

Stations of the Cross

During the time of the crusades (1095-1270), it became popular for pilgrims to the Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of Jesus to Calvary. In the next two centuries, after the Moslems recaptured the Holy Land, pilgrimages were too dangerous. A substitute pilgrimage, the Stations of the Cross, became a popular outdoor devotion throughout Europe during the Middle Ages. They represented critical events from Scripture or tradition of Jesus' journey to Calvary and varied in number from 5 to 20 until the 18th century when Pope Clement XII fixed the number to 14. In the mid 18th century, the Stations of the Cross were allowed inside churches. That's when the Stations became a familiar feature in all Catholic churches. After the Second Vatican Council, in the 1960s, it became popular to add a fifteenth Station representing the Resurrection of Jesus.

Sacred Triduum

Originally, there was no Holy Week. The Pascha (Páscoa) or Easter was celebrated in the context of a single day. It began with the sunset on the Sabbath evening and continued until dawn of Sunday, the first day of the week.

By the 5th century, the Paschal Mystery was extended to three days starting on Holy Thursday evening. With Constantine and the end of persecution of Christians, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, were all enforced as holy days. It was also a tradition that those in prison be pardoned.

For the first three centuries the Easter Vigil was the only feast observed by all Christian communities. Easter is the oldest feast of the Church.

Day of Confession

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

Via Sacra

Every Friday during Lent we will have the Via Sacra (Stations of the Cross) at 6:30 p.m.

ShareLife

Lent is a time to repent and be generous. Let us pray for all those in need during this Lent season.

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

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Paul Valerio (President) 647-998-5916

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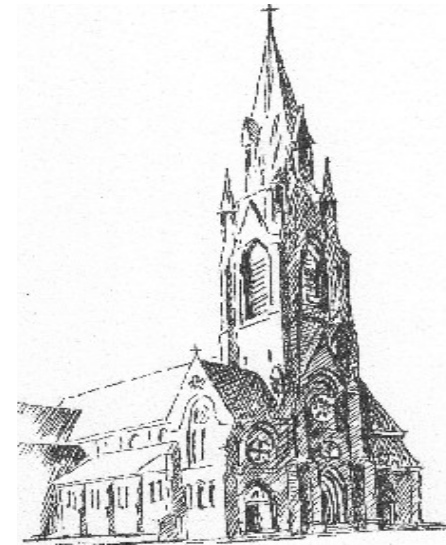
Volunteer Co-ordinator
Delia Medeiros (contact the parish)

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

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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



III Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

First Reading (Ex. 17, 3-7) Despite their ingratitude, God shows his care for his people by providing water for them in the desert.

Psalm: O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!

Second Reading (Rom 5,1-2.5-8) God has proved his extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel (Jn 4,5-42) In today's Gospel we read about the moving encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. As the Israelites journeyed through the desert, Moses provided them with the life-saving gift of ordinary water. Jesus, the new Moses, gives the people something infinitely better—'living water', a share in the very life of God. One theme runs through all three of today's readings. It is a very important and comforting theme. You could say that it is the heart of the Good News. That theme is: we are loved in our sins.

Sing A New Song

**Sing a new song unto the Lord,
Let your song be sung
from the 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 Savior now has come
He has turned your sorrow to joy
And filled your soul with song.



All That I Am

All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.
All that I dream, all that I pray,
All that I'll ever make, I give to you today.

Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honor, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
Is enough reward.

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

**You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat,
Come give to us, O saving Lord,
the bread of life to eat.**

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,
They know and heed his voice;
So when You call Your family, Lord,
We follow and rejoice.

With joyful lips we sing to You,
Our praise and gratitude,
That You should count us worthy Lord,
To share this heavenly food.

The mystery of Your presence Lord,
No mortal tongue can tell;
Whom all the world cannot contain
Comes in our hearts to dwell.

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.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, March 11th

5:00 pm. Intention of Marcus Rafael Guerra—Maria Edemeia da Silva—Praise to Santo Cristo—Pasqualina Gemmini

Sunday, March 12th

8:30 am. Nelissa da Silva

10:00 am. Community—Victor Ferreira—Agostinho Vieira & Maria Adelaide Nunes Pereira & children

11:30 am. Angelo Medeiros, father and aunts—Antônio Silva

1:00 pm.

Monday, March 13th

9:00 am. Carlos Sousa

6:00 pm. Ildeberto Camara

Tuesday, March 14th

9:00 am. Uncles of Rosa Mota

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

Wednesday, March 15th

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Judy da Silva

Thursday, March 16th

9:00 pm. Manuel de Amaral Morgado

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

Friday, March 17th

9:00 am. Henriqueta, José & João Rebelo

6:00 pm. Luciano & Rosa Borges, parents, siblings & souls in purgatory

Saturday, March 18th

5:00 pm. José Manuel Oliveira Correia & intention of Lucia Correia— Mariano Machado— Teófilo Ponte—Maria dos Anjos da Silva