

Saint Peter Claver (1581-1654)

A native of Spain, young Jesuit Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He sailed into Cartagena (now in Colombia) a rich port city in the Caribbean.

In Cartagena, he was ordained a priest in 1615. By this time, the slave trade had been established in the America's for nearly 100 years and Cartagena was a chief center for it. Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhuman that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit.

Peter Claver's predecessor, Jesuit Father Alfonso de Sandoval, also from Spain, had devoted himself to the service of the slaves for 40 years before Claver arrived to continue his work, declaring himself "the slave of the Negroes forever".

As soon as a slave ship entered port, Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and miserable passengers who then would be herded out of the ship like chained animals and shut up in nearby yards to be gazed at by the crowds. He offered them medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons and other fruits.

His apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves. In time, he became a moral force, indeed, the apostle of Cartagena. He preached in the city square, gave missions to sailors and traders. After four years of sickness, he died on September 8, 1654. In 1888, he was canonized by Pope Leo XIII.

Catechism (Sunday School)

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

Sunday School Teachers

If you would like to assist with catechism for our children attending Public Schools, please contact the parish. We will need volunteers for First Communion and Confirmation classes.

St. Mary's Church

Rev. Fernando Couto (Pastor)

Rev. João Ferreira (Associate Pastor)

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

Afonso & Filomena Vieira 905-840-8571

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

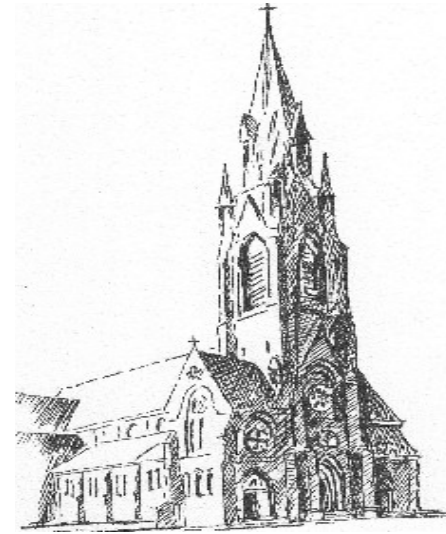
Confessions

Most days before Mass, except on Sunday

School

St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205

Bishop Macdonell 416-393-5462



588 Adelaide St. W.

Toronto, On. M6J 3P8

Tel: 416-703-2326 Fax: 416-703-4196

Email: stmaryschurch2@rogers.com

Website: stmarysbathurst.archtoronto.org

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



XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 4, 2022

The First Reading is part of Solomon's prayer for wisdom. God, the Creator of the universe, is all-wise. In contrast, human beings are ignorant. However, God does not leave us in our ignorance, but bestows the gift of wisdom on all who humbly seek it. Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. He knew that suffering, rejection and death awaited him at the end of that journey.

Psalm: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

Knowing that his disciples would have to face a similar challenge, Jesus spoke about the cost of discipleship. He didn't literally mean hating one's father and mother. The word 'hate' is a Semitic expression. 'Love less' would be nearer to what Jesus had in mind. He was telling his disciples that they must be ready if needs be to sacrifice the dearest things in life. In certain (rare) circumstances they might have to choose between him and their own relatives.

The two short parables make the point that discipleship is a serious calling. It could mean persecution and even death. In this, as in any other spheres of life (such as business and politics), one shouldn't walk into it blindly. One must calculate the cost before setting out.

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 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.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

**You satisfy the hungry heart
With gift of finest wheat
Come give to us, O Saving Lord
The Bread of Life to eat.**

As when the shepherd calls his sheep
They know and heed his voice
So when you call your family Lord
They follow and rejoice.

With joyful lips, we sing to you
Our praise and gratitude
That you should count us worthy Lord
To share this Heavenly food.

Is not the cup we bless and share
The blood of Christ outpoured?
Does not one cup, one loaf declare
Our Oneness in the Lord?

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God,
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy Hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

When Christ shall come, with shouts of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, September 3rd

5:00 pm. Maria dos Anjos da Silva—James D'Ulisse-7°
6:30 pm.

Sunday, September 4th

8:30 am. Nelissa da Mota

10:00 am. Community — José Luis & Maria Teresa Branco—Judy da Silva—Joaquim Lopes de Brito, parents & in-laws—Irene Loureiro—Antenor Stabile

11:30 am. Juanito Ibasan

1:00 pm. Alice Dias & José Rasteiro

Monday, September 5th

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Labour Day Holiday—No Mass

Tuesday, September 6th

9:00 am. Family members of Carlos Simões

6:00 pm. Tomas & Maria Oliveira

Wednesday, September 7th

9:00 am. Mario Gomes Ferreira, & family intentions

6:00 pm. Agostinho & Lucinda da Mota

Thursday, September 8th

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Ermelinda Arruda

Friday, September 9th

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Jordão & Danny de Andrade

Saturday, September 10th

5:00 pm. Souls in purgatory—Elias Brum—Intentions for Gleb Bazov & Ndeye-Astou Diara

6:30 pm. João Manuel Pereira de Estrela—Gualter De Sousa-7°—Carlos Foppiano