

### ***A Feminine Face of God: Our Lady of Guadalupe***

Since the Guadalupe story is multi-layered and multi-dimensional, I would like to share just one of the many interpretations that has allowed her to convert and heal for over four hundred years. A young Mexican theologian told me that the Guadalupe story is a paradigm of the typical Mexican family. Juan Diego is the archetypal Mexican self-image: small, unimportant, unworthy, conquered. Juan Zummaraga, the archbishop, is the classic father: macho, cold, unbelieving, disconnected from the real life of the family. And the Lady of Guadalupe is the eternal feminine, madrecita, the heart, hope and strength of all new life. In their interaction, every Mexican sees the pattern lived out again—but now with a healing and victorious ending. The Mother believes in the little one, challenges him, yet makes him special and beloved in a converted love that he can understand. She empowers him to face again and again the distant father, finally revealing the inner and transcendent woman on his own chest—and the disbelieving father finally kneels at the boy’s feet. The dream of family is at last complete. No logic is offered, nor theological subtleties; just December roses given and received. God knew all along what feminist theologians are saying only now: Sometimes God’s face must be feminine. Maybe it is only “the Woman” who will be able to heal the wars, mistrust and status symbols that divide the children of God.

*From Radical Grace, “Our Lady of Guadalupe*

**Fr. João Ferreira will be leaving St. Mary’s by the end of this month, when priests moves takes place. Our Archbishop has given a new placement as Administrator for St. John Baptist Church and Associate Pastor at St. Anthony’s Church.**

**We thank Fr. João for all his work and dedication to St. Mary’s. He will be missed. May God bless him and guide him on his new ministry.**

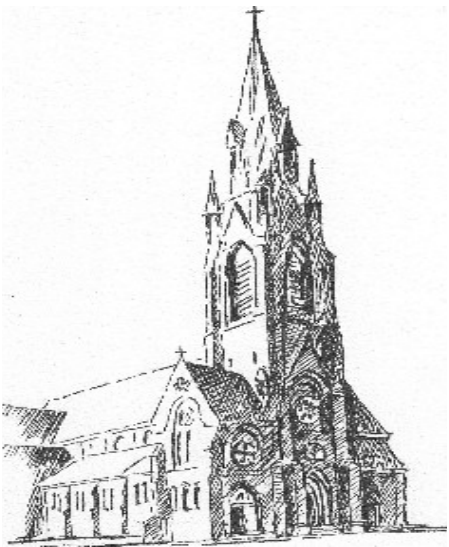
**Our new Associate Pastor will be Fr. Andre de Lima.**

### **Father’s Day**

Today is Father’s Day, let us pray for all fathers, that throughout their sacrifices in life they receive many blessings from God, and the respect and admiration of their children.

# ***St. Mary's Church***

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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**

**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

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Please contact the parish 416-703-2326

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**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



**XI Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**June 17, 2023**

*First Reading* (Exodus 19.1-6a).

*Psalm: We are his people: the sheep of his pasture.*

*Second Reading* (Romans 5.6-11).

*Gospel* (Matthew 9.36-10.8).

**POPE FRANCIS**

Weep not for what you lost,  
fight for what you have.  
Weep not for what is dead,  
fight for what was born in you.  
Weep not for the one who abandoned you,  
fight for who is with you.  
Weep not for your past,  
fight for your present struggle.  
Weep not for your suffering,  
fight for your happiness.

*With things that are happening to us, we begin to learn that nothing is impossible to solve, just move forward.*

**Here I Am, Lord**

I, the Lord of sea and sky  
I have heard my people cry  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save  
I have made the stars of night  
I will make their darkness bright  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night  
I will go, Lord if You lead me  
I will hold Your people in my heart**

I, the Lord of wind and flame  
I will tend the poor and lame  
I will set a feast for them  
My hand will save  
Finest bread I will provide  
'Til their hearts be satisfied  
I will give my life to them  
Whom shall I send?

**On Eagles' Wings**

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord  
Who abide in His shadow for life  
Say to the Lord, "My refuge,  
my rock in whom I trust!"

**And He will raise you up on eagles' wings  
Bear you on the breath of dawn  
Make you to shine like the sun  
And hold you in the palm of His hand**

The snare of the fowler will never capture you  
And famine will bring you no fear  
Under His wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield

**The Summons**

Will you come and follow me  
If I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
And never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
Will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown  
In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
Should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
In you and you in me?

**You Are the Voice**

**You are the voice of the living God,  
Calling us now to live in your love,  
To be children of God once again!**

1. Praise for the light  
that shines through the night,  
from darkness to light,  
from death to new life,  
and praise to the morning  
that brings forth the sun,  
to open our eyes to the Lord!  
To open our eyes to the Lord!
2. Praise for the water that springs from the sea,  
the seed that gives life to all who believe,  
God's love overflowing, our hearts know the joy  
to be daughters and sons of the Lord,  
to be daughters and sons of the Lord!

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, June 17**

**5:00 pm.** José Manuel Oliveira Correia, intention of Lucia Correia—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—Mariano Machado—Maria, Artur & Luisa Cabral — Leonel Moniz Cabral, parents, in-laws & family—Intention of John Guerra & Patria Rosal—Alcino Pinho

**Sunday, June 18**

**8:30 am.** Manuel & Francelina Mendonça

**10:00 am.** Community—Maria Fátima Melo—Manuel Medeiros—Maria das Dolores & spouse—Carmina Ferreira—António Pimentel—Serafim & Conceição Pereira—Maria da Estrela Brum—Maria Rosa & Manuel Herninio—António Amaral

**11:30 am.** Evaristo Raposo, parents living & deceased

**1:00 pm.** Monina Fajardo—Souls in purgatory—Vida de Omampo, Armando Hernandez, Bella Reyes

**Monday, June 19**

**9:00 am.** Liberal Paul Silva—Parents of Manuel Laurentino

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

**Tuesday, June 20**

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

**6:00 pm.** Manuel & Maria Couto & family

**Wednesday, June 21**

**9:00 am.** Parents of Ermelinda Arruda

**6:00 pm.** Souls in purgatory

**Thursday, June 22**

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

**6:00 pm.** Alfredo Sinopoli

**Friday, June 23**

**9:00 am.** Rosaria Ferreira

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

**Saturday, June 24**

**5:00 pm.** Manuel & António Faria—João Rodrigues & siblings—Maria Fátima Couto—Luciana Guilhermina Pereira, spouse, daughters & sons in-law