

Saint Damien of Molokai (1840-1889)

When Joseph de Veuster was born in Tremelo, Belgium, in 1840, few people in Europe had any firsthand knowledge of leprosy (Hansen's disease). By the time he died at the age of forty-nine, people all over the world knew about the disease because of him.

Forced to quit school at age thirteen to work on the family farm, six years later Joseph entered the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary, taking the name of a fourth century physician and martyr. When his brother Pamphile, a priest in the same congregation, fell ill and unable to go to the Hawaiian Islands as assigned, Damien quickly volunteered in his place. In 1864 Damien was ordained a priest in Honolulu and assigned to the Island of Hawaii.

In 1873 Damien went to the Hawaiian government's colony on the island of Molokai, set up seven years earlier, and volunteered to remain there permanently, caring for the people's physical, medical and spiritual needs.

Soon the settlement had new houses and a new church, school and orphanage. Morale improved considerably. A few years later he succeeded in getting the Franciscan Sisters of Syracuse to help staff the colony in Kalaupapa.

In 1885 Damien contracted Hansen's disease and died of its complications.

When he was canonized, in October 11, 2009, Pope Benedict said: "Not without fear and loathing, Father Damien made the choice to go to the island of Molokai in the service of lepers who were there, abandoned by all. So he exposed himself to the disease of which they suffered. With them he felt at home. The servant of the Word became a suffering servant, leper with the lepers".

First Communion

Today, May 1st at 3:00 p.m. our children attending St. Mary's School will receive their First Holy Communion. Congratulations to all children and their families.

Children attending Bishop Macdonell school will take place next Sunday, **May 8th at 3:00 pm**

Confirmation

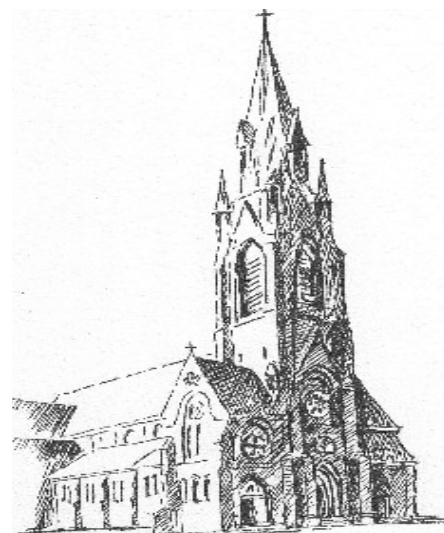
Confirmation Rehearsal will be on Sunday, May 8th at 5:00 p.m.

Confirmations will take place on Saturday, May 14th, at 3:00 p.m.

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

1:00 pm 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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

English Choir

Portuguese Choir

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Santo Cristo

Joey Teves 647-887-2804

Santo Cristo Band (Hall)

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

Most days before Mass, except on Sunday

School

St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205

Bishop Macdonell 416-393-5462



III Sunday of Easter May 1, 2022

The First Reading tells of the opposition the apostles encountered from the Jewish authorities. Persecution did not come as a surprise: Jesus had predicted it. It became an opportunity for the apostles to bear witness to him. They refused to be silenced.

Psalm: *I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.*

The miraculous catch of fish symbolizes the mission of the apostles to be ‘fishers of men’.

The large catch shows how successful the disciples can be with Jesus’ help. The meal symbolizes the Eucharistic meal in which Jesus is present among them and feeds them. Peter, who three times denied his Master, is now given three chances to profess his love, and then is given a mandate to care for the Lord’s flock. In giving authority to the man who dined him, Jesus wanted to show that he was establishing his Church not on human strength, but on his own love and faithfulness.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day; alleluia!
who did once upon the cross; alleluia
suffer to redeem our loss; alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing; alleluia,
unto Christ our heavenly king; alleluia,
who endured the cross and grave; alleluia,
sinners to redeem and save: alleluia!

But the pains which he endured; alleluia,
our salvation have procured; alleluia,
now above the sky he's King; alleluia,
where the angels ever sing: alleluia!

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice, all the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light
and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice,
and trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead Three in One, Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God (repeat)

Song of the Cross

Love lifted on the cross for me:
my Lord, my God, my salvation.
Love lifted high to set me free:
my Lord, my God, my salvation.

Behold the wood of the cross,
behold the lamb that was slain.
Behold your king comes victorious,
behold he has risen again.

O be exalted, O God,
above the heavens and the earth.
For by your cross and resurrection
you have redeemed the world.

Give glory to the Father,
give glory to the Son,
give glory to the Holy Spirit;
give glory to the Holy One.

Let Heaven Rejoice

Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;
Let all creation sing.
Let children proclaim to every land:
Hosanna to the King.

Rise in splendor, shake off your sleep;
Put on your robes of joy.
And in the morning you shall see
the glory of the Lord.

Raise your voices, be not afraid.
Proclaim it in every land.
Christ has died, but he has risen; He will come again.

Sing a new song unto the Lord,
For he has done wonderful deeds.
And praise him, thank him, dance before him,
Play before the Lord.

Mass Intentions For This Week

Saturday, April 30th

5:00 pm. 50^o Anniversary of José & Maria Flor—John Soares—Emilia Rosa Monteiro Ferreira

6:30 pm. António & Maria Melo—Tony Melo, Duarte & Fernando Langa—José Medeiros—Geraldina da Silva—João & Francisco Ferreira — João Carlos Nascimento & Dany de Andrade

Sunday, May 1st

8:30 am. Nelissa da Mota

10:00 am. Community—José Luis & Maria Teresa Branco—Judy da Silva—Rosa de Jesus, Manuel Couto & children—Conceição & Libério Ledo—Manuel da Silva Cordeiro—António Pereira—Altino Senra & José do Rego—Holy Spirit living & deceased members

11:30 am. Praise to St. Joseph the Worker—Luis & Maria Resendes

1:00 pm. Molly McGuirk

Monday, May 2nd

9:00 am. Clarinda Domingues

6:00 pm. Ermelinda Arruda

Tuesday, May 3rd

9:00 am. Maria Ana Freitas

6:00 pm. Pardo family, Angela & Adolfo Pardo

Wednesday, May 4th

9:00 am.

6:00 pm.

Thursday, May 5th

9:00 am. Our Lady of Fátima, intention of Fátima & Maria Medeiros, souls in purgatory

6:00 pm.

Friday, May 6th

9:00 am.

6:00 pm. Anibal & Conceição Rocha

Saturday, May 7th

5:00 pm. Souls in purgatory—Benjamim Resendes Medeiros

6:30 pm. João Manuel Pereira de Estrela