

## Christian Martyrs

The history of Christian martyrs starts with the stoning of the apostle Stephen and with the aid of no one else but the apostle Paul himself. It says in Acts 22:20 “And when the blood of your martyr Stephen was shed, I stood there giving my approval and guarding the clothes of those who were killing him”.

During the first century almost all the other apostles had the same fate. James, the son of Zebedee was beheaded around 44 A.D. and in 54 A.D. Philip was crucified. Matthew was killed with an halberd, James was beaten to death and Mathias was beheaded. Andrew was crucified and Mark was torn to pieces. Peter was crucified upside down in Rome and also in Rome Paul was beheaded. Martyrdom also came to Luke, Barnabas and Thomas.

All remembered the words that Jesus spoke to them: “If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also” (John 15:20).

When in July 64 A.D. more than half of Rome was destroyed by fire, Christians were blamed for it and a “great multitude” was put to death. Peter and Paul were probably among the victims.

The history of Christian martyrs did not start with Nero, who threatened by an army revolt and condemned to death by the senate, committed suicide in 68 A.D. at the age of thirty one, nor did it end when Constantine declared Christianity the official religion of his empire. In many parts of the world, it still goes on.

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### Shepherd's Trust

As members of our Catholic community, we regularly benefit from the tireless services of our priests. The Shepherd's Trust collection ensures that our priests can live their retirement years with dignity. Next weekend we will take up your offerings. Envelopes will be distributed today. We thank you for your generosity.

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### First Communion Information

We will have a meeting on Thursday, November 24th, at 7:00 p.m. regarding First Communion. All children and parents must attend this meeting.

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### Confirmation

On Thursday, December 8th, we will have a meeting regarding Confirmation. All young adults that will be receiving Confirmation and their parents, must attend the meeting.



# 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

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Joey Teves 647-887-2804

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Marco Lima (President) 416-818-5462

Santo Cristo Association

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Espirito Santo

Afonso & Filomena Vieira 905-848-8571

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

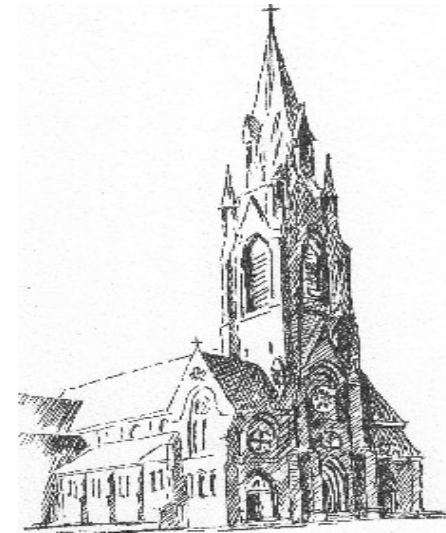
**Confessions**

Every day before Mass, except on Sunday

**Schools**

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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

### Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese

6:00 pm English

Saturday 5:00 pm English

6:30 pm Portuguese



## XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 6, 2022

*First Reading (2 Macc 7:1-2.9-14)* This tells (in part) the story of the martyrdom of a mother and her seven sons. They drew their strength from their faith in the resurrection of the just.

*Psalm: I shall be satisfied, Lord, when I awake and behold your likeness.*

*Second Reading (2 Thess 2:16-3:5)* Paul prays for the Thessalonians that they may remain steadfast in the pursuit of goodness.

*Gospel (Lk 20:27-38)* Jesus deals with a question posed by the Sadducees about the existence of an afterlife. The liturgy today is dominated with the assurance of an afterlife. It is a splendid hope. Life is not a journey to nowhere. It is a journey to the promised land of eternal life.

### 2023 Donation Envelopes

The 2023 donation envelopes are now available. You can find your numbered box by the entrance of the church.

If you are a new member of the parish, and wish to use donation envelopes, please take a box that is not assigned to anyone, fill out a registration form and place it in the envelope displayed or drop it off in the office.

### 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 night that shines through the night,  
from darkness to light, from death to new life,  
and praise to 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 believe,  
God's love over flowing our hearts know the joy  
to be daughters and sons of the Lord,  
to be daughters and sons of the Lord!

Praise for the singing and praise for the dance,  
with new heart and voice, all raise the song  
of praise to creation; all heaven and earth,  
come sing of Glory of God!

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### How Can I Keep From Singing?

My life flows on in endless song,  
Above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear though far off hymn  
That hails a new creation.

**No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging,  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?**

Through all the tumult and the strife  
I hear that music ringing.  
It sounds and echoes in my soul,  
How can I keep from singing?

### I Am the Bread of Life

I am the Bread of life,  
You who come to me shall not hunger,  
And who believe in me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

**And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up on the last day.**

The bread that I will give  
Is my flesh for the life of the world,  
And if you eat of this bread,  
You shall live forever, you shall live forever.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man  
And drink of His blood,  
And drink of His blood,  
You shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection, I am the life.  
If you believe in me, even though you die,  
You shall live forever.

Yes Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,  
The Son of God, Who has come into the world.

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### Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

### Mass Intentions For This Week

**Saturday, November 5th**

**5:00 pm.** Souls in purgatory

**6:30 pm.** João Manuel Pereira de Estrela—José Medeiros & parents—Manuel Sodoma—Anniversary of Joe & Maria Paiva, souls in purgatory—Jordão e Danny de Andrade—João Carlos Nascimento, parents & siblings—Family of Orlanda de Andrade, souls in purgatory

**Sunday, November 6th**

**8:30 am.** Manuel Moniz, in-laws of Maria Matias

**10:00 am.** Community—José Luis & Maria Teresa Branco—José Farias, parents, siblings & family—Judy da Silva—Antônio & Augusto Rodrigues & Eugénio Pacheco—Souls in purgatory, family & friends of Ilda & Raul Cunha—Maria José de Nobrega

**11:30 am.** Odília Branco—Kathavanam Thevasigamany

**1:00 pm.** Sebastian Medeiros, family of Natália Dâmaso—Rogelio Gatbonton

**Monday, November 7th**

**9:00 am.** Intention of Martinho, Luisa Rodrigues & children

**6:00 pm.** Jordão & Danny de Andrade

**Tuesday, November 8th**

**9:00 am.** Ermelinda Arruda

**6:00 pm.** Maria José & António Medeiros & family

**Wednesday, November 9th**

**9:00 am.** For all souls

**6:00 pm.** Joe Gaspar, grandparents & uncles

**Thursday, November 10th**

**9:00 pm.** Maria José Ledo, parents & in-laws

**6:00 pm.** José Silva & souls in purgatory

**Friday, November 11th**

**9:00 am.** Mario Gomes Ferreira, family intentions & souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.** Alfredo de Melo Garcia & Fátima Garcia

**Saturday, November 12th**

**5:00 pm.** Victoria Flores

**6:30 pm.** João Rodrigues, parents, in-laws & siblings—Joaquim, Maria, João & Francisco Ferreira—Maria José Pacheco dos Santos Furtado—Carlos da Encarnação & Firmina Figueira—Gabriela & Conceição Fernandes