

## Ignatius of Antioch

Bishop and Martyr (d. 107?)

Born in Syria, Ignatius converted to Christianity and eventually became bishop of Antioch. In the year 107 the emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians there to choose between death and apostasy. Ignatius would not deny Christ and thus was condemned to be put to death in Rome.

Ignatius is well known for the seven letters he wrote on the long journey from Antioch to Rome. Five of these letters are to Churches in Asia Minor; they urge the Christians there to remain faithful to God and to obey their superiors. He warns them against heretical doctrines, providing them with the solid truths of the Christian faith.

The sixth letter was to Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, who was later martyred for the faith. The final letter begs the Christians in Rome not to try to stop his martyrdom. "The only thing I ask of you is to allow me to offer the libation of my blood to God. I am the wheat of the Lord, may I be ground by the teeth of the beasts to become the immaculate bread of Christ." In the year 107 Ignatius bravely met the lions in the Coliseum.

**Comment:** Ignatius's great concern was for the unity and order of the Church. Even greater was his willingness to suffer martyrdom rather than deny his Lord Jesus Christ. Not to his own suffering did Ignatius draw attention, but to the love of God which strengthen him. He knew the price of commitment and would not deny Christ, even to save his own life.

**Quote:** "I greet you from Smyrna together with the Churches of God present here with me. They comfort me in every way, both in body and in soul. My chains, which I carry about on me for Jesus Christ, begging that I may happily make my way to God, exhort you: persevere in your concord and in your community prayers" (Ignatius of Antioch, *Letter to the Church at Tralles*).

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### World Mission Sunday

Next weekend we will have the World Mission Collection. Envelopes for this special collection will be distributed today.

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### Sunday School (Catechism)

Our Sunday School (Catechism) starts next Sunday, October 22nd, from 10:00 to 11:15 a.m. followed by Mass participation at 11:30 a.m. If you did not register your child, please do so at your earliest convenience.

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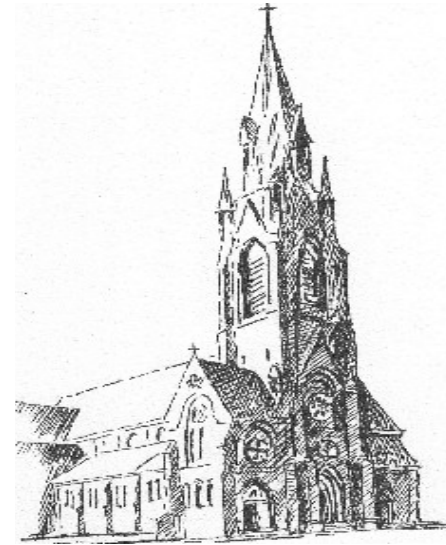
### New Heating Furnace

We have a new heating system at our church. The cost of the furnace and installation reached a total of \$91,000.00. The parish asks and appreciates everyone's help.

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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

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

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Joey Teves 647-887-2804

Santo Cristo Band (Hall)

Paul Valerio (President) 416-703-2231  
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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



## XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

**First Reading: (Isaiah 25,6-10)** Isaiah uses the image of a banquet to describe the fullness of life that God wants to bestow, not just on Israel, but on all the peoples of the earth.

**Responsorial Psalm: I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.**

**Second Reading: (Philippians 4:12-14,19-20)** Paul thanks the Philippians for their support but says that his real strength comes from the Lord.

**Gospel (Matthew 18: 21-35)** Isaiah promise is fulfilled in Jesus: through him all God's people are invited to the banquet feast of the Kingdom. In its original, simpler form, the parable made the point that those to whom the invitation was first sent (the Jews) rejected it, and their place has been taken by others (the Gentiles).

The details about the sending of troops and the burning of the city, were added later. They refer to the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 A.D., which was seen as a consequence of the refusal of the Jewish leaders to listen to Jesus.

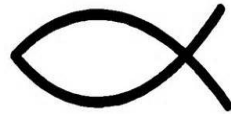
### Gather Your People

**Gather your people, O Lord,  
Gather your people, O Lord,  
One bread, one body, one spirit of love,  
Gather your people, O Lord.**

Draw us forth to the table of life  
Brothers and sisters,  
Each of us called to walk in your light.

We are parts of the Body of Christ,  
Needing each other,  
Each of the gifts the Spirit provides.

No more harm on the mountain of God,  
Swords into plowshares,  
Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart.



### 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.

### I Am the Bread of Life

I am the bread of life,  
You who come to me shall not hunger,  
And who believe in me shall not thirst,  
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

**And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up,  
And I will raise you up on the last day.**

The bread that I will give is my flesh  
for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread,  
you shall live forever, you shall live forever.

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man,  
And drink of His blood, and drink of His blood,  
You shall not have life within you.

I am the resurrection, I am the life  
If you believe in me, even if you die,  
You shall live forever.

Yes Lord, I believe that You are the Christ,  
The Son of God who has come into the world.

### 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 all my foes,  
He will protect 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, October 14**

**5:00 pm.** José Manuel Oliveira Correia, intention of Lucia Correia

**Sunday, October 15**

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

**10:00 am.** Community—Jaime de Sousa—Adelino Marques & Irene Loureiro—Manuel Lucas Tavares Sodoma—Paulo Furtado

**11:30 am.** Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente—Francis & Anthony D'Cruz—St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, St. Joseph and Archangels—José Soares & parents

**1:00 pm.** St. Theresa of Avila, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, St. John of the Cross—Maria Adelina Almeida—Sara Coutinho

**Monday, October 16**

**9:00 am.** Manuel de Amaral Morgado

**6:00 pm.** Miguel Medeiros, parents, in-laws, & family

**Tuesday, October 17**

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

**6:00 pm.** Intention of Joe & Ashley Arruda

**Wednesday, October 18**

**9:00 am.** Intention of Fernanda Ferreira, family, for the poor

**6:00 pm.** Henrique Sebastião

**Thursday, October 19**

**9:00 am.** Liberal Paul Silva

**6:00 pm.** Manuel & Maria Couto & family

**Friday, October 20**

**9:00 am.** Carmina Ferreira

**6:00 pm.** Luis Burgos

**Saturday, October 21**

**5:00 pm.** Mariano Machado, in-laws, St. Pope John Paul II — Manuel & António Faria — João Rodrigues—Maria José & Manuel da Silva—Maria de Lurdes Melo