



# MARTYRS' SHRINE

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## The Spiritual Exercises and Seminarians



I'm at the Martyrs' Shrine for the month of May. I feel privileged to be here. I'm a Jesuit based at La Storta Jesuit community in Pickering (which for many years was the home base for some of the Jesuits who ministered at the Shrine). I've been involved for two years with the annual 30 day retreat for the young men participating in the Spiritual Year at St. Augustine's Seminary in Toronto. That's a year preceding entry into actual seminary formation. The hope is that the Spiritual Year will help provide a spiritual underpinning for the men before they actually begin their seminary formation, a foundation that will help them to find stable ground in a world of flux.

I feel very grateful and privileged to have a role in the spiritual formation of men whose life decisions will be made in the context of such serious prayer. My experience last year and again this year is that of being edified. Edification was

an important quality for St. Ignatius of Loyola. We are spiritually or morally uplifted by people who are edifying. These seminarians are a source of encouragement for my spiritual life and they give me hope.

I referred earlier to a 30-day retreat. These young men are experiencing a long retreat that assumes silence and prayerfulness. The retreat is rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. The Jesuits from France who travelled to New France and eventually gave their lives had also experienced the Spiritual Exercises. It was that experience which helped to make them so zealous about their ministry here.

I'm grateful to Fr. Knox and his staff. They have welcomed us with hearts that are wide open. Martyrs' Shrine is not a retreat centre. But it is an appropriate place to pray with the Exercises. This is sacred ground. It is holy ground. It's sacred and holy because of God's actions in creation, but also because of the martyrs whom we celebrate here.

I'm consoled to witness these seminarians experiencing the gifts of this sacred place, the gifts of the martyrs. I have no doubt that their desires will be positively influenced by the intercession of the martyrs who are celebrated here. Ignatius hoped that this experience would effect a person in a powerful way, to help bring about a changed approach to life. That is why I love working with the Spiritual Exercises, especially when they are undertaken by young men and women who have the potential to bring good changes to the world. Please pray for the nine men praying in this space all month.

Fr. Phillip Shano, SJ

## CLASSICAL MUSIC IN THE SHRINE CHURCH

FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 2019 @ 7:30 PM - Tickets online now! [www.martyrs-shrine.com/music](http://www.martyrs-shrine.com/music).

The Narrows Ensemble, an Orillia-based chamber music group, performs music by Beethoven, Morricone, Crusell, Devienne, and Borodin. for 7 diverse instruments.



# 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.

### **EXPRESSIONS OF DIVINE MYSTERY:**

#### **CLASSICAL MUSIC AT MARTYRS' SHRINE**

**\*\*NEW THIS YEAR\*\***

Join us Friday, June 7th at 7:30 PM for a classical music performance by The Narrows Ensemble in the Church of St. Joseph at Martyrs' Shrine.

Expressions of Divine Mystery, is the first edition of an annual concert series we hope to develop at Martyrs' Shrine.

Tickets: \$25 per adult, \$15 for students U18.

Information & Tickets: [www.martyrs-shrine.com/music](http://www.martyrs-shrine.com/music).

## **MASS INTENTIONS †**

### **18-SAT**

10:30 Leah Fernandez +

12:00 Daniel Castaneda

7:30 Martyrs' Shrine Association

### **19-SUN**

9:00 Jacob Mathew +

10:30 Jeffrey Charles

12:00 Jill Nalpathamkalam

### **20-MON Victoria Day**

9:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association

12:00 Procesa Gonzalvo +

### **21-TUE**

12:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association

### **22-WED**

7:30 Martyrs' Shrine Association

### **24-FRI**

12:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association

**Please visit the Pastoral and Administrative Office if you would like a Mass sacrificed for your intention.**

## **ONLINE GIFT SHOP LAUNCHING SOON**

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.

**Be the first to know when it launches by signing-up at [www.martyrs-shrine.com/giftshop](http://www.martyrs-shrine.com/giftshop).**

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