

## Questions on Marriage

### **I am catholic but my fiancé is not. Does he have to convert before we can get married in the Catholic Church?**

No. If the only reason for one to convert is that he or she can have a “nice church wedding” the answer is no. People should only convert when they intend to practice their Catholic faith all the time.

A practicing roman Catholic can marry a non Catholic in the church providing that both are free to marry, know each other well, have the intention that it be for life and that the non Catholic respects the right of the catholic spouse to want to baptize their children.

If a Catholic marries another Christian (Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, etc.) permission is to be obtained from the Archdiocese and it is called a “Mixed Marriage”.

If a Catholic wants to marry a Jew, a Buddhist, a Muslim or a person of no-religion the permission requested in this case is for a marriage with “Disparity of Cult”.

In both previous cases the wedding is celebrated without Mass. The same applies for Catholics that don't practice their faith or have no understanding of the Eucharist.

### **Can a priest celebrate a wedding outside of a church, let's say in a park, a banquet hall or someone's house?**

No. The general rule is that Catholic weddings are to be celebrated in a church. However, there are exceptions, like when one is very sick and cannot make it to the church.

### **How soon should I contact my church in order to book my wedding?**

One year. First, talk to the parish priest, then look for a banquet hall.

### **What documents do I need?**

A recent copy of the baptism certificate, a confirmation certificate and proof of having taken a marriage preparation course. In some cases other documents may be required. Contact the church where your wedding will take place and the priest will guide you.

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### **Santo Cristo Festival**

Last weekend thousands of people came to our church for the feast of the “Ecce Homo” (Senhor Santo Cristo dos Milagres).

A special thank you to all the volunteers whom donated their time and hard work, also to everyone that participated in our beautiful procession in praise of Jesus, our King.

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**This Sunday, at the 1:00 p.m. Mass, the members of the Fraternity of the Holy Spirit will receive their blessings with the use of the symbolic crowns of the Holy Spirit.**

# St. Mary's Church

**Rev. Msgr. Fernando Couto (Pastor)**

**Rev. Fr. João Ferreira (Associate Pastor)**

**Parish Council**

**Parish Finance Council**

**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

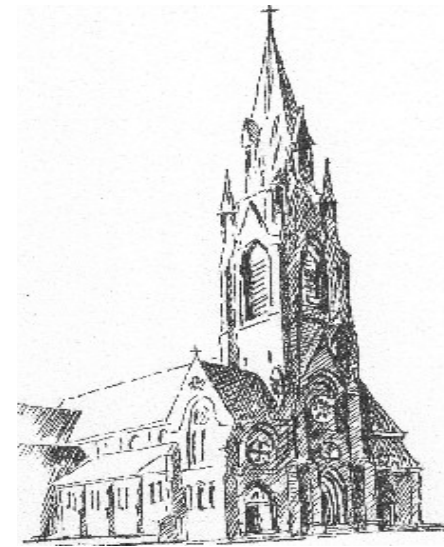
**Confessions**

Every day before Mass, except on Sunday

**Schools**

St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205

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### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Mon.– Fri. 8:30—12:00 and 1:00—4:00**

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### **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



## Ascension of the Lord

May 18, 2023

*First Reading (Acts 1:1-11)* This describes the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

**Responsorial Psalm: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

*Second Reading (Eph 1:17-23)* Here Paul describes the meaning of the Ascension: God raised Jesus above all earthly powers, and made him Head of the Church and Lord of creation.

*Gospel (Mt 28:16-20)* Jesus commissions the apostles to preach the Gospel to all nations, and promises to remain with them always. The ascension of Jesus is the climax of his victory over sin and death. It is a day of joy and hope. Jesus wants us to share in his victory. It's important to realize that he hasn't left us, but is still with us, helping us in our struggles.

## Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified;  
no angels in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends their burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

## O Sanctissima

O sanctissima, O piissima,  
Dulcis virgo Maria!  
Mater amata, intemerata,  
Ora, ora pro nobis.  
Tu solatium et refugium,  
Virgo mater Maria!  
Quidquid optamus, per te speramus,  
Ora, ora pro nobis.

## Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
His the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how;  
Though the cloud from sight received him,  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise?  
"I am with you evermore!"

## How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God  
When I, in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Saturday, May 20

**5:30 pm.** José Manuel Oliveira Correia, intention of Luica Correia—Mariano Machado—Manuel & António Faria—José Horácio Furtado—Aldora & Victor da Cunha—Herminia Branco — Leonel Moniz Cabral, pais, sogros e familiares—António dos Santos Garcia

### Sunday, May 21

**8:30 am.** Osvaldo Terceira

**10:00 am.** Community—Maria Fátima Melo—Louvor a N. S. de Fátima e Santo Cristo—Irene Loureiro e Irene Vitória—Intenção de Claire Virginia—Gabriel Teves, Maria Graça Pontes e almas do purgatório

**11:30 am.** Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente

**1:00 pm.** Nuno Pereira, pais e sogros—Louvor ao Divino Espirito Santo, intenção de Jorge Frias e Michael Cordeiro

### Monday, May 22

**9:00 am.** Intenções de Carlos Arruda

**6:00 pm. No Mass**

### Tuesday, May 23

**9:00 am.** Almas do purgatório

**6:00 pm.** Mary Celmira & Alida Rita Delgado

### Wednesday, May 24

**9:00 am.** Rosária Ferreira

**6:00 pm.** Verónica Franco

### Thursday, May 25

**9:00 am.** Almas do purgatório

**6:00 pm.** Ermelinda Arruda

### Friday, May 26

**9:00 am.** Vittorio e Attilia Bettio

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

### Saturday, May 27

**5:00 pm.** João Rodrigues—Manuel Laurentino Silva