

Permanent Diaconate

What is a Permanent Deacon? Permanent Deacons assist parish priests in addition to providing spiritual support to the community, for which they're ordained. (ie. Hospital Ministry, Prison Chaplaincy, etc.)

Permanent deacons are married or single men over the age of 35. After ordination, they must make specific commitments of time and talent to the Church without compromising their family responsibilities.

Although some deacons are single, the vast majority are married and share their dedication to ministry with their wives. As part of their vows for ordination, married deacons may not remarry if their spouse passes on. Those not married before ordination are not able to marry and make promises to remain celibate. Deacons' wives are an important part of their formation process, with the couple going through much of the process together.

Is this their full-time job? Permanent Deacons often hold secular full-time jobs in addition to their duties as deacons. Apart from their service at their assigned Catholic parish, they will spend countless hours of ministry in prisons, hospitals, seniors' homes and other areas where people cannot normally attend church.

Can a Deacon celebrate Mass? No. Only a priest or bishop may celebrate Mass. A deacon reads the Gospel and preaches when required. Deacons can baptize, witness marriages and preside at wake services and funerals as well in addition to assisting the priest at the Eucharist.

First Communion

Today we will have the First Communion for the children from St. Mary Elementary School. Congratulations to all the children and their families. May God Bless and guide them.

Next Sunday, April 30th, we will have the First Communions for the children attending Bishop MacDonell School at 1:00 p.m.

Confirmation

Congratulations to all our young adults that received their Confirmation yesterday. May God bless them and their families.

ShareLife

For our first ShareLife collection taken up March 25/26, we received \$7,240.00. A sincere thank you for your generosity.

We will have our second ShareLife collection next weekend, April 29/30. The third and final ShareLife collection for this year, will be on the weekend of June 3/4.

Thank you all for your continuous support towards ShareLife.

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) 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

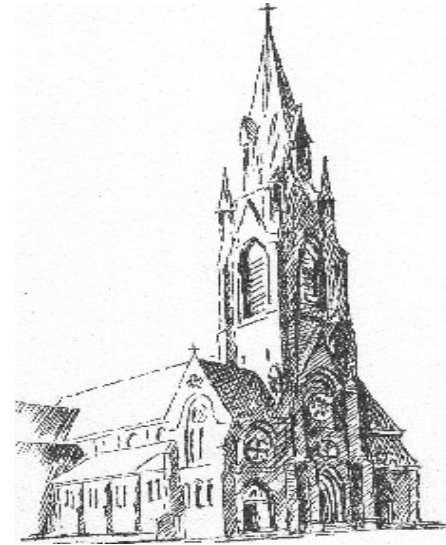
Volunteer Co-ordinator
Delia Medeiros (contact the parish)

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



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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 Easter

April 23, 2023

First Reading (Acts 2:14-22-28) On the feast of Pentecost, Peter preaches to the Jews about the resurrection of Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Second Reading (1 Pet 1:17-21) The benefits we enjoy as Christians were won by Christ through the shedding of his blood. Our response should be a life of holiness.

Gospel (Lk 24:13-35) By the time Luke wrote his Gospel half a century had gone by since the Lord's death and resurrection. So his readers might look back with envy at the people who were fortunate enough to have seen the risen Lord with their own eyes. But in this story Luke makes the point that those who were in that enviable position did not truly know Jesus until the Scriptures were expounded and the bread was broken.

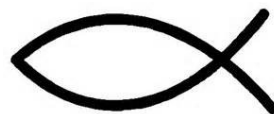
The Christians of Luke's time had those same means of recognizing the Lord—the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread. And so have Christians ever since, for the Scriptures and the Eucharist are the essential components of our Sunday service. In the matter of encountering Jesus with faith, a past generation is no more privileged than the present one.

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!



Eye Has Not Seen

**Eye has not seen, ear has not heard
what God has ready for those who love him;
Spirit of love, come, give us the mind
of Jesus, teach us the wisdom of God.**

When pain and sorrow weigh us down,
be near to us, O Lord,
forgive the weakness of our faith,
and bear us up within your peaceful word.

Our lives are but a single breath,
we flower and we fade,
yet all our days are in your hands,
so we return in love what love has made.

I Am the Bread of Life

I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me shall not hunger;
he who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw him.

**And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up on the last day.**

The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and he who eats of this bread,
he shall live for ever,
he shall live for ever.

Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you.

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 children 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 his people to set their hearts free.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 22

5:00 pm. 25th Anniversary of Paul & Sandra Medeiros—Mariano Machado & in-laws—Manuel & António Faria—João Rodrigues & parents—Gil Medeiros

Sunday, April 23

8:30 am.

10:00 am. Community—Maria Fátima Melo—José Gomes Pinheiro — António & Herminia Maiato — José Farias, parents & siblings—Intention of Maria Lidia Pereira Santos, Filomena Barroso & Alberto Moniz—Joaquim Miguel & Maria Pereira

11:30 am. Mary Celmira & Alida Rita Delgado

1:00 pm. First Communions

Monday, April 24

9:00 am. Rosária Ferreira

6:00 pm. Arcanjos Miguel, Rafael & Gabriel

Tuesday, April 25

9:00 am. Intention of Filomena & Jamie Melo

6:00 pm. Guilherme da Ponte

Wednesday, April 26

9:00 am. Intention of Marco, Alyssa & Avery Pereira

6:00 pm. Maria Filomena Silva

Thursday, April 27

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Nelson de Melo

Friday, April 28

9:00 am. Intention of Danny, Isabel, James & Chelsea Rodrigues

6:00 pm. Gilberto Gouveia

Saturday, April 29

5:00 pm. Thanksgiving Mass for Rani Barredo—António Joaquim Correia, deceased family of Filomena Correia