

## LENT

Because the date of Easter (Páscoa) varies with the lunar calendar used in Jewish tradition to determine the date of Passover, the date for the beginning of Lent, counted forty days back from Easter, also varies.

The first general church council, in 325, decided to celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the first full moon of the spring equinox. Consequently, the feast can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25. In recent years, however, there has been much discussion on question of choosing a fixed date for Easter, just like Christmas.

Ash Wednesday ushers the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence and on this day the Gospel reminds us of the need for prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Most Catholics take Ash Wednesday very seriously. We go to church to be marked with ashes on our foreheads as a sign of our need for conversion and our willingness to enter into this season of repentance.

During Lent we try to improve our spiritual lives. We talk about “giving up” something. We forgive and ask for forgiveness. We reach out to the poor. We give to ShareLife.

For catechumens, who are preparing for baptism at Easter Vigil, it is a final stage of their journey toward initiation into the Church.

In Latin countries Lent is called “Quaresma” or “Queresima” meaning forty. The Bible says that in Noah’s time it rained for forty days and forty nights. Jesus was in the desert for forty days. The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years. Biblically speaking, forty can simply mean a long time, during which we can better our lives.

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### 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.**

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### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross after the 6:00 pm Mass.

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### Covid-19 Restrictions—Capacity Limits

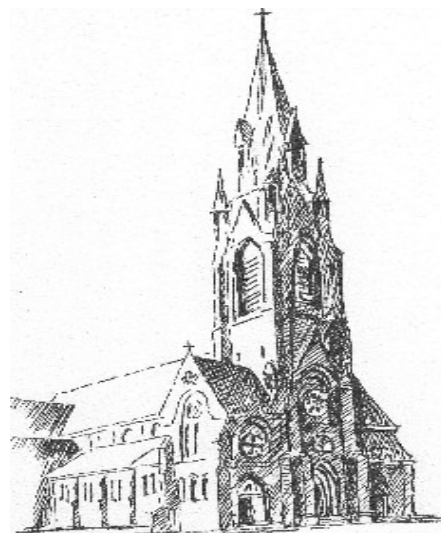
As of Tuesday, March 1st, places of worship will be able to have 100% seating capacity with no physical distancing restrictions. **Please note that masks are still required.**

Thank you for your ongoing patience and co-operation over the past two years in adapting to the Covid-19 restrictions.

# 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

### **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  
416-818-5462

### **Santo Cristo Association**

Please contact 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



## VIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 27, 2022

**Responsorial Psalm - Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

When I was young and fired with the love of God, I thought I could convert the whole world.

But soon I discovered that it would be quite enough to convert the people who lived in my town, and I tried for a long time to do that, but did not succeed.

Then I realized that my program was still too ambitious, so I concentrated on those in my own household.

But I found that I could not convert them either. Finally, it dawned on me: I must work on myself. When people complain about what's wrong with the world, they are usually blaming somebody else.

They should look at themselves first. That way, they will know they are making a difference in at least one life.

We can't take anyone farther than we've gone ourselves.

### All Creatures of our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! 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 heav'n 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!

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### We Come to Your Table

Gentle Jesus risen Lord,

We come to Your table  
With our hearts so full of joy,  
We come to Your table.

**We come, we come,  
We come to your table. (2x)**

Bringing gifts of all we are,  
We come to Your table.  
Gifts of love and life and joy,  
We come to Your table.

In Your Body we find life,  
We come to Your table.  
Life You gave for us to share,  
We come to Your table.

### Here I Am Lord

I the lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save  
I have made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**Here I am Lord Is it I Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go Lord if You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart**

I the Lord of snow and rain  
I have borne my people's pain  
I have wept for love of them, My hand will save.  
I will break their hearts of stone;  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them, Whom shall I send?

I the lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send?

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### Sing to the Mountains

**Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.**

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.  
You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death.  
You are my strength and my song.

Holy, holy, holy Lord.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us be glad and rejoice.  
He has turned all death to life.  
Sing of the glory of God.

### Mass Intentions For This Week

#### Saturday, February 26

**5:00pm:** António & Manuel Faria—Cresente Altuna—Raul Cunha

**6:30pm:** João Rodrigues—João Carlos Biagini—Parents & in-laws of Manuel Tavares—Joaquim Antunes

#### Sunday, February 27

**8:30am:** Raimundo Soares, parents & in-laws

**10:00am:** Community—Santo Cristo Association—Miguel Vieira—António Pimentel—Esméria Arruda

**11:30am:** Ana Carvalho—Parents & family of Olimpia Mota

**1:00 pm:** Bill Skora

#### Monday, February 28

**9:00 am:** Ildeberto Pimentel

**6:00 pm:** Nemésio Pimentel

#### Tuesday, March 1

**9:00 am:**

**6:00 pm:** Bill Skora

#### Ash Wednesday, March 2

**9:00 am:** Portuguese

**12:00 pm:** English

**6:00 pm:** English

#### Thursday, March 3

**9:00 am:** Manuel Cordeiro, spouse and family members

**6:00 pm:** Intention of Joe Arruda & Joshua Medeiros

#### Friday, March 4

**9:00 am:** Mario Gomes Ferreira, family intentions and for the poor

**6:00 pm:** Deceased family members of Teresa Sousa

#### Saturday, March 5

**5:00 pm:** Souls in purgatory—Intention of Joe Arruda & Joshua Medeiros

**6:30 pm** Maria São José Faria, spouse and children—Deodato Pontes & parents