

**ST. PETER CLAVER (1581-1654)**

A native of Spain, young Jesuit Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He sailed into Cartagena (now in Colombia) a rich port city in the Caribbean.

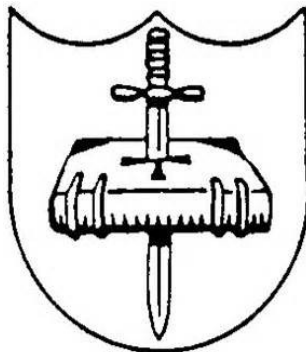
In Cartagena he was ordained a priest in 1615. By this time the slave trade had been established in the America's for nearly 100 years and Cartagena was a chief center for it.

Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhuman that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit.

Peter Claver's predecessor, Jesuit Father Alfonso de Sandoval, also from Spain, had devoted himself to the service of the slaves for 40 years before Claver arrived to continue his work.

As soon as a slave ship entered port, Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill treated and miserable passengers, who then would be herded out of the ship like chained animals and shut up in nearby yards to be gazed at by the crowds. He offered them medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons and other fruits.

His apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves. In time he became a moral force, indeed, the apostle of Cartagena. He preached in the city square, gave missions to sailors and traders. After four years of sickness he died on September 8, 1654. In 1888 he was canonized by Pope Leo XIII.



# 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

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Please contact the parish 416-703-2326

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

**Saint Vincent De Paul** 416-247-8868

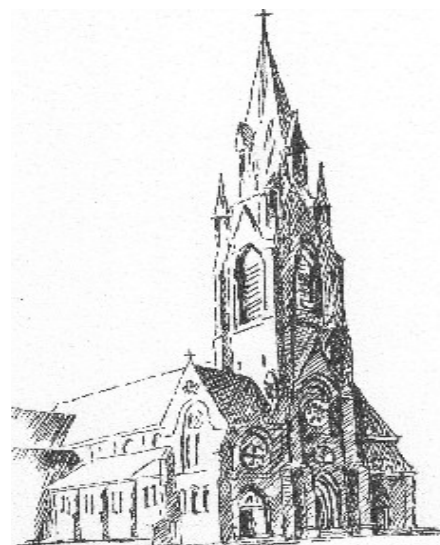
**Volunteer Co-ordinator**  
Delia Medeiros (contact the parish)

**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

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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. You can pick up a registration form after each Mass. For information, please contact our parish office.

**Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, September 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



**XXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**September 10, 2023**

**First Reading: (Ezekiel 33: 7-9)** The appointed leaders bear the responsibility to point out to wrong-doers the error of their ways and to try to get them to reform.

**Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!**

**Second Reading: (Romans 13: 8-10)** If we truly loved our neighbours we would not harm them in any way.

**Gospel (Matthew 18: 15-20)** We hear about the duty a Christian to correct an erring brother or sister. But there is a proper way of doing it.

**Let Heaven Rejoice**

**Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad.  
Let all creation sing!  
Let children proclaim to every land:  
Hosanna to our King**

Sound the trumpet into the night;  
The day of the Lord is near.  
Wake his people,  
lift your voice,  
proclaim it to the world.

Rise in splendor,  
shake off your sleep,  
put on your robes of joy,  
And in the morning  
you shall see the glory of the Lord.

Raise your voices,  
be not afraid.  
Proclaim it in every land:  
Christ has died,  
but He has risen;  
He will come again.

**Ubi Caritas**

**Ubi caritas et amor,  
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.**  
*(Where there is charity and love, God is there.)*

**Christians Let Us Love One Another**

Christians, let us love one another,  
as we share the true living bread.  
Jesus is our God and our brother;  
with his flesh and blood we are fed.

**Everyone who loves is born of God.  
Jesus is our life, God is love.**

We who break this bread are one body,  
we who share this cup are all one,  
children of our Father in heaven,  
sharers of the life of God's Son.

We who eat and drink at this table  
die and rise again with our Lord,  
drawing from our rock living water  
for all those who thirst for accord.

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**Glory and Praise to Our God**

**Glory and praise to our God,  
Who alone gives light to our days.  
Many are the blessings He bears,  
To those who trust in His ways.**

We the daughters and sons of Him,  
Who built the valleys and plains.  
Praise the wonders our God has done,  
In every heart that sings.

In His wisdom He strengthens us,  
Like gold that's tested in fire.  
Though the power of sin prevails,  
Our God is there to save.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, September 9th**

**5:00 pm.** Elias Brum—Natividad Deomampo, Armando Hernandez, Antonio Rapada—Dinis Ferreira

**Sunday, September 10th**

**8:30 am.** Olivia, João & Fernando Machado

**10:00 am.** Community—Ana Maria de Paulos, Conceição & José Resendes—José Farias, parents & siblings — Intention of Claire Virginia — Souls in purgatory—Ilda Cabral

**11:30 am.** Angelo Medeiros, parents & grandparents

**1:00 pm.** Veneranda Dâmaso & family of Natália Dâmaso

**Monday, September 11th**

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

**6:00 pm.** Anniversary of Filomena & Jamie Melo

**Tuesday, September 12th**

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

**6:00 pm.** Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Wednesday, September 13th**

**9:00 am.** Manuel Calmeira

**6:00 pm.** Ildeberto Camara

**Thursday, September 14th**

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

**6:00 pm.** Saint Vincent de Paul—Intention of Fátima Medeiros, souls in purgatory

**Friday, September 15th**

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

**6:00 pm.** Henriqueta Rebelo

**Saturday, September 16th**

**5:00 pm.** José Manuel Oliveira Correia, intention of Lucia Correia—Danilo Lamila—Maria da Aparecida & family — Maria José Benevides & João da Ponte Benevides