

## Catholics and Cremation

Some people do not know whether cremation is permitted for Catholics. The answer is simply: yes.

Early Christians followed the Jewish practice of giving honourable burial to the dead. They did not use cremation. These early Christians made great efforts to retrieve the bodies of their martyrs and bury them with honour, as one can see in their catacombs. In Christian countries the “pagan” practice of cremation more or less disappeared. In fact, it was made a capital offense by civil authorities such as Charlemagne through his law in 789.

In the latter part of the nineteenth century various groups introduced the practice of cremation in Europe, where for many centuries the Christian custom of earth burial had been the only way to dispose of the bodies of the deceased. The Church suspected that the motives of those promoting cremation were anti Christian, and therefore, in 1886, prohibited cremation for Catholics, legislating that the practice was incompatible with a Catholic burial.

Cremation as such was never seen as incompatible with Christianity, but it was the motives that were suspect. Therefore, Catholics are free to choose cremation for any reason, unless it is for reasons that are contrary to Christian teaching (Code of Canon Law, 1176 3).

People choose cremation for many reasons: hygiene, lack of space for earth burial, economic reasons, etc. In some situations cremation is the only option, for example, when a body is almost destroyed in a fire or when the remains must be transported any distance. If cremation is chosen for economic reasons, remember that the differences in costs are relative. There are still costs involved in cremation. It is a good idea to ask funeral homes about these costs, even when there is no funeral imminent.

The Church has always expressed its belief in life after death and in the resurrection through its care in preparing the body for burial. The prayers and gestures used in the liturgy show its reverence for the deceased Christian’s body, which the Church considers sacred because it has been a temple of the Holy Spirit and has shared in the Eucharistic food of Jesus himself.

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### Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families to participate in the Annual Mass of the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

**Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga**

**Christ the King Cemetery, Markham**

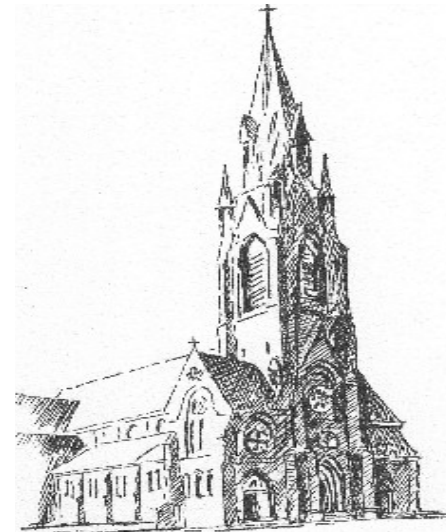
**Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill**

**Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto**

**Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge**

# 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

6:00 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

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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



**XVI Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 17, 2022**

*First Reading (Gen 18:1-10).* When Abraham gave hospitality to three strangers he did not know that he was entertaining God himself, who would reward him with good news.

***Psalm: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?***

*Second Reading (Col 1:24-28).* Paul, a minister of the good news of the calling of the Gentiles to salvation, suffers from his converts.

*Gospel (Lk 10:38-42).* The Gospel contrasts Martha's activity and Mary's quiet devotion to the Lord.

The First Reading and the Gospel are hospitality stories. Hospitality was an esteemed virtue in the ancient world. It is still a highly regarded and very necessary virtue. In the First Reading we see how, when three strangers (Yahweh and two heavenly companions), suddenly appeared to Abraham, he reacted with instinctive hospitality, and how Yahweh rewarded his hospitality. This sets the scene for Martha and Mary who welcome Jesus to their home. We see the contrast between Martha's activity and Mary's quiet devotion to the Lord. It's not that what Martha does is unimportant. It's just that Mary has chosen something even more important. Her priority is to listen to the word of Jesus. The story of Martha and Mary can be seen as a parable in action. Whereas the parable of the Good Samaritan stressed the importance of action, or practical love, in the life of a disciple, this story stresses the importance of contemplation. Both are necessary, and have to be integrated into the life of a Christian. Martha is the patron saint of waiters and waitresses.

**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.

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**Make Me A Channel of Your Peace**

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is hatred let me bring your  
love  
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord  
And where there is doubt true faith in You.

Make me a channel of your peace  
Where there is despair in life  
let me bring hope  
Where there is darkness only light  
And where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console  
To be understood as to understand  
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

**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 peoples' 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 word to them,  
Whom shall I send?

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**Glory and Praise to Our God**

**Glory and praise to our God  
Who alone gives light to our days  
Many are the blessings He bears  
To those who trust in His ways.**

We the daughters and sons of Him  
Who built the valleys and plains  
Praise the wonders our God has done  
In every heart that sings.

In His wisdom He strengthens us  
Like gold that's tested in fire  
Though the power of sin prevails  
Our God is there to save.

**Mass Intentions for this Week**

**Saturday, July 16th**

**5:00 pm.** Praise to Our Lady of Mount Carmel & for Carmelo—25th Anniversary of António & Lina Teixeira

**6:30 pm.** Maria Póvoa—Fernando & Agrinoalda Camara—Parents, in-laws and nephew of Filomena da Silva—Serafim & Conceição Pereira—José Caldas

**Sunday, July 17th**

**8:30 am.** Beatriz & Agostinho da Mota

**10:00 am.** Community—Olivia, João & Fernando Machado—Maria de Fátima Melo—Jaime de Sousa—Liberal Paul Silva—Libério & Conceição Ledo—All Souls—Maria Adelaide Monteiro & Luis da Mota

**11:30 am.** Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente

**1:00 pm.** Chaminda Dias

**Monday, July 18th**

**9:00 am.** Stella Costa & spouse

**6:00 pm.** Manuel & Maria Couto & family

**Tuesday, July 19th**

**9:00 am.** Manuela Amaral

**6:00 pm.** Ermelinda Arruda

**Wednesday, July 20th**

**9:00 am.** Eddy & Elayna Medeiros & Elizabeth da Silva

**6:00 pm.** Parents of Carlos Arruda

**Thursday, July 21st**

**9:00 am.** Maria Lopes & Alexandre da Silva

**6:00 pm.** Tomaz & Maria Oliveira

**Friday, July 22nd**

**9:00 am.** Ricardo, Nancy & Horário Costa, family & souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.** José & Maria Bernardo & children

**Saturday, July 23rd**

**5:00 pm.** Mariano Machado & family—Leonel Moniz Cabral, parents, in-laws & family—António & Manuel Faria—Honour & praise to St. Jude

**6:30 pm.** Jordão de Andrade