

## MARTYRS OF ROME

Saint Peter and Saint Paul did not die alone in the great martyrdom under Nero in the year 64. There were other victims of his savagery, and their deaths are linked with those of Peter and Paul in history and in the calendar of the Church.

In July of 64, a great fire devastated Rome. It began near the Great Circus, one of the great shopping districts of Rome, spreading quickly and raging for six days. Many buildings were demolished to contain it, but the inferno eventually burst out again in the garden of the prefect of the Praetorian Guard. When it finally died down, two thirds of Rome had been destroyed.

There was a rumour that the emperor himself had set the fire aflame, and, as the rumour grew, Nero grew fearful that the rumour might be believed and Christians were accused of setting the fire. Although most people did not believe the accusation, Christians were nonetheless rounded up and Nero took particular delight in finding barbaric ways to put them to death.

The Roman historian Tacitus wrote: "Nero provided his garden for the spectacle, and exhibit displays in the Circus, at which he mingled with the crowd...

Despite their guilt as Christians... the victims were pitied. For it was felt that they were being sacrificed to one man's brutality rather than to the national interest."

It was the first great Roman persecution of Christians, and such persecutions would continue, with various forms of ferocity, for the next 250 years, ending with the Peace of Constantine in 312. But, like all such martyrdoms, the "blood of martyrs became the seed of Christians."

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### Holiday

Friday, July 1st, is Canada Day, for this reason we will not have the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

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### Sunday School

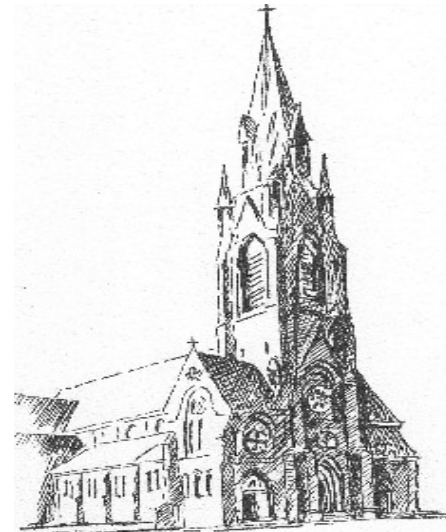
All children and young adults that do not attend St. Mary's Elementary or Bishop Macdonell, and intend to receive their First Communion or Confirmation next year, must register this coming September. For more information, please contact the parish office.

# St. Mary's Church

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### OFFICE HOURS

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

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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**

**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 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



## XIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2022

The First Reading relates the call of Elisha. By throwing his cloak over him Elijah was symbolizing the transfer of power.

We see how total was the response of Elisha. In slaughtering the oxen and burning the plough, he was precluding a return to his old way of life.

Jesus demanded a similar response from those who would follow him.

### *Psalm: You are my chosen portion, O Lord.*

In the Gospel we begin a new section of Luke's Gospel (9:51-18:14): Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

Luke portrays Jesus as one who knows his destiny and accepts it from God.

But he is not interested in telling us the actual route Jesus followed. Instead, he tells us about incidents that happened along the way.

In the first passage we see the hostility Jesus encountered from the inhabitants of a Samaritan village, and his refusal to retaliate as James and John suggested.

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### St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul Society requests and thanks everyone's help.

Thank you for all your support, God Bless you.

### Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing  
Praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the world.

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven  
Like the first dew fall on the first grass;  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play;  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning  
God's recreation of the new day.

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### Take Up Your Cross

Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up  
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross; heed not the shame,  
and let your foolish heart be still;  
the Lord for you accepted death  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,  
and calmly every danger brave:  
it guides you to abundant life  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

### 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,  
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?

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### Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit,  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, 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, June 25th

**5:00 pm.** António & Manuel Faria — Manuel & Josefina Pimentel & family

**6:30 pm.** João Rodrigues & siblings—José Oliveira—Geraldina da Silva—José Medeiros & parents.

#### Sunday, June 26th

**8:30 am.** Raimundo Soares

**10:00 am.** Community—Santo Cristo Association—João Luis & Teresa Loureiro — Parents, siblings & nephews of Maria Pimentel—Maria da Conceição Pereira—Serafim Pereira

**11:30 am.** Ana Carvalho—Jimmy Barcelos Silva

**1:00 pm.** Maria Ernestina & family of Natália Dâmaso—Rogelio Gatbonton

#### Monday, June 27th

**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.** Souls in purgatory

#### Tuesday, June 28th

**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.** Souls in purgatory

#### Wednesday, June 29th

**9:00 am.** Elsa Campos Fernandes

**6:00 pm.** José Teves

#### Thursday, June 30th

**9:00 am.** Parents, siblings and family of Leonor Miguel

**6:00 pm.** Souls in purgatory

#### Friday, July 1st

**9:00 am.** José Jacinto Medeiros

**6:00 pm. No Mass—Holiday**

#### Saturday, July 2nd

**5:00 pm.** Benjamim Resendes Medeiros

**6:30 pm.** Intentions of António Resendes — Maria dos Anjos Cordeiro