

**Missa Est**

The heart of the Catholic worship is the Eucharist or the Mass.  
The term ***Mass*** comes from the Latin words of dismissal at the end of the service:  
*Ite, missa est*, which translates to “Go, you are dismissed.”

Because Jesus had instructed his disciples to “do this in memory of me” (Luke 22:19), the infant church continued to re-enact Jesus’ Last Supper. Gradually, more prayers were added and Scripture readings expanded to include the Gospels, once they were put in written form.

We know that around the year 150 A.D., all the faithful took an active part in the Eucharist, with one person designated to preside. Only centuries later we see the “priest-celebrant” in the sanctuary distant from the congregation.

At the beginning, the Eucharist was in Aramaic, the dialect that Jesus and his followers spoke. Then, came the Greek, the language the Gospels were written and Saint Paul used when writing his letters. But, almost everybody in the Roman Empire spoke Latin, so Latin became the language of the Mass until once again it was not understood by most people. By then, the faithful had become silent spectators of a sacred drama and became busy with the private devotions such as the “rosary” during the Mass. Even today, we still see people saying the rosary during Mass.

In the third century, the bishop of Rome, Pope Calistus, abandoned Greek and adopted Latin, which was the common language of his flock. Eventually, this was applied to the wider church.

After the Vatican II, high priority was given to participation of the faithful in the Mass and world Catholic bishops, at the council, voted 1,922 to 11 to allow the Mass to be celebrated in the vernacular (native languages). Again, the reason for this is that we should be participants, not spectators.

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**Sunday School**

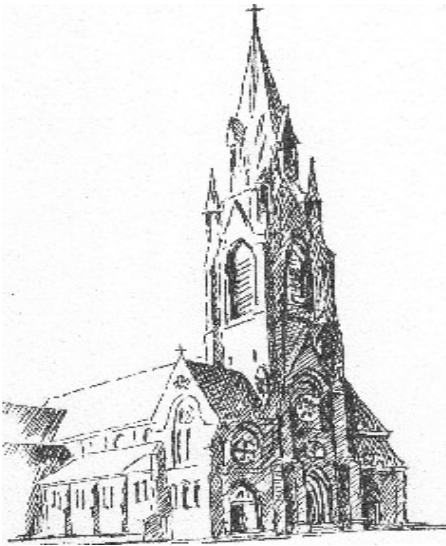
Sunday School registration for First Communion and Confirmation, can be done during the month of September. All registration forms must be completed, accompanied by the baptism certificate, and returned to the parish office.  
We will not accept registrations after October 8th. For information, contact our parish office.

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**The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (R.C.I.A.) is a process for adults who want to become Catholics. It involves catechesis, scripture studying, learning about the sacraments and regular participation in the Sunday liturgy.  
R.C.I.A. is not a means of obtaining a certificate in order for someone to register their child in the Catholic school. For more information, contact our parish office.

# St. Mary's Church

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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

**Parish Council**

**Parish Finance Council**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
First Friday of Every Month at 5:00 p.m.

**English Choir**  
Susan Taylor 416-277-6291

**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**  
Jose & Margarida Silva 905-873-1908

**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



**XX Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 20, 2023**

**First Reading: (Isaiah 56,1.6-7)** God’s house is open to all those who worship with sincerity.

**Responsorial Psalm: *Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you!***

**Second Reading: (Romans 11,13-15.29-32)**  
God never takes back his gifts. Those who return to him are sure of obtaining mercy.

**Gospel (Matthew 15,21-28)** The theme of the First Reading and the Gospel is that of inclusiveness. At the time Isaiah was writing there were lots of foreigners in Israel.  
The question arose as to whether or not the benefits of salvation should be extended to them. Isaiah gave a clear and positive answer: “My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the peoples,” says the Lord.  
The early Church faced a similar problem with regard to the Gentiles. Matthew sees Jesus as having broken down the barrier between Jew and Gentile.  
Even though his own mission was restricted to Israel, Jesus did reach out to individual Gentiles such as the Canaanite women. Hence, after the resurrection of Jesus, the early Church extended its mission to the Gentiles.

**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 the Master trod,  
our 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.

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**Whatsoever You Do**

**Whatsoever you do  
to the least of my brothers  
That you do unto me.**

When I was hungry you gave me to eat,  
When I was thirsty you gave to drink.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.

When I was homeless and  
strange in this land,  
Searching for kindness,  
you held out your hand.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.

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**Canadian Missions**

Last weekend we had the Canadian Missions collection, we received a total of \$1,025.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**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  
They 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

Is not the cup we bless and share  
The blood of Christ outpoured?  
Does not one cup, one loaf declare  
Our Oneness in the Lord?

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**Blest Are They**

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;  
theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow,  
they shall be consoled.

**Refrain:  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Blessed are you; holy are you!  
Rejoice and be glad!  
Yours is the Kingdom of God!**

Blest are they, the lowly ones;  
they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;  
they shall have their fill.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, August 19th**  
**5:00 pm.** José Manuel Oliveira Correia & intention of Lucia Correia—Mariano Machado, brother-in-law & souls in purgatory—José do Carmo—Victorino Guerra, José Diomampo & Maria Panaligan—Acácio Narciso

**Sunday, August 20th**  
**8:30 am.** Julie Lopes

**10:00 am.** Community — Maria Fátima Melo—José & Jesuina Camara—Irene Loureiro—Intention of Claire Virginia

**11:30 am.**

**1:00 pm.** Rolando Reyes, Bella Medrano & Alex Perez

**Monday, August 21st**  
**9:00 am.** Liberal Paul Silva  
**6:00 pm.** António & Inês Mota & son

**Tuesday, August 22nd**  
**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory  
**6:00 pm.** Sacred Heart of Jesus—25th Anniversary of Teresa Galloro

**Wednesday, August 23rd**  
**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory  
**6:00 pm.** Mary Celmira & Alida Rita Delgado

**Thursday, August 24th**  
**9:00 am.** Rosária Ferreira  
**6:00 pm.** Leontina & Deodato Medeiros

**Friday, August 25th**  
**9:00 am.**  
**6:00 pm.** Conrado Lamila

**Saturday, August 26th**  
**5:00 pm.** Angelo Medeiros & father—Manuel & António Faria—Maria Fátima Couto—João Rodrigues