASS INTENTIONS †

20-SAT

- 9:00 Souls in purgatory Savundra Family
10:30 Margherita Bartolomeo Paterra (birthday June 24)
12:00 Marietta Scott + & Godofredo Braza +
7:30 Son Do (Joseph) + and thanksgiving of Do Minh Family

21-SUN

- 9:00 Rosita Montemayor +
10:30 Mr. Lastimoso - Thanksgiving
12:00 Brandon Mendoza-Harry +
7:30 Malcolm Jayatilake +

22-MON

- 9:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association
10:30 Luis and Leonissa D'Souza +
12:00 Keith Mc Lennan and Family

23-TUE

- 9:00 Charles Family
10:30 Tony & Isabel Culliton (70th anniversary)
12:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association
7:30 Georgeand Sarojini (Gini) Assumption Figueiredo - Intentions for healing

24-WED

- 9:00 Aaron Benninger
10:30 Lucy Moreau King
12:00 Intentions of Parishioners, their family and friends of St. Michael Parish Waterloo ON'
7:30 Martyrs' Shrine Association

25-THU

- 9:00 Rajuna Benedict and Family - Thanksgiving
12:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association

26-FRI

- 9:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association
10:30 Cruz and Santan Fernandes +
12:00 Sebastien Marchildon †