

The Meaning of Marriage

Roman Catholics, Orthodox, Lutherans and Anglicans, call marriage a sacrament. All Christians think that a special blessing is given in marriage and that the couple is spiritually joined together. This idea comes from the story of Genesis (2:23-4): “man leaves his father and mother and is united with his wife, and they become one”. And Jesus said “Man must not separate, then, what God has joined together” (Mark 10:9).

The Old Testament (The Hebrew Bible) called marriage a “seal upon the heart” as does the Orthodox custom of crowning: “Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts and a crown upon their heads”.

Marriage is first and foremost a relationship. And sexual activity is part of that deep relationship. Not every couple has children but most couples do and feel fulfilled in having them.

If you are contemplating on getting married and have any questions on how to go about it, we would be happy to assist you. Talk to one of our parish priests.

Sunday School

Sunday school classes start Sunday, October 16th, 2022. All children receiving First Communion, and all young adults receiving Confirmation that do not attend St. Mary's or Bishop Macdonell schools, must attend Sunday school.

Registration is now available until October 9th. All registration forms must be accompanied by a copy of the child's baptism certificate. Please register as soon as possible.

For more information, contact the office.

200th Anniversary !

St. Paul's Basilica Parish on 83 Power Street, Toronto, celebrates this September 18th, 2022, two centuries of serving the Catholic community of Toronto. Congratulations! St. Paul's is the oldest Catholic Parish of Toronto followed by St. Michaels' Cathedral and St. Mary's.

Our Lady of Fatima Candlelight Procession

On Saturday, October 15th, our parish will be holding the annual candlelight procession around the perimeter of the church in honour of Our Lady of Fatima. The procession begins at 7:30 pm right after the 6:30 pm mass.

St. Mary's Church

Rev. Fernando Couto (Pastor)
Rev. João (John) Ferreira (Associate Pastor)

Parish Council

Parish Finance 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) 416-703-2231
Marco Lima (President) 416-818-5462

Santo Cristo Association
Please contact the parish 416-703-2326

Espirito Santo
Afonso & Filomena Vieira 905-840-8571

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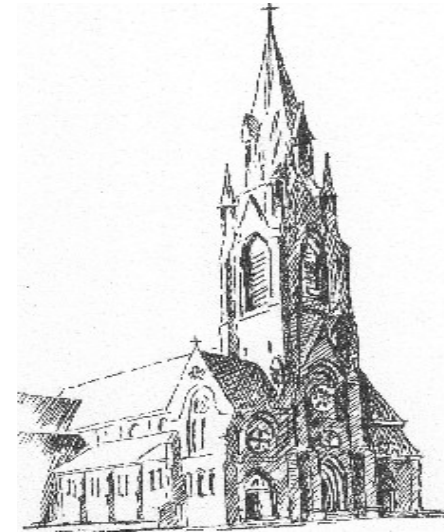
Volunteer Co-ordinator
Delia Medeiros (contact the parish)

Baptism—Sundays
Baptisms will be booked by appointment only

Marriages
Please contact the priest 12 months in advance

Confessions
Every day before Mass, except on Sunday

Schools
St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205
Bishop Macdonell 416-393-5462



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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



XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 18, 2022

Amos was a great champion of justice. He savagely assailed the oppression of the poor, as well as the judicial system which denied them any hope of obtaining justice. Our short reading is a good example. Here he depicts the greed of the wealthy, who can't wait for the holy days to be over so that they can get back to making money by dishonest practices. He condemns the separation of worship from the proper treatment of other people, especially the poor.

Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the needy.

The Bible doesn't always give us examples to be imitated. At times it gives us examples to be learned from painfully. The servant in Jesus' story is one of these, brought forward to teach Christians the wise use of money. Here Jesus stresses the impossibility of any compromise between God and Mammon. For Luke, to use money wisely is to give it to the poor, and thus ensure one's eternal salvation.

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 dewfall 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.

All That We Have

**All that we have and all that we offer
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need.
All done in his name.**

Some would rely on their power,
Others put trust in their gold.
Some have only their Savior,
Whose 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.

Sometimes when troubles are many,
Life can seem empty, it's true,
But look at the life of the Master,
Who lovingly suffered for you.

The Lord Hears the Cry of the Poor

**The Lord hears the cry of the poor
Blessed be the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times
With praise ever in my mouth;
Let my soul glory in the Lord,
Who will hear the cry of the poor.

Let the lowly hear and be glad

The Lord listens to their plea
And to hearts broken God is near
Who will hear the cry of the poor

Every spirit crushed God will save;
will be ransom for their lives;
will be safe shelter for their fears,
and will hear the cry of the poor.

We proclaim your greatness, O God,
your praise ever in our mouth;
every face brightened in your light,
for you hear the cry of the poor.

Blest Be The Lord

**Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord,
The God of mercy, the God who saves.
I shall not fear, the dark of night
Nor the arrow that flies by day.**

He will release me from the nets of all my foes,
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night
Nor stand alone before the light of day.
No harm shall come to me,
no arrow strike me down,
No evil settle in my soul.

Mass Intentions For This Week

Saturday, September 17th

5:00 pm. Mariano Machado & in-laws — Souls in purgatory

6:30 pm. Fernando & Agrinoalda Camara—Maria da Aparecida & family—Serafim & Conceição Pereira—Intentions of Jordão & Conceição da Encarnação—Ilda Cabral—Jordão e Danny de Andrade—Maria de Deus Vidinha—João Pacheco Cabral

Sunday, September 18th

8:30 am. Olivia, João & Fernando Machado

10:00 am. Community—Maria de Fátima Melo—Liberal Paul Silva—Irene Loureiro

11:30 am Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente—Maria Joana & Gilberto Tavares—56th Anniversary of Cristina & Harry Caronis

1:00 pm

Monday, September 19th

9:00 am. John Manuel & Benjamim Medeiros

6:00 pm. Ermelinda Arruda

Tuesday, September 20th

9:00 am. Parents of Celeste Simões

6:00 pm. Maria do Carmo Pimentel, parents, siblings & souls in purgatory

Wednesday, September 21st

9:00 am. Honor & praise to St. Theresa of the Child Jesus

6:00 pm. Jordão & Danny de Andrade

Thursday, September 22nd

9:00 am. Manuel Amorim

6:00 pm. Albert Caires

Friday, September 23rd

9:00 am. Rosária Ferreira

6:00 pm. Nelson de Melo

Saturday, September 24th

5:00 pm. Souls in purgatory—Antônio & Manuel Faria—Leonel Moniz Cabral, parents, in-laws and family—Mary Celmira & Alida Rita Delgado

6:30 pm. Parents & in-laws of Sebastião Arruda—Conceição Soares—José Medeiros—João Rodrigues—Fernando Pedrosa, parents & in-laws