

## LAUDATO SI

Pope Francis is calling for a new definition of progress and for fossil fuels to be phased out because of its “unprecedented destruction of ecosystems”.

The Pope’s 184 page encyclical, “Laudato Si” although addressed to Catholics, is really intended for the whole world.

Broken into six chapters, the encyclical catalogues a host of ills wracking our planet: dirty air, polluted water, industrial fumes, toxic waste, rising sea levels and extreme weather.

In the encyclical Pope Francis stresses that it is the poor of the world that end up paying the price for the excesses of the very rich.

The rich and powerful shut themselves up within self-enclosed enclaves, the Pope argues, compulsively consuming the latest good to feed the emptiness within their hearts, while ignoring the plight of the poor.

“The pace of consumption, waste and environmental change has so stretched the planet’s capacity that our contemporary lifestyle, unsustainable as it is, can only precipitate catastrophes, such as those which even now periodically occur in different areas of the world”.

It is no surprise that this encyclical upsets some right wing politicians who insist on not seeing climate change as a major threat to our lives and to the future of generations to come.

This is the first encyclical a pope has written on the environment and it cannot be ignored. It goes as far as calling on the world’s rich countries to begin paying their “grave social debt” to the poor and to take concrete steps on climate change. The language of this encyclical is clear and simple.

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### Santo Cristo Festival

Next Weekend we will have the Santo Cristo Festival. This feast has been celebrated in our parish since 1966. All are welcome.

#### Saturday, May 13th:

**Procession around the church at 5:30 p.m. with Mass following in Portuguese.**

#### Sunday, May 14th:

**Mass will be at 1:00 p.m. in Portuguese followed by Procession at 3:30 p.m.**

Angel dresses for children are still available, please contact the parish office.

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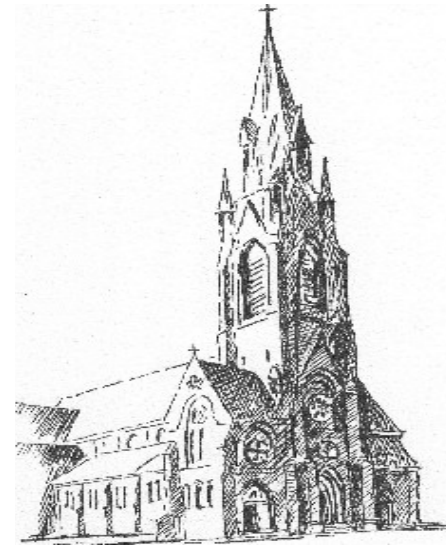
### ShareLife

Last weekend we took up your donations towards the second ShareLife collection that gave us a total of \$4,300.00. Thank you for your generosity.



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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

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



## V Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2023

*First Reading (Acts 6:1-7)* We see the growth of the first Christian community, and how they sorted out in a peaceful and just manner the problems that inevitably arose.

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

*Second Reading (1 Pet 2:4-9)* This describes the responsibility and special dignity of the members of the Christian community.

*Gospel (Jn 14:1-12)* Jesus consoles his friends who are distressed over his words that he is going away.

We spend our lives searching for God, and groping our way towards him. To die is to find him, to meet him, and to see him. To die is to go to God, and to go to God is to go home.

### This Day God Gives Me

This day God gives me  
Strength of high heaven,  
Sun and moon shining,  
Flame in my hearth,  
Flashing of lightning,  
Wind in its swiftness,  
Deeps of the ocean,  
Firmness of earth.

This day God sends me  
Strength to sustain me,  
Might to uphold me,  
Wisdom as guide.  
Your eyes are watchful,  
Your ears are list'ning,  
Your lips are speaking,  
Friend at my side.

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### All That We Have

**All that we have and all that we offer  
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.  
Take what we bring now and give what we need.  
All done in his name.**

Some would rely on their power,  
Others put trust in their gold.  
Some have only their Savior,  
Whose faithfulness never grows old. Chorus

Sometimes the road may be lonesome,  
Often we may lose our way;  
Take courage and always remember  
Love isn't just for a day. Chorus

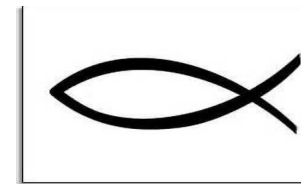
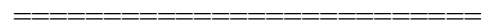
Sometimes when troubles are many,  
Life can seem empty, it's true,  
But look at the life of the Master,  
Who lovingly suffered for you.

### 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



### Immaculate Mary

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing.  
You reign now in heaven with Jesus our King.

**Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!  
Ave, Ave, Maria!**

In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;  
On earth we your children invoke your fair name.

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Saturday, May 6

**5:00 pm.** Thanksgiving for Samantha D'Souza & Daren Fernandes

#### Sunday, May 7

**8:30 am.** Nelissa da Mota

**10:00 am.** Community—Intention of José & Maria Pereira & children—José Luis & Maria Teresa Branco—Conceição & Libério Ledo—Jaime de Sousa—Judy da Silva—Abel Braga Ferreira—Maria do Anjos Medeiros Farias—Manuel Freitas & Maria Cecilia

**11:30 am.** Alfredo Castro

**1:00 pm.** Sebastian Medeiros—Gabriel Teves & Maria da Graça Moura — Thanksgiving to St. Anthony, souls in purgatory

#### Monday, May 8

**9:00 am.** Ermelinda Arruda

**6:00 pm.** Luis Augusto Ribeiro Raposo

#### Tuesday, May 9

**9:00 am.** Deceased family members of Sousa family

**6:00 pm.** Teresa Di Florio

#### Wednesday, May 10

**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.** Intentions of Fátima, Andy & Elaina Medeiros

#### Thursday, May 11

**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.**

#### Friday, May 12

**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory

**7:00 pm.**

#### Saturday, May 13

**5:30 pm.** Procession followed by Mass