



**St. Thomas Aquinas
Canadian Martyrs Parish**

Vision & Mission



What is a Vision?



- It's a statement of what we want to be, a guiding concept for what we want to do, the big picture of who we are, and where we are headed. It is a picture of the future to which we aspire and creates passion in us.

OUR VISION

A growing, joyful community of disciples engaged through personal relationship with Jesus Christ, inspired and sustained through the Holy Spirit, and focused on the transformation of our city and our world.



KEY POINTS

- ◆ **Growing** — alive in Christ and developing, moving forward in a positive and united way.
- ◆ **Joyful** — we are filled with joyful radiance through God's grace which makes us welcoming, hospitable and compassionate to each other and to our community.

Key Points

- ◆ **Disciples** – Committed followers of Jesus Christ. Out of love for Christ, we answer the call to holiness, striving to live out His teachings as found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. (*The Word of God*)
- ◆ **Engaged** – recognizing all we have is a gift from God and out of gratitude, we endeavor to be generous stewards of our time, talent, and treasure.

Key Points

- ◆ **Inspired** - through the grace of the Holy Spirit, we are given the strength and divine optimism to move forward in our trust in God's all sustaining love and mercy.
- ◆ **Focused** – on transformation of our neighborhood, city, and our world, we are sent out to proclaim the good news, called to be the hands and feet of Christ.

What is a Mission?



- A Mission is more tactical – it is how you will reach your Vision. It outlines the focus of what you do.

MISSION

Through personal and community worship and prayer, faith development, vibrant and uplifting Liturgies, and engaged ministry leadership, we form missionary disciples to build the Kingdom of God.



Key Points

- ❖ **Personal and Community Worship & Prayer**
 - Opportunities for prayer both in Sunday liturgies and many others. Growing in our prayer life personally and communally.

Key Points

- ◆ **Inspiring and uplifting weekend Lord's Day Masses**
- Focused on the three H's; Hospitality, Hymns and Homilies.
- ◆ **Hospitality** - form Hospitality Teams for weekend Masses.
- ◆ **Hymns** – Contemporary worship music, 9 a.m. Mass & Choral Choir, 11 a.m. Mass
- ◆ **Homilies** – Teach, Delight & Persuade; relevant and practical to our daily lives.
- ◆ **Mass Times** – 4:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Sunday
- ◆ **Weekday Mass Times** – Monday & Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. & Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, 9 a.m.

Key Points

- ❖ **Faith Development** – many faith formation opportunities for adults, families, and children.
- 💧 **Missionary disciples** – by virtue of our Baptism, we are agents of evangelization.

Our Facilities

- **Our buildings should serve our mission, not be our mission!**

Loving
Growing
Serving

Our Facilities

- ◆ Church Upgrades
- ◆ A new multipurpose Parish Centre
- ◆ Expanded Parking

Our Facilities

- ◆ Technology that allows us to communicate the Gospel effectively
- ◆ Religious Education (Classrooms; spacious, bright, multifunctional)
- ◆ Conference / Reception Hall / Multi-purpose with kitchen

Our Facilities

- ◆ Large gathering space with atrium lighting interconnected to the Church.
- ◆ Fully wheelchair accessible with elevator
- ◆ Small chapel with seating capacity of 50 which will accommodate Christian wakes.
(Canadian Martyrs Chapel)

Reaching Our Vision

- ◆ We need your involvement to reach our vision. We need your comments, feedback and involvement as we go forward. Opportunities for this to happen will take place at Parish gatherings (*Town Hall Meetings*) and joining the various committees that are being established, as we move to the next phase of our journey which is the design and building of our new Parish Centre and upgrading our Church.

◆ *Behold, I make All Things New – Revelation 21:5*

