

LENT

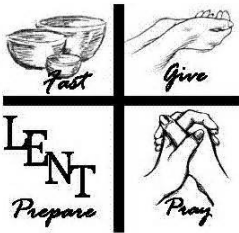
Because the date of Easter (Páscoa) varies with the lunar calendar used in Jewish tradition to determine the date of Passover, the date for the beginning of Lent, counted forty days back from Easter, also varies.

The first general church council in 325 decided to celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the first full moon of the spring equinox. Consequently, the feast can fall on any Sunday between March 22nd and April 25th.

Ash Wednesday ushers the beginning of Lent and can happen anytime between February 4th and March 10th. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence and on this day the Gospel reminds us of the need for prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Most Catholics take Ash Wednesday very seriously. We go to church to be marked with ashes on our foreheads as a sign of our need for conversion and our willingness to enter into this season of repentance and prayer.

During Lent we try to improve our spiritual lives. We “give up” a particular food or habit and improve our spiritual lives. We practice self-discipline. We forgive and ask for forgiveness. We reach out to the poor and in our Archdiocese of Toronto we donate to Share-Life.



**Ash Wednesday**

On Wednesday, February 22nd, Ash Wednesday, Lent begins. We will have three Masses 9:00 a.m. in Portuguese, 12:00 (noon) and 6:00 p.m. in English.

**Turkey and Syria Earthquake—Humanitarian Relief**

Those wishing to help may do so in the following ways:

Online through the Archdiocese of Toronto website—<https://www.archtoronto.org/en/contact-us/donations/donate-pages/donate-to-turkiye-and-syria-relief/>

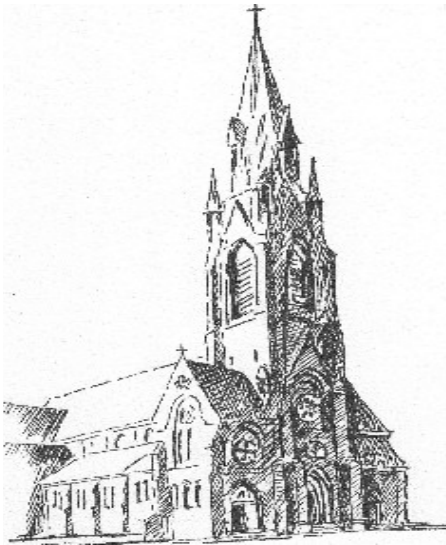
By phone through the Development Office—416-934-3411

Through the parish, making cheques payable to:  
Name of Parish—Turkey and Syria Earthquake—Humanitarian Relief

Please continue to pray for those who have died and for those displaced because of this tragic disaster in both Turkey and Syria.

# St. Mary's Church

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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

**Santo Cristo Band (Hall)** 416-703-2231  
Paul Valerio (President) 647-998-5916

**Santo Cristo Association**  
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



VI Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2023

*First Reading (Eccles 15:15-20)* God has given us the freedom to choose to do good or evil, to choose life or death.

*Second Reading (1 Cor 2:6-10)* True wisdom comes from God, and reveals the wonderful things God has prepared for those who love him.

**Psalm: *Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!***

*Gospel (Mt 5:17-37)* Jesus proposes new standards of goodness for his disciples. Jesus says, “If you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering.” Murder and adultery are born in the heart. Jesus reinterprets the fifth commandment so that it embraces those angry feelings and emotions which may lead up to murder. And he reinterprets the sixth commandment so that it embraces lustful thoughts and desires which may lead to sexual sin and infidelity.

This Day God Gives Me

This day God gives me strength of high heaven,  
Sun and moon shining, Flame in my hearth,  
Flashing of lightning, Wind in its swiftness,  
Depths of the ocean, Firmness of earth.

This day God sends me strength to sustain me,  
Might to uphold me, Wisdom as guide.  
Your eyes are watchful, Your ears are listening,  
Your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.

God's way is my way, God's shield is 'round me,  
God's host defends me, Saving from ill.  
Angels of heaven, Drive from me always  
All that would harm me, Stand by me still.



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.

Taste and See

**Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.  
O taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord  
for God has been so good to me.

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord who answered me;  
from all my troubles I was set free.

Worship the Lord, all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
in God we need put all our trust.

Lord Jesus, Of You I Will Sing

Lord Jesus, of you  
I will sing as I journey,  
I'll tell all my brothers  
about you wherever I go:  
You alone are man's life  
and his peace and his love.  
Lord Jesus, of you  
I will sing as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you  
as long as I journey.  
May all of my joy  
be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea  
and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you  
as long as I journey.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 11th

**5:00 pm.** Mariannina Mariconda—Lenea Maria Rocha

Sunday, February 12th

**8:30 am.** Olivia, João & Fernando Machado

**10:00 am.** Community—Jaime de Sousa—José Carlos Silva—  
José Gomes Pinheiro—Abel Braga Ferreira—Maria Sousa—  
Beatriz Ferreira, spouse & father, Joaquim Clemente & spouse

**11:30 am.** Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente

**1:00 pm.** Luis Augusto Ribeiro Raposo—Cristiano & Mercês  
Ventura, Domingos & Evangelina Arruda, souls in purgatory—  
Luis Teves

Monday, February 13th

**9:00 am.** Siblings of Carlos Arruda

**6:00 pm.** Intention of Ernesto & Odilia Correia

Tuesday, February 14th

**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.** Ildeberto Camara

Wednesday, February 15th

**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.** Chantal Ntumba

Thursday, February 16th

**9:00 pm.** Manuel de Amaral Morgado

**6:00 pm.** Albertina Gaspar

Friday, February 17th

**9:00 am.** Mariano de Sousa Rodrigues

**6:00 pm.** José Manuel Oliveira Correia, intention of Lucia Correia

Saturday, February 18th

**5:00 pm.** Mariano Machado, parents & siblings — Alex  
Eduardo Perez