

## Baptism

Baptism is a “birth” into the Christian community and, in this way, it is as solemn and important as birth itself. We need to have faith and we need to practice our faith, to really understand and appreciate it. It is not something else to “get done”. We don’t baptize because it is a tradition.

**Can a priest refuse to baptize my baby?** For pastoral reasons a priest may delay a baptism but if he follows the Church guidelines he should never deny it. And if he is “one of those”, please don’t take it too personal... just ask another priest. At St. Mary’s we can always talk about it and find a way to help.

### **My baby was baptized at birth because of illness. Can he be baptized again?**

No. Baptism can not be repeated. We can not become what we already are. However it is desirable that you have a celebration in the church, with godparents, and share in the prayers and blessings which are part of the baptismal ceremony.

**Who can be a godparent?** For obvious reasons only practicing Roman Catholics can be godparents. Although one of the godparents who is a member of another Christian community may stand as a Christian witness.

An unbeliever or a person that says to be Catholic but does not practice, cannot be a godparent. We cannot take the “god” out of “godparent”. Before baptism parents and godparents have to declare their faith. It’s all part of the package. One should never stand in front of a church full of people and make promises that one has no intention of keeping.

In the Early Church, baptism was mostly for adults, but with the rapid growth of Christianity around the third and fourth centuries, the practice of baptizing infants became very common. However, times have changed. We live now in a secular age and the need for adult baptism is back (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Adults wanting to join the Church do it at the Easter Vigil. After being properly instructed, they are baptized, confirmed and make their first Communion. For them there is no need for godparents, only a sponsor, and again practicing is part of the package.

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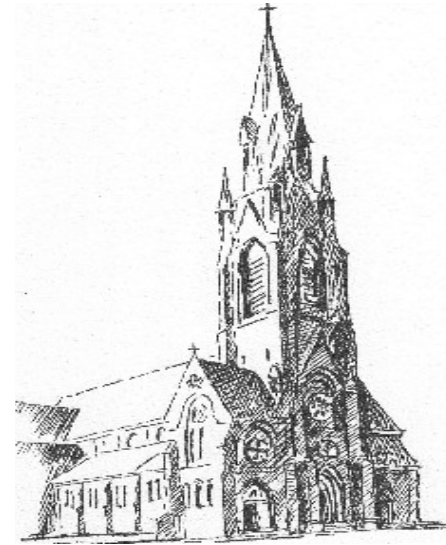
### **To the Elderly of our Community**

It is very important for the elderly people of our community to carry their name, address and the telephone number of a family member with them in case of an emergency. Please make sure you have it on you at any time you leave the house.



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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

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

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Santo Cristo Association

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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



## IV Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2023

*First Reading (Zeph 2:3;3:12-13)* The prophet holds out hope of salvation for those who seek God, and who practice integrity and humility.

*Second Reading (1 Cor 1:26-31)* God chooses the poor, the weak, and the lowly, people who are conscious of their limitations, and who therefore rely on God rather than on themselves.

**Psalm: *Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.***

*Gospel (Mt 5:1-12)* We see the values Christ preached and lived—values he wishes to see in his followers.

In these readings it is not starvation and misery that are being blessed these are evil things. What is being blessed is reliance on God. Only God can fill our emptiness, only God can satisfy the hunger of our hearts. Those who put their trust in human things will be disappointed. Those who put their trust in God will not be disappointed. God becomes the champion of the poor, the weak, and the lowly, who practice integrity and humility.

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### Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday, February 11th, is Our Lady of Lourdes day. It is also known as “World day of the Sick”. Let us pray for all the sick and for their caregivers.

### Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow,  
they shall be consoled.

**Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you; holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the Kingdom of God!**

Blest are they, the lowly ones;  
they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;  
they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy;  
mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart;  
they shall see God!

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### 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.

### One Bread, One Body

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many,  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all.

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### Glory And Praise To Our God

**Glory and praise to our God,  
Who alone gives light to our days.  
Many are the blessings He bears,  
To those who trust in His ways.**

We the daughters and sons of Him,  
Who built the valleys and plains.  
Praise the wonders our God has done,  
In every heart that sings.

In His wisdom He strengthens us,  
Like gold that's tested in fire.  
Though the power of sin prevails,  
Our God is there to save.

### Mass Intentions For This Week

#### Saturday, January 28th

**5:00 pm.** Manuel & António Faria—António & Maria Oliveira—Thanksgiving Mass for Maria Vasquez

#### Sunday, January 29th

**8:30 am.** Raimundo Soares—Maria Gouveia

**10:00 am.** Community—Santo Cristo Association—Grandparents of Manuel & Ana da Silva — Henriqueta Rebelo—Maria de Fatima Silva

**11:30 am.** Angelo & José Medeiros—Ana Carvalho—Patricia Pinto—Artur Brum—Joaquim Lebre

**1:00 pm.**

#### Monday, January 30th

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

**6:00 pm.** Nelson de Melo

#### Tuesday, January 31st

**9:00 am.** Intention of Filomena & Jame Melo

**6:00 pm.** Pierre Claver, Jean D’Arc, Alexandre & Richard Kayumba

#### Wednesday, February 1st

**9:00 am.** Praise to St. Amaro, Our Lady of Grace & Blessed Vicente Maria

**6:00 pm.** Henriqueta Rebelo

#### Thursday, February 2nd

**9:00 pm.** Danny Batista, Fernando Menezes & souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.** Aline Dorval

#### Friday, February 3rd

**9:00 am.** All souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.** Nuno Pereira & Francisco José do Rego

#### Saturday, February 4th

**5:00 pm.** Mariampillai & Jessie Edward—Teófilo Ponte