

The Church is Catholic

When we say that the Church is “catholic” what does it mean? It means that it is universal, that it is for everyone and that it is found all over the world. The original word in Greek is “Katolikos” (kata meaning towards and holos meaning whole).

Today, there is no place on the globe where Catholicism is absent. Catholics have set up churches, schools, and hospitals all over the world. From North to South, East to West, the Church is everywhere. However in bringing the Church to other cultures, missionaries often did with the understanding that bringing the Church to other peoples meant converting them to the European understanding of the Church. Today the understanding of Catholic is more towards the “open to embrace”, open to welcome other cultures. The new missionary outreach respect local traditions, autonomy, music, architecture, language, etc.

Europe is no longer seen as the heart of the church. Latin America for instance has more Catholics than Africa and North America combined.

The pope is no longer Italian, travels all over the world and reminds us that the Church most important role is to bring people to God, preach the Good News and be of service to those most in need.

The Roman Catholic Church is not only the oldest branch of Christianity but also the largest religious organization on earth and has its main leader, the Pope, lives in Rome. Our present leader is Pope Francis, who happens to be the 266th pope of the Church.

Ash Wednesday

March 2 is Ash Wednesday.

We will have Masses at 9:00 am Portuguese, 12:00 pm English and 6:00 pm in English.

Income Tax Receipts

As announced last week, all tax receipts have been mailed. In case you do not receive your receipt, please contact the office.

St. Mary's Church

Rev. Msgr. Fernando Couto (Pastor)
Rev. João Ferreira (Associate Pastor)

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
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Joey Teves 647-887-2804

Santo Cristo Band (Hall) 416-703-2231
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Espirito Santo
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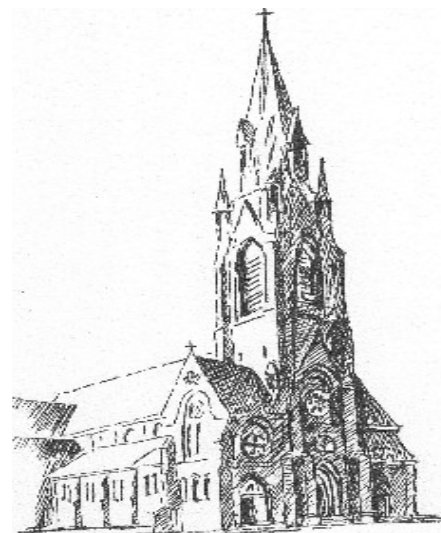
Volunteer Co-ordinator
Delia Medeiros (contact the parish)

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
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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
1:00 pm English

Weekday Masses

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



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.**

Yahweh's people 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 Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song.

Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives.

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.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

**You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat;
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
The bread of life to eat.**

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when you call your fam'ly, Lord,
We follow and rejoice.

With joyful lips we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude,
That you should count us worthy, Lord,
To share this heav'nly food.

Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare
Our oneness in the Lord?

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell:
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell.

You give yourself to us, O Lord;
Then selfless let us be,
To serve each other in your name
In truth and charity.

Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

**Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!**

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill.

Mass Intentions For This Week

Saturday, February 19

5:00 pm. Mariano Machado, parents & siblings—
Leonel Moniz Cabral, parents, in-laws & family—
Lenea Maria Pacheco Rocha

6:30 pm. Norberto Clara—Maria da Conceição
Araujo—José Caldas—Esméria Arruda

Sunday, February 20

8:30 am. Olivia, João & Fernando Machado

10:00 am. Community—Maria de Fátima Melo—
Manuel Silveira Porto—Maria da Silva

11:30 am.

1:00 pm.

Monday, February 21

9:00 am. Maria Olinda de Sousa

6:00 pm. No Mass

Tuesday, February 22

9:00 am.

6:00 pm. Intention of Jerry Guerra

Wednesday, February 23

9:00 am.

6:00 pm. José & Rosa Pacheco

Thursday, February 24

9:00 am. Maria Alda Amarelo

6:00 pm. Nelson de Melo

Friday, February 25

9:00 am.

6:00 pm. Maria José & António Medeiros & familiares

Saturday, February 26

5:00 pm. António & Manuel Faria — Crescente
Altuna—Raul Cunha

6:30 pm. João Rodrigues—João Carlos Biangini—Pais
& sogros de Manuel Tavares—Joaquim Antunes

VII Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 20, 2022

The First Reading is a little bit of wisdom poetry. It contrasts the wicked who trust in human beings and the righteous who trust in God. The former are compared to a barren desert shrub; the latter to a fruitful tree planted beside a flowing river. This prepares us for the Gospel, where Jesus declares the poor blessed. The poor are the 'little ones' who have no one to trust in but God.

Psalm: *Blessed the one who trusts in the Lord.*

The beatitudes echo the program Jesus announced in the synagogue at Nazareth. Whereas Matthew has nine Beatitudes, Luke has only four, with, however, four corresponding 'woes'.

For this and the following two Sundays we will be reading from Luke's 'Sermon on the Plain' which parallels Matthew's 'Sermon on the Mount'.



The Liturgy