

I BELIEVE

I believe in death.
I believe that it is part of life.
I believe that we are born to die,
to die that we may live more fully;
born to die a little each day
to selfishness, to pretence, and to sin.
I believe that every day we pass
from one stage of life to another,
something in us dies and something in us new is born.
I believe we taste death in moments of loneliness,
rejection, sorrow, disappointment, and failure.
I believe that we are dying before our time
when we live in bitterness, in hatred, and in isolation.
I believe that each day we are crating our own death
by the way we live.
For those with faith, death is not extinguishing the light;
it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come. (Anon.)



ShareLife

Today we will have our first ShareLife collection for this year. We thank you in advance for your generous donations. May God Bless you.

Holy Week Schedule

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

April 3, 4 and 5 from 3:00—6:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8:00 p.m. (English-Portuguese).

Good Friday

Passion of Our Lord at 1:00 p.m. in English and 3:00 p.m. in Portuguese. Via Sacra at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 p.m. (English-Portuguese).

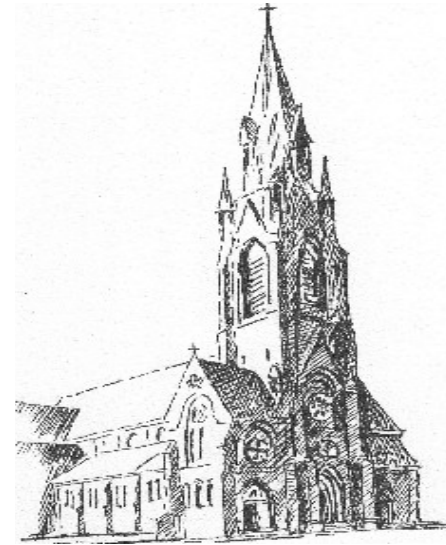
Easter Sunday

Mass schedule is 8:30 am and 10:00 am in Portuguese, 11:30 am and 1:00 p.m. in English.



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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)

Paul Valerio (President) 416-703-2231
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Santo Cristo Association

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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



V Sunday of Lent

March 26, 2023

First Reading (Ezek 37:12-14) The exile of the people to Babylon is described in terms of death. And their return home is described in terms of resurrection and spiritual renewal.

Psalm: *With the Lord there is steadfast love and great power to redeem.*

Second Reading (Rom 8:8-11) It was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. Now this same Spirit lives in us.

Gospel (Jn 11:1-45) By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus shows that he is Lord of life and death. Jesus is the source of life, not just physical life, but the undying life of God. This new life is not a mere future hope but a present reality which physical death, despite appearances, does not negate. The key phrase in the story is: 'I am the resurrection and the life.' The delay in coming to Martha and Mary, and the fact that Lazarus has been dead for four days, serve to underline the point the evangelist is making, namely, that Jesus is the Master of life and death.

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.

Each newborn servant
Of the Crucified bears on the brow
The seal of Him who died.

I Will Sweep Away Your Transgressions

**I will sweep away your
transgressions like a cloud
And your sins will be
to me like a mist dissolved
So return to me, I will heal you,
for I love you.**

If you say to me: "Father I am blind"
If you say to me "I can't see."
I will be your light,
I'll restore your sight,
Place all your darkness in me.

If you say to me "I'm in prison Lord
Imprisoned by my fears."
Then I'll come to you,
I will comfort you,
Let me wipe away your tears.

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.

Prayer of St. Francis

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love
Where there is injury, Your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt, true faith in You

Make me a channel of Your peace
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

Mass Intentions For This Week

Saturday, March 25th

5:00 pm. Manuel & António Faria—Maria Rosalinda Rego—João Rodrigues & in-laws—Deceased family members of Fernandes & Pompeu families—Intention of Kevin Dashney—António Manuel Medeiros—Felix Labarda

Sunday, March 26th

8:30 am. Raimundo Soares, parents, in-laws & family

10:00 am. Community—Santo Cristo Association—Anna Mondello Pimentel—Jorge Pinheiro—Gil Maiato—António Ferreira—José de Amaral

11:30 am. Ana Carvalho—Bruce Bones

1:00 pm.

Monday, March 27th

9:00 am. Intention of Filomena & Jamie Melo

6:00 pm. Nelson de Melo

Tuesday, March 28th

9:00 am. Intentions of Fátima, Andy & Elaina Medeiros

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

Wednesday, March 29th

9:00 am. Ildeberto Pimentel

6:00 pm. John Di Florio

Thursday, March 30th

9:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm.

Friday, March 31st

9:00 am. Artur Cordeiro Amarelo

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

Saturday, April 1st

5:00 pm. António Rodrigues Marcos—Vera Denty, Genoveva & Franco De Miglio—Henriqueta Rebelo—Sabrina Gomes Campana—Alda Jacob