

Saint Monica (322-387)

The circumstances of Saint Monica's life could have made her a negative wife, a bitter daughter-in-law and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who had some redeeming features, but also had a violent temper and was licentious.

Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. But at the end, Monica's prayers and example won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was seventeen and a rhetoric student in Carthage, North Africa. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy and was living an immoral life. For a while she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then, one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. For that time on she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact, she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When Augustine was twenty-nine, he decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say good-bye to a friend. Instead, he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick. But, she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find out that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan where she became a leader of the city's devout women.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, St. Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. At Easter, 387, Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. St Monica's prayer, the prayers of a mother, had been answered.

Some things to think about.....

Don't judge people for what they cannot do, but appreciate people for what they can do.

Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.

Lectors

The lector's schedule list is located in the sacristy ready for pickup.

# St. Mary's Church

Rev. Fernando Couto (Pastor)  
Rev. Joao Ferreira (Associate Pastor)

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Legion Of Mary

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
First Friday of Every Month at 5:00 p.m.

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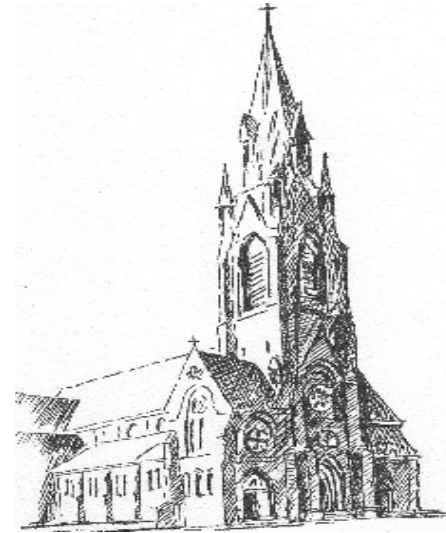
Volunteer Co-ordinator  
Delia Medeiros (contact the parish)

Baptism—Sundays  
Baptisms will be booked by appointment only

Marriages  
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Confessions  
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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



## XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 28, 2022

The readings stress the importance of humility, especially for those in high places. The First Reading praises the person who is humble. A humble person is conscious of his own weakness, and never rejects wisdom, no matter where it comes from. Such a person will find favour with God and with his friends and neighbours. Pride raises a barrier to God's graciousness and to communion with our fellows.

***Psalm: In your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.***

This ties in with the Gospel where the key phrase is: 'Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.' Jesus criticises those who trust themselves forward and who engineer their way to the top. That's not the way to gain honour in the Kingdom. Honour in the Kingdom comes from the host, not from the guest. God confers honour on those who are humble. If we want to know the quality of our love, all we have to do is look at the kind of people with whom we share our love. Those who act out of motives of self-interest will receive no reward from God.

### You Are the Voice

You are the voice of the living God  
Calling us now to live in your love  
To be children of God once again!

Praise for the light that shines through the night  
From darkness to light, from death to new life  
And praise for the morning that brings forth the sun  
To open our eyes to the Lord,  
To open our eyes to the Lord!

Praise for the water that springs from the sea,  
The seed that gives life to all who believe,  
God's love overflowing our hearts know the joy  
To be daughters and sons of the Lord,  
To be daughters and sons of the Lord!

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### All that We Have

All that we have, and all that we offer  
Comes from a heart that's frightened and free.  
Take what we bring now, and give what we need,  
All done in His name.

Some may rely on their power  
Others put trust in their gold.  
Some have only their Saviour  
Who's 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.

### Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people's 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 word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

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### Immaculate Mary

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing,  
You reign now in heaven with Jesus our King.

***Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!  
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In heaven, the blessed your glory proclaim;  
On earth, we your children invoke your fair name.

Your name is our power, your virtues our light,  
Your love is our comfort, your pleading our  
might.

### Mass Intentions for this Week

#### **Saturday, August 27th**

**5:00 pm.** João da Ponte Benevides-7°

**6:30 pm.** Intention of Agostinho & Filomena da Silva  
—Mike Pavão—António Oliveira—João Rodrigues—  
Maria das Angustias Antunes—José Manuel Cabral—  
Jordão & Danny De Andrade—Manuel Pacheco-7°—  
Souls in purgatory

#### **Sunday, August 28th**

**8:30 am.** Raimundo Soares

**10:00 am.** Community — Santo Cristo Association—  
Jaime de Sousa—Rosária Ferreira—Deceased members of  
João & Maria Ferreira—Susana Margarida Medeiros-7°

**11:30 am.** Ana Carvalho—John & Eduarda Eugénio—  
Juanito Ibasan—Odília Branco

**1:00 pm.**

#### **Monday, August 29th**

**9:00 am.** Maria Rosa & José Couto, parents, in-laws,  
family & souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.** José & Maria Tavares Arruda

#### **Tuesday, August 30th**

**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory—Silverio Abreu Paulino

**6:00 pm.** Luciano & Rosa Borges, parents, siblings,  
souls in purgatory

#### **Wednesday, August 31st**

**9:00 am.** Luis Augusto Ribeiro Raposo

**6:00 pm.** Sharon, Minda & family

#### **Thursday, September 1st**

**9:00 am.** José Jacinto Medeiros

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

#### **Friday, September 2nd**

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

**6:00 pm.** Anibal & Conceição Rocha

#### **Saturday, September 3rd**

**5:00 pm.** Maria dos Anjos da Silva

**6:30 pm.**