

QUESTIONS ON MARRIAGE

I am catholic but my fiancé is not. Does he have to convert before we can get married in the Catholic Church?

No. If the only reason for one to convert is that he or she can have a “nice church wedding” the answer is no. People should only convert when they intend to practice their Catholic faith at all times.

A practicing Roman Catholic can marry a non-Catholic in a church providing that both are free to marry, know each other well, have the intention that it be for life, and that the non-Catholic respects the right of the Catholic spouse to want to baptize their children.

If a Catholic marries another Christian (Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, United, etc.), permission is to be obtained from the Archdiocese and then it is called a “Mixed Marriage”.

If a Catholic wants to marry a Jew, a Buddhist, a Muslim or a person of no-religion, the permission requested in this case is for a marriage with “Disparity of Cult”.

In both previous cases, the wedding is celebrated without Mass. The same applies for Catholics that do not practice their faith or have no understanding of the Holy Eucharist.

Can a priest celebrate a wedding outside of a church, for example, at a park, at a banquet hall or at someone's garden?

No. The general rule is that Catholic weddings are to be celebrated in a church. However, there are exceptions, such as when one is very sick and cannot make it to the church.

What documents do I need?

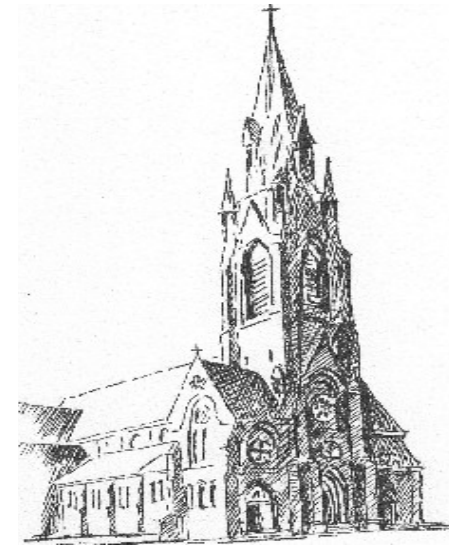
A recent copy of the baptismal certificate, a confirmation certificate, and a certificate of proof of having taken and completed a marriage preparation course.

Income Tax Receipts

In February, we will start preparing our tax receipts, once they are ready, we will mail them. To make sure you receive your receipt without delays, please notify the office of any address changes. Thank you.

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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

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

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Please contact the parish 416-703-2326

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



II Sunday in Ordinary Time January 15, 2023

First Reading (Is 49:3.5-6) This talks about the servant God has chosen to bring Israel back to him, and not just Israel, but all peoples.

Second Reading (1 Cor 1:1-3) Here Paul reminds the Christians at Corinth of their call to holiness.

Psalm: *Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.*

Gospel (Jn 1:29-34) Jesus is the Paschal Lamb of the Christian Passover, who by his death delivered the world from sin, as the original paschal lamb's blood delivered the Israelites from the destroying angel. And Jesus is also the Servant of God described in Isaiah as being led without complaint like a lamb before the shearers, a man of sorrows who 'bore the sins of many and made intercession for the transgressors'. Thus at the beginning of his Gospel John outlines a whole Christology:

Jesus is the eternally existing One, who is to die as the Paschal Lamb and Suffering Servant for the sins of men and women, and then pour forth the Holy Spirit on a new Israel.

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 Saviour 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 Saviour lives.

On Eagles' Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust."

**And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear.
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

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.**

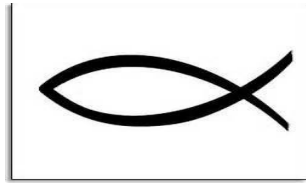
I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
Who will speak my word to them
Whom shall I send?

O God, Almighty Father

O God Almighty Father, Creator of all things,
The Heavens stand in wonder,
While earth Thy glory sings.

**O most Holy Trinity, Undivided Unity;
Holy God, Mighty God,
God Immortal, be adored.**

O Jesus, Word Incarnate, Redeemer most adored,
All Glory, praise and honor,
Be Thine, our Sov'reign Lord.



Saturday, January 14th

5:00 pm.

Sunday, January 15th

8:30 am. Olivia, João & Fernando Machado

10:00 am. Community—Jaime de Sousa—José Carlos Silva—Victor Correia—Maria Ana Freitas—Cecilia & Manuel Aguiar Mederos

11:30 am. Simon D'Cruz

1:00 pm. Veneranda Damaso, parents & intentions of Natália Dâmaso

Monday, January 16th

9:00 am. Manuel de Amaral Morgado

6:00 pm. Ildeberto Camara

Tuesday, January 17th

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

Wednesday, January 18th

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm.

Thursday, January 19th

9:00 pm. Liberal Paul Silva

6:00 pm. Manuel & Maria Couto & family

Friday, January 20th

9:00 am. Marta da Silva & Maria Cordeiro

6:00 pm. José Pascoal

Saturday, January 21st

5:00 pm. Mariano Machado & souls in purgatory—Avelino Magalhães