

## SAINT MONICA (322-387)

The circumstances of Saint Monica's life could have made her a negative wife, a bitter daughter-in-law and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who had some redeeming features, but also had a violent temper and was licentious.

Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. But at the end Monica's prayers and example won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the same time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage, North Africa. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy and was living an immoral life. For a while she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then, one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. For that time on she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact, she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When Augustine was 29, he decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say good-bye to a friend. Instead, he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick. But, she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find out that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan where she became a leader of the city's devout women.

In Milan Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, St. Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. At Easter, 387, Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. St. Monica's prayer, the prayers of a mother, had been answered.

### \*\*\*\*\* Missions Co-Op

Deacon Baldwin Powell, from Montego Bay, will be with us next weekend to speak about the Co-Op Missions and about his missionary work in Jamaica.  
Envelopes are available for pick up by the church entrance. Thank you.

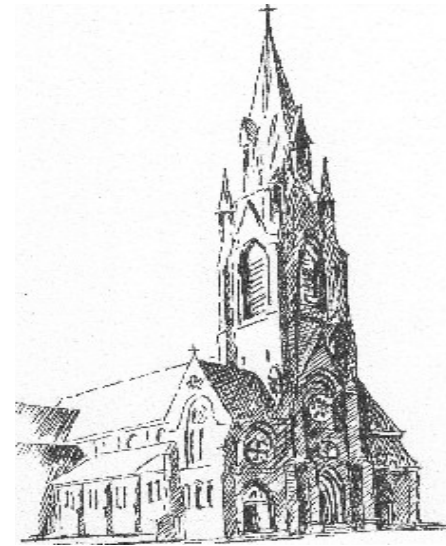
### ===== Sunday School

All registrations for First Communion (grade 2) and for Confirmation (grade 7) must be done during the month of September. For information, please 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**

### ===== **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)**

Paul Valerio (President)      416-703-2231  
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



## XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2023

**First Reading: (Isaiah 22, 15. 19-23)** Here we read about one man being dismissed from high office, and the keys of authority are passed to another. The New Testament applies this text to Jesus.

**Responsorial Psalm: *Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.***

**Second Reading: (Romans 11, 33-36)** This is a hymn of praise to the wisdom of God, which is far too deep for us to fathom.

**Gospel (Matthew 16, 13-20)** Today's Gospel contains Peter's declaration of faith in Jesus, and Jesus' promise to make him the rock on which he will build his Church. In giving authority to the man who denied him, Jesus wanted to show that he was establishing his Church not on human strength, but on his own love and faithfulness. The Church's true foundation is Christ himself. The pope is his servant, not his substitute.

### Hail, Holy Queen Enthroned Above

Hail, holy Queen enthroned above, O Maria!  
Hail, Queen of mercy and of love, O Maria!

**Triumph, all your cherubim,  
sing with us you seraphim,  
Heav'n and earth resound the hymn:  
Salve, salve, salve Regina!**

Our life, our sweetness here below, O Maria!  
Our hope in sorrow and in woe, O Maria!

We honour you for Christ, your son, O Maria!  
Who has for us redemption won, O Maria!

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### 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.

### Make Me A Channel of Your Peace

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.**

Make me a channel of your peace  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned  
In giving to each one that we receive  
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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### **Immaculate Mary**

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

**Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!  
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In Heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;  
On earth we your children invoke your sweet name.

We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth,  
And bless, Holy Mary, the land of our birth.

### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

#### **Saturday, August 26th**

**5:00 pm.** Angelo Medeiros & father—Manuel & António Faria—Maria Fátima Couto—João Rodrigues—Tony Fernandes & family

#### **Sunday, August 27th**

**8:30 am.** Raimundo Soares

**10:00 am.** Community—Santo Cristo Association—Jaime de Sousa—Gualter de Sousa—Laurentino Silva, spouse & children, Carlos Pereira, spouse & children

**11:30 am.** Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente — Ana Carvalho—Benita Balitaan—Luis Burgos

**1:00 pm.** Inês Raposo—Manuel Botelho

#### **Monday, August 28th**

**9:00 am.** Intention of Filomena & Jamie Melo

**6:00 pm.** Nelson de Melo

#### **Tuesday, August 29th**

**9:00 am.** Maria Rosa, José Couto, parents, in-laws, family, souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.**

#### **Wednesday, August 30th**

**9:00 am.** José & Maria Tavares Arruda

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

#### **Thursday, August 31st**

**9:00 am.**

**6:00 pm.**

#### **Friday, September 1st**

**9:00 am.** Manuela Amaral

**6:00 pm.** Henriqueta Rebelo

#### **Saturday, September 2nd**

**5:00 pm.**