

## Guardian Angels

Perhaps no aspect of Catholic piety is as comforting to parents as the belief that an angel protects their little ones from dangers real and imagined. Yet guardian angels are not just for children. Their role is to represent individuals before God, to watch over them always, to aid their prayer and to present their souls to God at death.

The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based on Scripture but not directly drawn from it. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Devotion to the angels began to develop with the birth of the monastic tradition. St. Benedict gave it impetus and Bernard of Clairvaux, the great 12th-century reformer, was such an eloquent spokesman for the guardian angels that angelic devotion assumed its current form in his day. A feast in honor of the guardian angels was first observed in the 16th century. In 1615 Pope Paul V added it to the Roman calendar.

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### St. Michael's College School

The office of Admissions of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for September 2024. St. Michael's College School is the only independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7 to Grade 12. Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on Thursday, October 19 and Tuesday, October 24 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Location: St. Michael's College School, 1515 Bathurst St. (at St. Clair Ave. W.)

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### Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation

Today, we will have our first annual collection dedicated to the Indigenous Healing & Reconciliation community.

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### Thanksgiving

October 9th is Thanksgiving Day in Canada. As usual, we only have one Mass which will be in the morning at 9:00 am.

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### Our Lady of Fatima Procession

On Saturday, October 14th, we will have a small procession with the statue of Our Lady of Fatima around the boulevard of our church. The procession will take place shortly after the 5:00 pm Mass (around 6:00 pm). Everyone is invited.

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### Parish Headcount

In order to have an accurate profile of Mass attendance in the Archdiocese, we are asked every year to carry out a headcount of the people attending our services. We will be doing this during the next two weeks.

# 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)

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

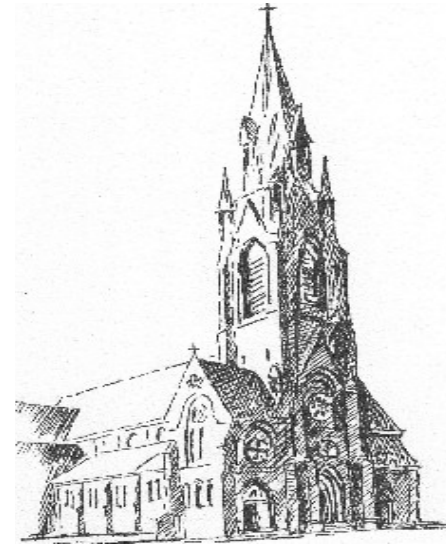
Confessions

Every day before Mass, except on Sunday

Schools

St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205

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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

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### Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese

6:00 pm English

Saturday 5:00 pm English



**XXVI Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 1, 2023**

**First Reading: (Ezekiel 18,25-28)** Each of us is responsible for his or her own conduct, and will be judged accordingly.

**Responsorial Psalm: Lord, be mindful of your mercy.**

**Second Reading: (Philippians 2,1-11)**

Self-seeking and rivalry have no place in the Christian community. We must imitate the humility of Christ.

**Gospel (Matthew 21,28-32)** Actions speak louder than words. The parable of the two sons was addressed to the chief priests and elders of the people. Its purpose was to defend Jesus' invitation of sinners and outcasts to the kingdom, in the face of the sneers of the religious establishment. The parable outraged the religious people. The parable also echoes a favorite theme of Matthew: the split in the religious person between saying and doing. Hence, its relevance for religious people in every age.

**Catechism**

Catechism for First Holy Communion and Confirmation will begin on October 22nd. Those who have not registered yet, please do so as soon as possible.

**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!**

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!

Praise for the water that springs from the sea,  
the seed that gives life to all believe,  
God's love over flowing, our hearts know the joy  
to be daughters and sons of the Lord,  
to be daughters and sons of the Lord!

Praise for the singing and praise for the dance,  
with new heart and voice, all raise the song  
of praise to creation; all heaven and earth,  
come sing of the Glory of God,  
come sing of the Glory of God!

**All That I Am**

All that I am, all that I do  
All that I'll ever have I offer now to you.

**Take and sanctify these gifts,  
For your honour Lord.  
Knowing that I love and serve you  
Is enough reward.**

All that I dream, all that I pray,  
All that I'll ever make, I give to you today.

**I Lift Up My Soul**

**To You, Yahweh, I lift up my soul O my God.  
To You, Yahweh, I lift up my soul, O my God.**

Yahweh, show your ways to me.  
Teach me Your paths and  
Keep me in the ways of Your truth,  
For You are the God that saves me.

The Lord is so good, so holy.  
Sinners find the way,  
And in all that is right He guides the humble.  
The poor he leads in His pathways.

All day long I hope in Your goodness.  
Remember Your love,  
The love that You promised long ago.  
And the kindness that you gave from of old.

**Blest Be the Lord**

**Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord  
The God of mercy, the God who saves.  
I shall not fear the dark of night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day.**

He will release me from the nets of of all my foes  
He will release me from their wicked hands.  
Beneath the shadow of his wings, I will rejoice,  
To find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night,  
Nor stand alone before the light of day.  
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down.  
No evil settle in my soul.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, September 30**  
5:00 pm. Maria Isabel Pimentel Medeiros

**Sunday, October 1**  
8:30 am. Nelissa da Mota  
10:00 am. Community—José Luis & Maria Teresa Branco—Henriqueta Rebelo—Judy da Silva—Abel Braga Ferreira—Intention of Claire Virginia—Praise to Immaculate Heart of Mary

11:30 am. St. Therese—Manuel Machado de Melo

1:00 pm Intentions of Corey Iliohan, Bridget, Mariane, Kim & family& for deceased Cor—Armando & Teresa Sousa Alves—Paulo Furtado—José Soares

**Monday, October 2**  
9:00 am. Intention of Filomena & Jaime Melo  
6:00 pm. Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Tuesday, October 3**  
9:00 am. Maria José Roque & souls in purgatory  
6:00 pm. Maria de Conceição Garcia, Alfred Melo Garcia & Fatima Melo

**Wednesday, October 4**  
9:00 am. Intention of Fatima Medeiros & family  
6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

**Thursday, October 5**  
9:00 am. Manuel de Amorim  
6:00 pm. Manuel Medeiros, parents, siblings, in-laws & souls in purgatory

**Friday, October 6**  
9:00 am. Manuel Cordeiro  
6:00 pm. Intentions of Frederick Mokora & family

**Saturday, October 7**  
5:00 pm. Souls in purgatory