

Why does the priest mix water in the chalice?

Some of the earliest Christian writers, like St. Justin Martyr in 150 AD, mention the “mixed cup”.

The wine and the water represent the blood and water that poured from Jesus’ side on the cross.

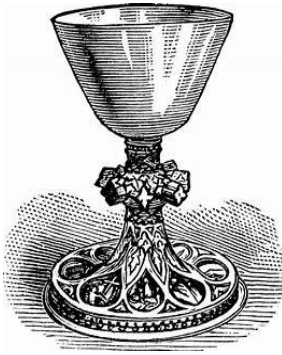
Other interpreters saw the mixture as a symbol of God’s communion with us. St. Clement of Alexandria, writing around 200 AD, emphasized the effects of Communion upon the individual who receives: “As wine is blended with water, so is the Spirit with man”. A few years later, in North Africa, St. Cyprian spoke of the mixed cup but emphasized Christ’s communion with the “whole Church”:

The water is understood as the people, while the wine shows forth the blood of Christ. When the water is mingled in the cup with wine, the people are united with Christ... Once the water and wine are mingled in the Lord’s cup, the mixture cannot any more be separated. Even so, nothing can separate the Church... from Christ.

Christ is the wine; we are the water. The mixed chalice can also be seen as a sign of Christ’s two natures, divine and human, united in one person. The wine represents his divinity and the water his humanity. The two natures come to us together in the Eucharist.

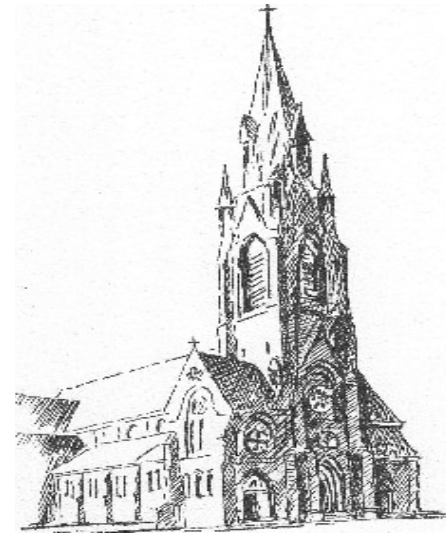
The Church has insisted on the mixing of the water with the wine for two millennia. In the sixteenth century the Council of Trent even excommunicated priests who neglected to mix the elements. The Church has good reasons to be faithful here.

At every Mass the celebrant says: “By the mystery of this water and this wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.”



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OFFICE HOURS

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

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

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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

Confirmation

We will have one final meeting to the parents and young adults receiving their Confirmation that could not attend our previous meeting. The meeting will take place on Friday, March 25th, at 7:15 p.m. in the church.

First Confessions

All children receiving their First Communion will have their first confession on Wednesday, March 30th, at 7:30 p.m. in the church.

Day of Confession

Our Lent Confessions will take place on Thursday, March 31st and Friday April 1st, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.



III Sunday of Lent March 20, 2022

The First Reading tells how God appeared to Moses in the burning bush and revealed his name as *Yahweh* ('*I am the Existing One*'). God has heard the cries of his oppressed people, and sends Moses to liberate them. It is a turning point in the Old Testament. It leads to the Exodus and beyond.

Psalm: *The Lord is merciful and gracious.*

In the Gospel we see how Jesus rejected the popular belief that accidents which befall people are inflicted by God as punishment for sin. Still, sin calls for repentance. And Jesus tells the Jews that they will lose the promises unless they repent. The barren fig tree symbolizes the barren state of Israel. But God is patient. There is still time to repent, though that time is getting short.

The role of Moses prefigures the roll of Jesus. Through Moses God saved his people, Israel, from slavery in Egypt. We are the new people of God, saved through the waters of baptism from the slavery of sin, and now en route under the leadership of Jesus to the promised land of eternal life. We too are fed with food, 'from heaven', namely, the Eucharist.

Parish Council

Our Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

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.

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, who 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 They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my words to them
whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will send the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them whom shall I send?

Faith Of Our Fathers

Faith of our fathers, living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword,
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!

**Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death!**

Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife,
And preach thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life.

Mass Intentions For This Week

Saturday, March 19

5:00pm: Mariano Machado—Artur, Maria & Luisa Cabral—Praise to St. Joseph—Maria Edemeia da Silva

6:30pm: Fernando & Agrinoalda Camara — Praise to St. Joseph—For all who suffer

Sunday, March 20

8:30am: Olivia, João & Fernando Machado

10:00am: Community—Maria de Fátima Melo—Jaime de Sousa—Jorge Pinheiro

11:30am: Mercês & Cristiano Ventura & souls in purgatory

1:00 pm: Francisco Dâmaso & family of Natália Dâmaso—Luis Cabral

Monday, March 21

9:00 am: Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm: Maria da Paixão Sousa & Jorge Sousa

Tuesday, March 22

9:00 am:

6:00 pm: Souls in purgatory

Wednesday, March 23

9:00 am: Eduardo Alex Lirwad Perez

6:00 pm: Nelson de Melo

Thursday, March 24

9:00 am: Manuel de Amorim

6:00 pm: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Luis & Conceição Soares

Friday, March 25

9:00 am: Nancy, Ricardo & Horácio Costa & souls in purgatory

6:00 pm: António & Maria José Medeiros & family

Saturday, March 26

5:00 pm: Manuel Caetano Medeiros & Marta Medeiros—António & Manuel Faria

6:30 pm: João Rodrigues & in-laws—João Manuel Pereira de Estrela—Judy da Silva