

## BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. It was an event of great significance for Jesus. It marked the beginning of his public ministry. In celebrating it we recall our own baptism and its importance for us.

Jesus stepped into the waters of the Jordan River and was baptized by his cousin, John the Baptist. John's baptism was a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

And the fact that Jesus should undergo such a baptism was a source of embarrassment for the early Christians. Jesus did it to give an example of humility, to raise John's baptism to a new level, to show solidarity with sinners.

On the day of his baptism Jesus identified himself with sinners. Jesus was saying "I am on your side". Jesus identified himself with us. And on the day of our baptism we identify ourselves with Jesus: we become his brothers and sisters.

The feast of the baptism of the Lord reminds us of our own baptism and how important Baptism is in the life of the Church. That's why parents should commit themselves to practicing their faith before they ask baptism for their children.

In the early Church baptism was an "adult decision". It was a life-changing event. Baptism is not done and over when water is poured over our heads. Baptism is only the first step of many on a rich and Christ-filled life journey.

Baptism is like the planting of a seed. It usually takes a lifetime for this seed to grow and ripen. By the way, do you know the date of your baptism?

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### Covid-19 Update

In light of the highly contagious Omicron variant, the Archdiocese recommends that those feeling unwell should not attend Mass at this time. Also, parishioners should not congregate in large groups before or after Mass, wherever possible, and singing should only be reserved to a cantor or small choir.

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### Meetings Cancelled

The meetings that were originally scheduled for First Communion and Confirmation will be postponed for a later date in February. Please check the bulletin or contact the parish office.

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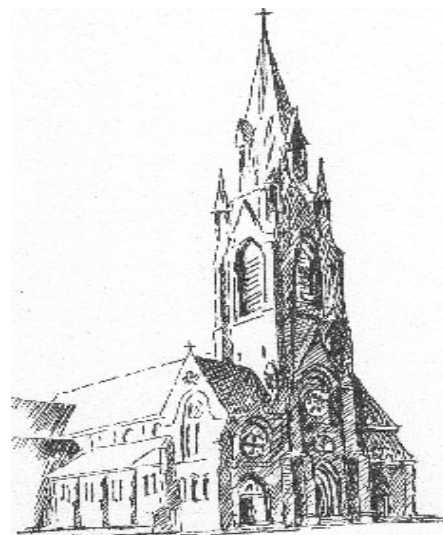
### R.C.I.A.

The R.C.I.A. meeting scheduled for Saturday, January 15th, is postponed for Saturday, February 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

# St. Mary's Church

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### OFFICE HOURS

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

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### Sunday Masses

8:30 am Portuguese

10:00 am Portuguese

11:30 am English

1:00 pm. English

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### Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese

6:00 pm English

Saturday 5:00 pm English

6:30 pm Portuguese

**Parish Council**

**Parish Finance Council**

**Legion of Mary**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

First Friday of Every Month at 5:00 p.m.

**English Choir**

**Portuguese Choir**

Ana da Silva 905-891-5444

**Santo Cristo**

Joey Teves 647-887-2804

**Santo Cristo Band (Hall)**

Marco Lima (President) 416-703-2231

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**Santo Cristo Association**

Please contact the parish 416-703-2326

**Espirito Santo**

John & Lucy Silva 905-890-4771

**Saint Vincent De Paul**

416-247-8868

**Volunteer Co-ordinator**

Delia Medeiros (contact the parish)

**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

**Schools**

St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205

Bishop Macdonell 416-393-5462



**Baptism of Our Lord**

**January 9, 2022**

Baptism was a defining moment in the life of Jesus—it marked the beginning of his public mission. Luke always presents Jesus as praying before making major decisions. It’s no surprise then that we find him praying during his baptism.

**Psalm: O bless the Lord, my soul!**

The baptism of Jesus reminds us of our own baptism. There are many offices that people can hold in the Church. But all of these pale when compared to the basic gift to all: baptism. When we stand before the throne of God, these other offices will be of no importance. Our dignity will depend on one thing only—the extent to which we have lived our baptismal calling.

The ceremony of baptism is a beautiful one. In it we were formally given a name and welcomed in the family of God’s people. Lovely prayers were said over us. Our body was signed with the sign of the cross, the mark of Christ’s love for us. Water was poured over us. Water is a symbol of cleansing, and in baptism we are cleansed of sin. But it is more especially a symbol of life.

**Registration in the Parish**

If you did not register as a parishioner yet, please do so by filling out the registration form. If you are already registered but changed address or phone number, please notify the office.

**All Creatures Of Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King  
Life up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him, Alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam

**O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along  
O praise Him, Alleluia  
Thou rising moon in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him, Alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit, three in one

**Like A Sunflower**

**Like a sunflower  
that follows every movement of the sun,  
So I turn towards you, to follow you, My God.**

In simplicity, charity, I follow,  
In simplicity, charity, I follow.

In simplicity, honesty, I follow,  
In simplicity, honesty, I follow.

**Santo Cristo/Holy Spirit**

Until the situation changes and the City of Toronto signals that we can get a permit, we have no plans for a procession in May. The same can be said about the festivities of the Holy Spirit.

**Like A Shepherd**

**Like a shepherd he feeds his flock,  
And gathers the lambs in his arms.  
Holding them carefully close to his heart,  
Leading them home.**

Say to the cities of Judah,  
Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Go to the mountain top lift your voice  
Jerusalem here is your God.

I myself will shepherd them  
For others have led them astray.  
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds  
And pasture them giving them rest.

Come unto me if you are heavily burdened  
And take my yoke upon your shoulders,  
I will give you rest.

**O God Almighty Father**

O God Almighty Father, Creator of all things,  
The Heavens stand in wonder,  
While earth Thy glory sings.

**O most Holy Trinity, Undivided Unity;  
Holy God, Mighty God,  
God Immortal, be adored.**

O Jesus, Word Incarnate,  
Redeemer most adored,  
All Glory, praise and honor,  
Be Thine, our Sov'reign Lord.

O God, the Holy Spirit,  
Who lives within our souls,  
Send forth Thy light and lead us  
To our eternal goal.

**Mass Intentions for this Week**

**Saturday, January 8**

**5:00 pm.** Souls in purgatory—Michael Jenkowski, Frank Sr. & Bernice Jenkowski

**6:30 pm.** Maria da Conceição Batista—Manuel de Sousa—Maria José de Nobrega

**Sunday, January 9**

**8:30 am.** José Ferreira, Maria Joaquina Pimentel & Duartino Serpa & family

**10:00 am.** Community—Esméria do Couto—José Carlos Silva—Olivia, João & Fernando Machado

**11:30 am.** Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente—Joaquim Lebre

**1:00 pm** Ana Igreja

**Monday, January 10**

**9:00 am.** Maria José Ledo, parents & in-laws  
**6:00 pm.**

**Tuesday, January 11**

**9:00 am.** Thanksgiving to Santo Cristo  
**6:00 pm.** Alexa Morson

**Wednesday, January 12**

**9:00 am.** António Fernandes & family  
**6:00 pm.** Souls in purgatory

**Thursday, January 13**

**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory  
**6:00 pm.** Nuno Pereira

**Friday, December 14**

**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory  
**6:00 pm.** Manuel & Maria Couto & family

**Saturday, January 15**

**5:00 pm.**

**6:30 pm.** José Almeida—Abel da Rocha