

## The Sacrament of Marriage

In the sacrament of marriage, a man and a woman enter into a sacred bond of love for life. The focus of the ceremony is on the couple and their free and public affirmation of their desire to be married to each other “in good times and in bad times, in sickness and in health, until death do us part”.

The sacrament of marriage has two special features that makes it different from the other sacraments. The sacrament of marriage is actually conferred by each spouse on the other. The official witness, which is usually a priest or a deacon, is a witness to the activity taking place between the two spouses. In other words they marry each other. The priest or deacon does not marry them!

The wedding ceremony and the wedding feast are filled with symbols. The bride and groom usually give each other a ring in the shape of a circle, symbolizing that they hope that their love will be without end: “take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity”. Flowers symbolize the abundance of creation. Food, music and dance say that a wedding is something special and joyful. However, the true symbol of marriage is not any of these. Rather it is the couple themselves, who become a living witness of love in the world.

But love is also hard work. It is a school in which almost everybody is a poor learner. Developing a loving relationship requires discipline and sacrifice. This does not mean that one has to become a martyr. In fact, always giving in to one’s spouse can be a sign of unhealthy love. In marriage, there ought to be deep respect for the individuality of the other on the part of both the wife and the husband. Don’t expect your spouse to be perfect. Nobody is. Compromise and forgive. Forgiveness is the glue that keeps relationships together.

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Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker... the elderly, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and strangers, because we will be judged on this.

*Pope Francis*

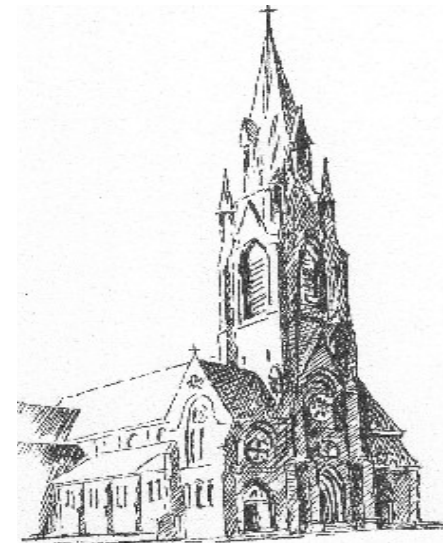
Some people continue to defend trickle-down theories which assume that economic growth, encouraged by a free market, will inevitably succeed in bringing about greater justice and inclusiveness in the world. This opinion, which has never been confirmed by the facts, expressed a crude and naïve trust in the goodness of those wielding economic power and in the sacralized workings of the prevailing economic system.

*Pope Francis*



# St. Mary's Church

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### OFFICE HOURS

**Mon.– Fri. 8:30—12:00 and 1:00—4:00**

### Sunday Masses

8:30 am Portuguese  
10:00 am Portuguese  
11:30 am English

### Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese  
6:30 pm English  
Saturday 5:00 pm English  
6:30 pm Portuguese

### Parish Council

#### **Legion Of Mary**

Every Monday after the 6:30 p.m. Mass  
Celeste Simões 416-703-1343

#### **Devotion Of The Sacred Heart**

First Friday of the Month after the 6:30 p.m. Mass  
Teresa Sousa 1-905-894-3211

#### **English Choir**

Susan Taylor 416-531-0503

#### **Portuguese Choir**

Ana da Silva 905-891-5444

### Santo Cristo

#### **Santo Cristo Band (Hall)**

John Medeiros 416-703-2231  
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#### **Santo Cristo Association**

Nicolau Moniz 416-534-6907

#### **Espirito Santo**

José e Margarida Silva 905-873-1908

#### **Baptism—Sundays**

Baptisms will be booked by appointment only.

#### **Marriages**

Please contact the priest 12 months in advance.

#### **Confessions**

Every day before Mass, except on Sunday

#### **School**

St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205



## IV Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2018

**Psalm—O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord! Do not harden your hearts.**

In the First Reading (Deut. 18:15-20) Moses foretells the coming of a prophet who will speak God's word to the people.

The prophet can never speak on his own authority, but speaks on behalf of God. The Jews believed that God would raise up in the last days a prophet like Moses.

Mark begins to tell us the kind of things Jesus did in proclaiming the kingdom. The early Christians regarded Jesus as the awaited prophet. His teaching was given with authority and confirmed by miracles, the sign that God was with him. In today's Gospel we see how Jesus spoke with authority, and how the ordinary people recognized this.

### Last Week's Donations

*Weekly Offerings....\$4,471.00*

**Parish Maintenance Offerings**

\$100.00 / \$5,000.00

**We thank you for your generosity**

### This Day God Gives Me

This day God gives me strength of high heaven,  
Sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth,  
Flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,  
Depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.

This day God sends me strength to sustain me,  
Might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.  
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are list'ning,  
Your lips are speaking, friend at my side.

God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,  
God's host defends me, saving from ill.  
Angels of heaven, drive from me always  
All that would harm me, stand by me still.

Rising, I thank you, Mighty and strong One,  
King of creation, giver of rest, firmly confessing  
Threeness of Persons, Oneness of Godhead,  
Trinity blest.

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### All That We Have

**All that we have and all that we offer  
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.  
Take what we bring now and give what we need.  
All done in his name.**

Some would rely on their power,  
Others put trust in their gold.  
Some have only their Savior,  
Whose faithfulness never grows old.

Sometimes the road may be lonesome,  
Often we may lose our way;  
Take courage and always remember  
Love isn't just for a day.

Sometimes when troubles are many,  
Life can seem empty, it's true,  
But look at the life of the Master,  
Who lovingly suffered for you.

### Eye Has Not Seen

**Eye has not seen, ear has not heard  
what God has ready  
for those who love him;  
Spirit of love, come,  
give us the mind of Jesus,  
teach us the wisdom of God.**

When pain and sorrow weigh us down,  
be near to us, O Lord,  
forgive the weakness of our faith,  
and bear us up within your peaceful word.

Our lives are but a single breath,  
we flower and we fade,  
yet all our days are in your hands,  
so we return in love what love has made.

To those who see with eyes of faith,  
the Lord is ever near,  
reflected in the faces  
of all the poor and lowly of the world.

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### Sing A New Song

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.**

Shout with gladness, dance for joy.  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for him on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep;  
your Saviour now has come.  
He has turned your sorrow to joy,  
and filled your soul with song.

### Mass Intentions for this Week

**Saturday, January 27—5:00 p.m.**

Adelina, José e Goretti Pacheco e Louvor ao S. Cristo—  
Sofia e Francisco Alves—Agostinho Lopes

**Sunday, January 28—11:30 a.m.**

Arlindo and Richard Vicente—António Oliveira—  
Hortêncio Amaral—Berino Cabral

**Monday, January 29—6:30 p.m.**

Intentions of Eric and Maria Morgan, children and family

**Tuesday, January 30—6:30 p.m.**

José Couto e familiares

**Wednesday, January 31—6:30 p.m.**

**Thursday, February 1—6:30 p.m.**

**Friday, February 2—6:30 p.m.**

Apostolado de Oração—Sogros de Teresa Sousa—José  
Ramos—Maria de Fátima da Silva Pimentel

**Saturday, February 3 — 5:00 p.m.**

Luciano e Rosa Borges, pais e irmãos

### Tax Receipts

By the end of next month we will be mailing your tax receipt for income tax purposes.

### Registration in the Parish

A lot of new people are joining our parish. If you are one of them and have not yet registered, please don't forget to do so. We hope you find in 'old' St. Mary's a spiritual home.



## Paróquia de Santa Maria

### 4º Domingo do Tempo Comum

Jesus propõe a todos aqueles que deram a resposta da fé, comprometendo-se a segui-l'O, um ideal de vida, pelo qual se tornarão perfeitos, como perfeito é o Pai, estabelecendo nas Bem-aventuranças os princípios que devem animar esse ideal. Mais do que normas morais, as Bem-aventuranças são “ideias-força”, com as quais Jesus quer mudar a mentalidade, os critérios e as tabelas de valores, em ordem à aquisição das disposições necessárias a quem deseja entrar no Seu Reino. Por isso, elas são para todos os cristãos. Constituem para todos indicação segura da meta para a qual devemos caminhar. O espírito de pobreza, de mansidão, de paz, de amor à justiça, de perdão, de pureza deve impregnar as acções do cristão. O cristão encontrará a liberdade interior, a paz, a alegria, a verdadeira felicidade, vivendo um estilo de vida conforme ao de Cristo, em união com Deus e em comunhão com todos os homens.

**Leitura do Livro do Deuterónimo 18,15-20** Moisés anuncia ao povo a vinda de um profeta que transmitirá a palavra do mesmo Deus. E, na verdade, no decorrer dos séculos, Deus foi iluminando a Seu povo, através de profetas. Mas como se a promessa de Deus se não tivesse cumprido ainda plenamente, o povo vivia sempre na expectativa: “És tu o Profeta que há-de vir” perguntavam a João. Só Jesus, com efeito, realizaria a missão de profeta de modo perfeito e incomparável. Ele é o grande Profeta, que fala com autoridade. Por Ele, Deus visitou o Seu Povo.

**Salmo Responsorial: Se hoje ouvirdes a voz do Senhor, não fecheis os vossos corações.**

**Leitura da Primeira Epistola de São Paulo aos Coríntios 1,32-35** Em qualquer estado de vida se pode servir o Senhor e dar-Lhe glória. S. Paulo, sem de forma alguma querer menosprezar o matrimónio cristão, fundado sobre o amor de Cristo e caminho de santidade, mostra-nos, no entanto, as excelências da vida de celibato, que ele mesmo escolhera, para, em total liberdade, se dedicar ao Reino de Deus. Na sua opinião, a virgindade consagrada é, na Igreja, um grande sinal profético. Os que receberam este “excelente dom da graça”, consagrando-se a Deus e aos irmãos, são sinais dos bens futuros e antecipam a vida da ressurreição.

### Cânticos

#### Povo Eleito, Povo Santo

Caminhamos para Ti,  
Ó cidade do Senhor,  
Construindo neste mundo  
A verdade e o amor.

**Povo eleito, povo santo,  
Reunido no amor;  
Peregrino ao encontro  
Da cidade do Senhor.**

Peregrinos dando as mãos,  
Vai connosco Jesus Cristo;  
Ele salva, Ele reina,  
Faz dos homens um só povo.

#### Neste Pão e Neste Vinho

**Neste pão e neste vinho,  
O suor de nossas mãos,  
O trabalho e a justiça,  
Para todos os irmãos.**

Ofertamos, ó Senhor os sofrimentos  
Dos pequenos e dos pobres, Teus amados,  
Dos que lutam à procura de trabalho,  
Das crianças e anciãos abandonados.

Ofertamos a firmeza e a coragem  
Dos que lutam em favor dos oprimidos;  
Dos famintos e sedentos de justiça,  
E que são por Tua causa perseguidos

## **Vem Irmão, Vem Para A Mesa**

**Vem irmão, vem para a mesa,  
Vem irmão e meu amigo,  
Dou-te a força e o amor  
E vou para a vida sempre contigo.**

Vem com esperança irmão,  
Encontrarás o Senhor,  
Fala com ele na fé  
E terás o Seu Amor.

Vamos irmãos comungar,  
Cristo chamou todos nós;  
Connosco vem ao Altar  
Dar resposta à Sua voz.

Na mesa Cristo se dá  
Nova aliança de Amor;  
Ele quer ser nosso irmão  
Na alegria e na dor.

### **Senhor Graças Vos Dou**

Senhor, graças Vos dou por toda a luz  
Graças Vos dou por todo o amor.  
Pelo Céu, pela terra mil graças  
Vos dou, Senhor!

Senhor, graças pelo trigo a crescer,  
Graças pela vida a nascer;  
Graças pelo que a minha alma sente  
E Vos quer dizer!

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### **Santo Cristo**

A reunião de planeamento para as festas do Senhor Santo Cristo está marcada para o sábado, dia 17 de Fevereiro.

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### **Registo Paroquial**

Se ainda não se registou na nossa paróquia, e se o deseja fazer, deve preencher o formulário que se encontra à entrada da igreja.

Se já está registado mas mudou de direcção ou numero de telefone, deve preencher o formulário novamente.

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### **Recibos de Income Tax**

No final do próximo mês vamos mandar pelo correio os recibos para efeitos de income tax.

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### **Donativos da Semana Passada**

*Oferta Dominical...\$4,471.00*

**Ofertas para a Manutenção e Restauração da igreja**  
\$100.00 / \$5,000.00

**Obrigado pela vossa generosidade.**

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### **Intenções das Missas para esta Semana** **Sábado dia 27 de Janeiro**

**9:00 am.**

**5:00 pm.** Adelina, José e Goretti Pacheco e Louvor ao S. Cristo—Sofia e Francisco Alves—Agostinho Lopes

**6:30 pm.** Bernadete, Angela e Carlos Ferreira — João Rodrigues—João Medeiros Borges—Olinda Resendes—Francisco José do Rego — Luis Oliveira e esposa Albina Rebelo—Manuela Branco

### **Domingo dia 28 de Janeiro**

**8:30 am.** Acção de graças e familiares de Natália Dâmaso

**10:00 am.** Comunidade—Associação do Santo Cristo—Clementina Pinarreta

**11:30 am.** Arlindo and Richard Vicente—António Oliveira—Hortêncio Amaral—Berino Cabral

### **Segunda-Feira dia 29 de Janeiro**

**9:00 am.** Louvor a Santa Apolónia

**6:30 pm.** Intentions of Eric and Maria Morgan, children and family

### **Terça-Feira dia 30 de Janeiro**

**9:00 am.** Maria José e Miguel Vieira

**6:30 pm.** José Couto e familiares

### **Quarta-Feira dia 31 de Janeiro**

**9:00 am.** Maria Celeste, pais e sogros

**6:30 pm.**

### **Quinta-Feira dia 1 de Fevereiro**

**9:00 am.** Almas do purgatório

**6:30 pm.**

### **Sexta-Feira dia 2 de Fevereiro**

**9:00 am.**

**6:30 pm.** Apostolado de Oração—Sogros de Teresa Sousa—José Ramos—Maria de Fátima da Silva Pimentel

### **Sábado dia 3 de Fevereiro**

**9:00 am.**

**5:00 pm.** Luciano e Rosa Borges, pais e irmãos

**6:30 pm.** Acção de graças a Santa Rita