



# MARTYRS' SHRINE

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## Journeying with the Catholic Clergy of Tomorrow

For the 2nd year in a row, I've been given the privilege of being a spiritual director to seminarians of St Augustine in Toronto as they quietly pray through the Spiritual exercises of St Ignatius at the Shrine. To be honest, the privilege of directing the exercises at all is a tremendous consolation on its own. As you may well know, the 30 day period of silent prayers can

transform the lives of many people. However, from the Spiritual Director's perspective, to have someone trust you with their personal story and their journey through Ignatian prayers is a very unique gift. But then you add the location of the Shrine to this experience, and suddenly my own experience of these days of prayers intensifies a bit more.

For starters, I feel that coming to the Martyr's Shrine is like stepping out of our messy world's reality and allowing ourselves to be enveloped by a greater spiritual reality that shapes our experience of the exercises. Certainly for the Seminarians, while there are sometimes issues with a lack of silence at the Shrine (it's kind of hard to pray quietly in the silence when there are 5,000 Vietnamese pilgrims all around you).

Thankfully that particular distraction only lasts a day, but there no doubt many others!), being directed on this exercises in this place can be a uniquely uplifting. Even being in the Church, praying with the relics of these heroic martyrs of the faith can be quite powerful for them. (One does not have to be a Jesuit to appreciate the ways these men gave their life for Christ). Equally life giving, and nourishing for their prayers is their ability to allow themselves to be lead by the Holy Spirit to meet the saints that are honored on the property. For example the Brébeuf prayer garden has a way of reaching of helping these young men to enter a little more deeply into prayer.

As for me, I'm inspired in the way the Shrine can help non Jesuits celebrate the richness of our contribution to this country's history. I'm deeply touched in the way this land helps these men experience the richness of Catholic and Ignatian spirituality, and am eternally grateful for this opportunity to be on this land for the short time that I am here! My gratitude for the staff, and the priests that are here, ensuring that this story continues to be told!

Bro. Daniel Leckman, 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 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 †

### 25-SAT

9:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association  
10:30 Solon & Josephine Guzman -  
17th Wedding Anniversary  
7:30 Julie Tremblay +

### 26-SUN

9:00 Leila Khoury Bedros+  
10:30 Maryla & Adam Koralewski -  
40th Wedding Anniversary  
12:00 Hector & Theresa Nano &  
Family - For Thanksgiving

### 27-MON

9:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association

### 28-TUE

7:30 Martyrs' Shrine Association

### 29-WED

7:30 Lorraine Kirkwood+

### 30-THU

9:00 Francisco Guzman + &  
Adoracion Guzman +  
12:00 Martyrs' Shrine Association

### 31-FRI

7:30 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).**

**Visit our website for more news and information!**

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