

John of God Religious (1495-1550)

Having given up active Christian belief while a soldier, John was 40 before the depth of his sinfulness began to dawn on him.

He decided to give the rest of his life to God's service, and headed at once for Africa, where he hoped to free captive Christians and, possibly, be martyred.

He was soon advised that his desire for martyrdom was not spiritually well based, and returned to Spain and the relatively prosaic activity of a religious goods store. Yet he was still not settled. Moved initially by a sermon of Blessed John of Avila, he one day engaged in a public beating of himself, begging mercy and wildly repenting for his past life.

Committed to a mental hospital for these actions, John was visited by Blessed John who advised him to be more actively involved in tending to the needs of others rather than in enduring personal hardships. John gained peace of heart, and shortly after left the hospital to begin work among the poor.

He established a house where he wisely tended to the needs of the sick poor, at first doing his own begging. But excited by the saint's great work and inspired by his devotion, many people began to back him up with money and provisions. Among them were the archbishop and marquis of Tarifa.

Behind John's outward acts of total concern and love for Christ's sick poor was a deep interior prayer life which was reflected in his spirit of humility. These qualities attracted helpers who, 20 years after John's death, formed the Brothers Hospitallers, now a worldwide religious order.

ShareLife

All over the world, Catholics donate to charities during Lent.

Jesus said "whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, you do unto me."

ShareLife agencies help people get on their feet in hard times, while respecting their dignity.

Our first ShareLife collection will be taken on March 26th.

Later we will have another on April 30th and the final on June 4th.

St. Mary's Church

Rev. Msgr. Fernando Couto (Pastor)
Rev. Fr. João 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)

Paul Valerio (President) 416-703-2231
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

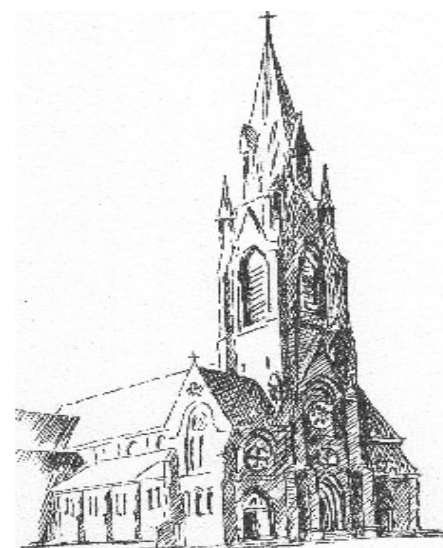
Confessions

Every day before Mass, except on Sunday

Schools

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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



II Sunday of Lent

March 5, 2023

First Reading (Gen 12:1-4) This tells of the call of Abraham. Thanks to his faith in God the whole human race has been blessed.

Psalm: *Let your love be upon us, Lord, even as we hope in you.*

Second Reading (2 Tim 1:8-10) The power of God and the vision of immortality enable the Christian to face the sufferings which faithfulness to the Gospel inevitably brings.

Gospel (Mt 4:1-11) On Mount Tabor the three disciples get a glimpse of the glory of Jesus.

Each year on the second Sunday of Lent the Church puts before us the transfiguration of Jesus. His face shone and his clothes became dazzlingly white. We too can experience transfiguration. Virtue transfigures us. But sin disfigures us. Let us turn to the Lord for the help we need so that we can transfigure our lives by the practice of virtue.

Day of Confession

Friday, March 24th, from 10:30 to 12:00 noon, and 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Lift High the Cross

**Lift high the cross
The love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world
Adore His sacred name.**

Come, Christians, follow
Where our captain trod,
Your King victorious,
Christ, the Son of God.

Led on their way
By this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God
In conquering ranks combine.



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.

Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert
but you shall not die of thirst;
You shall wander far in safety
though you do not know the way;
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
and all will understand--
You shall see the face of God and live.

**Be not afraid, I go before you always
Come follow me, and I will give you rest.**

If you pass through raging waters
in the sea you shall not drown;
If you walk amid the burning flames
you shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the power of hell
and death is at your side,
know that I am with you through it all.

Blessed are your poor
for the kingdom shall be theirs
Blest are you that weep and mourn
for one day you shall laugh
And if wicked men insult and hate you
all because of me
blessed, blessed are you!

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 The Week

Saturday, March 4th

5:00 pm. Maria da Conceição Medeiros—Maria da Conceição Sousa

Sunday, March 5th

8:30 am. Maria Natália & Manuel Raposo

10:00 am. Community—José Luis & Maria Teresa Branco—Judy da Silva—Abel Braga Ferreira—Antônio Rodrigues Marcos

11:30 am. Intention of José Arruda & Joshua Medeiros—Maria Olivia Moreira

1:00 pm. Glória Dâmaso & family of Natália Dâmaso—Alfredo Castro

Monday, March 6th

9:00 am. Mario Gomes Ferreira, family intentions for all young people

6:00 pm. Intention of José Arruda & Joshua Medeiros

Tuesday, March 7th

9:00 am. Manuel de Amorim

6:00 pm. Alfredo da Ponte Garcia & Francisca Paiva

Wednesday, March 8th

9:00 am. Ermelinda Arruda

6:00 pm. Luis Augusto Ribeiro Raposo

Thursday, March 9th

9:00 pm. Manuel Cordeiro, spouse & family

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

Friday, March 10th

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory—Intention of Trisha Thomas

Saturday, March 11th

5:00 pm. Intention of Marcus Rafael Guerra—Maria Edemeia da Silva