

MISSION APPEAL POINTS

Health Care services

The Compassionate Franciscan Missionaries of the Poor work in the health services at our newly constructed Good Shepherd Medical Complex opened in 2018 and which is operated under the social outreach arm of the diocese - The Good Shepherd Foundation. They offer primary health care and dental services 5 days per week for the poor. Soup Kitchens are operated in 3 parishes and hot gourmet meals and food distribution is provided regularly to the poor and street people almost daily. 1000 pandemic & post pandemic care packages are distributed monthly to the poor.

School and outreach facilities: The diocese operates 5 basic schools, 3 primary schools, 2 all-age schools, 2 kindergarden/preparatory schools and one high school for girls and one for boys, 2 vocational schools and a self-help adult skills training centre at another inner city community in Mt. Salem, just outside of Montego Bay. (The all boys Catholic high school was opened at the height of the pandemic and has been largely funded since its inception by the Archdiocese of Toronto) The Bishop's Human Resources Development Drive supports over 500 needy students in the Keep the Kids in school programme up to the tertiary level.

Missions Co-Op

Deacon Baldwin Powell, from Montego Bay, will be with us today to speak about the Co-Op Missions and about his missionary work in Jamaica, mentioned above. All offerings are welcome. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

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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.

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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. If you are interested, please contact our parish office for information, the same applies to anyone who has not yet received his Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation.

St. Mary's Church

Rev. Msgr. Fernando Couto (Pastor)
Rev. Fr. Andre de Lima (Associate Pastor)

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

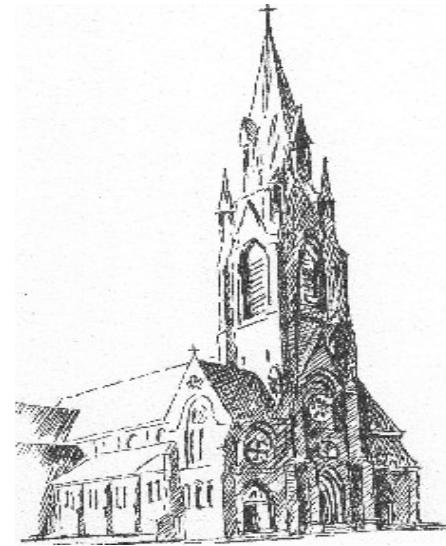
Volunteer Co-ordinator
Delia Medeiros (contact the parish)

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



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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



**XXII Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 3, 2023**

First Reading: (Jeremiah 20: 7-9) Even though speaking God's message to the people has brought Jeremiah nothing but insults, he is unable to remain silent.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: (Romans 12: 1-2) St. Paul urges the Romans not to live like the people around them.

Gospel (Matthew 16: 21-27) Jesus foretells his suffering and death, and tells his disciples that they too must be prepared to suffer.

In the First Reading we see Jeremiah's faithfulness to his God-given mission, and what that faithfulness cost him.

In the Gospel we see the faithfulness of Jesus, and the kind of faithfulness that is demanded of those who would follow him. Peter gladly received the revelation of Jesus as Messiah and Son of God.

But he rejected out of hand the revelation of a suffering Messiah. In this he represents the typical Christian, caught between faith and doubt, for whom the cross is a stumbling block.

Sing A New Song

**Sing a new song unto the Lord;
Let your song be sung
from mountains high
Sing a new song unto the Lord
Singing alleluia!**

Yahweh's people dance for joy
O come before the Lord
And play for him on glad tambourines
And let your trumpet sound.

Rise, O children, from your sleep;
Your Saviour now has come!
He has turned your sorrow to joy
And filled your soul with song

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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 is doubt true faith in You

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is 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

Yahweh I Know You Are Near

**Yahweh, I know you are near,
standing always at my side.
You guard me from the foe,
and you lead me in ways everlasting.**

Lord, you have searched my heart,
and you know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm.

Where can I run from Your love?
If I climb to the heavens You are there;
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find You there.

You know my heart and its ways,
you who formed me before I was born
in the secret of darkness before I saw the sun
in my mother's womb.

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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.

**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, September 2nd
5:00 pm. Aldina Andrade

Sunday, September 3rd
8:30 am. Nelissa da Mota

10:00 am. Community—José Luis & Maria Teresa Branco—Judy da Silva—Abel Braga Ferreira—Joaquim Lopes de Brito, parents & in-laws—António Augusto Rodrigues, souls in purgatory

11:30 am. Luis Burgos

1:00 pm.

Monday, September 4th

9:00 am.

6:00 pm. No Mass

Tuesday, September 5th

9:00 am. Mario Gomes Ferreira, family intentions for the poor and abandoned
6:00 pm.

Wednesday, September 6th

9:00 am. Manuel de Amorim

6:00 pm. Tomas & Maria Oliveira

Thursday, September 7th

9:00 am. Agostinho & Maria Lucinda Mota

6:00 pm. José & Maria Bernardo & children

Friday, September 8th

9:00 am. Ermelinda Arruda

6:00 pm. Luis Augusto Ribeiro Raposo

Saturday, September 9th

5:00 pm. Elias Brum