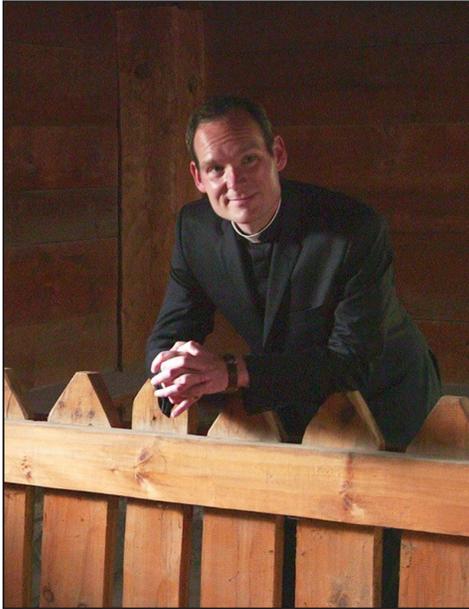




MARTYRS' SHRINE

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The words of Jesus Christ presented to us in today's Holy Gospel invite us to embrace a disposition of gratitude and thanksgiving for what He has done, and continues to do, in our lives. It is with this spirit of gratitude that I look back over this past season at Martyrs' Shrine, and give thanks. We have been blessed to welcome tens of thousands of pilgrims, in increasing numbers, as we invited them to journey with St. Jean de Brébeuf and his companions towards a deeper union with Christ.

Expanding the ways in which we live out this mission, we also, as it were, 'opened our doors' to offer graduate courses to students from St. Michael's College, University of Toronto, hosted seminarians of the Archdiocese of Toronto for their thirty-day retreat, expanded our high school retreat programmes, and inaugurated our annual series of classical music concerts in the Church of St. Joseph.

Always working hard to care for the spaces of Martyrs' Shrine, where the martyrs walked, this season, we re-opened our Café on-site, replaced the main foundation wall alongside our beautiful outdoor Stations of the Cross, began the process of rebuilding our look-out to Georgian Bay, and successfully raised \$50,000.00 at our annual Tiawank Fundraising Dinner to restore our fire suppression system in the church.

Seeing so many pilgrims come, seeking healing and spiritual renewal, and baring witness to God's loving response in their lives, of course, has been, for the Jesuits and staff here, the greatest gift of all. As we enter into our autumn and winter ministries throughout Simcoe County, we will continue our prayers for you, and continue joyfully prepare for welcoming you back this spring. In the meantime, we hope to see you all at First Light!

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Michael Knox, SJ,
Director of Martyrs' Shrine

OPENING DAY 2020:

Saturday, May 2nd. Join us for the first Mass of the season at 12:00 noon.

Café · Bistro

LES TROIS SOEURS



CLOSING OCTOBER 14. Visit Us From 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. **WILL REOPEN IN 2020.**



LE SANCTUAIRE DES MARTYRS

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CLOSING DAY 2019

As we begin to wrap-up our 2019 season, we would like to express our gratitude for the presence and generosity of each one of our pilgrims who made the journey to Martyrs' Shrine to walk alongside St. Jean de Brébeuf and his companions towards a deeper union with Christ. Our final day of the season will be Thanksgiving **Monday the 14th of October** - note there is no 7:30 PM Mass on this day. Martyrs' Shrine will reopen on the first Saturday of May 2020. Please know that the Jesuit fathers will be praying for you over the winter months.

MESSAGE FROM THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL BOARD

Strategic Planning - Simcoe Muskoka Catholic DSB

As the education landscape continues to evolve, the time has come for the Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board to review and update its multi-year strategic plan. Please take 15 minutes to complete a short survey about Catholic education in your community. The thoughts, opinions and ideas of those in our parish communities will help us develop a solid plan for our future. Please visit our Board Website at www.smcdsb.on.ca and click on the Strategic Planning icon at the top of the page. #TellUsWhatYouThink!

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.

MASS INTENTIONS †

12-SAT

- 9:00 Rev. Lawrence E. Boadt, CSP +
- 10:30 Daniel Family and John Campbell
- 12:00 Vincenzo Schettino
- 7:30 Lorraine Perera +

13-SUN

- 9:00 Noveloso Family
- 10:30 Waclaw Kazmierowski+, Lucie Tuch+
- 12:00 Mr. & Mrs. Lastimoso - Thanksgiving
- 7:30 Mrs. Mala Kuruppu +

14-MON - CLOSING DAY

- 9:00 Josip Majetic +
- 12:00 Christina and Roman & Family - Thanksgiving and wellbeing
- 7:30 Ian & Rosita Demello

GIFT SHOP AVAILABLE ONLINE THROUGHOUT THE WINTER!

Although the Gift Shop building on our grounds will close for the season on October 14th, 2019, hundreds of religious goods and devotional items will continue to be available online for shipment to your address over the winter season.

For a limited time, save 10% on your online order!

Use Code: **LAUNCH** at checkout.

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