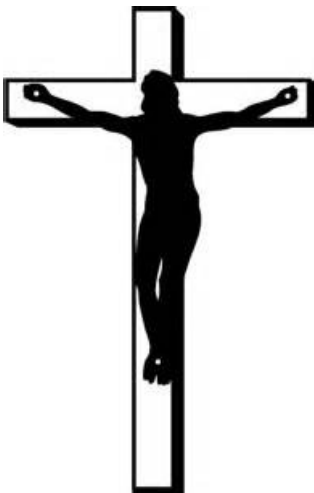


THE CRUCIFIX

The most widely used sacramental for Catholics is the crucifix. And a crucifix is a cross upon which the body of Christ is shown: nailed to it. Most Catholics feel that the cross without Christ tends to become an idea rather than the real-life event of Jesus’ death.



The history of the cross and the crucifix is a long one. Constantine, Roman emperor of the early 300s, claimed that he dreamt of a cross and was told that “in this sign you will conquer”. He ordered the sign of the cross to be put on all soldiers’ shields, and then won the battle by which he became the emperor of Rome. Although he was not a Christian, he liberated the church, making Christianity a legal religion in the empire, and brought an end to the persecution of Christians.

Since then, the cross became the universal symbol of Catholicism. Actually there are so many varieties of the cross in use. But when did the cross become a crucifix? Well, sometime in the Middle Ages the body of Jesus was affixed to the cross and the image became known as a crucifix.

The crucifix became one of the most recognized symbols of the Catholic Religion. Catholics display the crucifix prominently on their churches, homes, cars, as pendants around their neck, etc.

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 take place next weekend, March 26th.

Thank you in advance for your generous donations. God Bless.

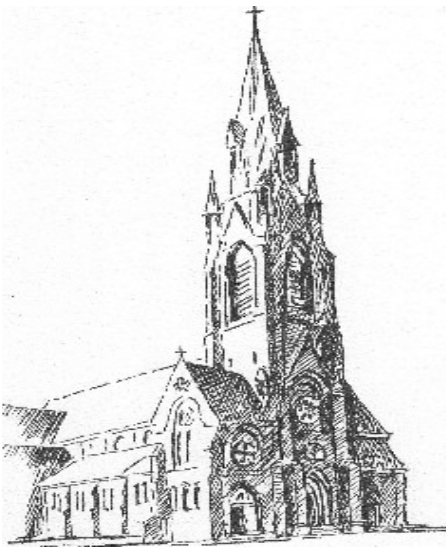
Later we will have another on April 30th and the final on June 4th.

Day of Confession

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

St. Mary's Church

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



588 Adelaide St. W.
Toronto, On. M6J 3P8
Tel: 416-703-2326 Fax: 416-703-4196
Email: stmaryschurch2@rogers.com
Website: stmarysbathurst.archtoronto.org

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



IV Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

First Reading (1 Sam 16:1.6-7.10-13) God choose David, the least of Jesse's sons, to be king of Israel. While people look at appearances, God looks at the heart.

Psalm: *The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want.*

Second Reading (Eph 5:8-14) Paul tells the Ephesians that now that Christ has enlightened them, they must adopt a lifestyle in keeping with their new state.

Gospel (Jn 9:1-41) Jesus, the light of the world, not only gives sight to the physically blind, but the light of faith to the spiritually blind. There is a frightening amount of darkness in the world today. But the Gospel of today's Mass contains the wonderful words of Christ: 'I am the light of the world.' Christ is indeed the light of the world and of our lives.

Parish Council

On Thursday, March 23rd, we will have our Parish Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

City of God

Awake from your slumber,
arise from your sleep
A new day is dawning
for all those who weep.
The people in darkness
have seen a great light
The Lord of our longing
has conquered the night.

**Let us build the city of God
May our tears be turned into dancing.
For the Lord, our light and our love
Has turned the night into day.**

We are sons of the morning,
we are daughters of day
The One who has loved us
has brightened our way.
The Lord of all kindness
has called us to be
A light for all people
to set their hearts free.

Whatsoever You Do

**Whatsoever you do
to the least of my brothers
That you do unto me.**

When I was hungry you gave me to eat,
When I was thirsty you gave to drink.
Now enter into the home of my Father.

When I was homeless and
strange in this land,
Searching for kindness,
you held out your hand.
Now enter into the home of my Father.

I am the Bread of Life

I am the Bread of Life
You who come to Me shall not hunger;
And who believe in Me shall not thirst,
No one can come to Me
Unless the Father beckons.

**And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up,
And I will raise you up, On the last day!**

The bread that I will give
Is My flesh for the life of the world,
And if you eat of this Bread,
You shall live forever, you shall live forever!

Unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of His Blood, and drink of His Blood,
You shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection,
I am the Life if you believe in Me,
Even though you die, You shall live forever.

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.

Mass Intentions For The Week Saturday, March 18th

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

Sunday, March 19th

8:30 am. Olivia, João & Fernando Machado

10:00 am. Community—Maria Fátima Melo—Jaime de Sousa—José Carlos Silva—Liberal Silva, Carlos Luis Pereira—Afonso & Maria da Conceição Medeiros— Intentions of Paul & José Sousa & Adelaide Sweeney— Brother and in-laws of Maria da Silva—Irene Loureiro— Thanksgiving to St. Joseph—Hermano, Carminda & Maria de Jesus Ferreira & José Oliveira—Maria Boaventura Pereira—Jorge Pinheiro

11:30 am. Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente—Artur, Maria & Luisa Cabral—Manuel Laurentino Silva—St. Joseph—Sonia Santos

1:00 pm. Sacred Heart of Jesus—St. Joseph & Holy Souls—Francisco Dâmaso & family of Natália Damâso— Luis Cabral & José Teves—Mercês, Cristiano Ventura & Manuel Trindade, souls in purgatory

Monday, March 20th

9:00 am. St. Joseph

6:00 pm. St. Joseph

Tuesday, March 21st

9:00 am. Liberal Paul Silva

6:00 pm. Ermelinda Arruda

Wednesday, March 22nd

9:00 am. Maria, Jorge & Maria da Conceição Sousa

6:00 pm. Manuel & Maria Couto & family

Thursday, March 23rd

9:00 pm. Nancy, Ricardo & Horácio Costa & family

6:00 pm. Mary Celmira & Alida Rita Delgado

Friday, March 24th

9:00 am. Rosária Ferreira

6:00 pm. António & Maria José Medeiros & family

Saturday, March 25th

5:00 pm. Manuel & António Faria—Maria Rosalinda Rego —João Rodrigues & in-laws—Intention of Kevin Dasheney