

## Can a Catholic be Cremated?

For many centuries the Church insisted that Catholics follow only the manner of Christ's burial by either entombing or burying the body. However, since 1963, the Church declared that cremation can be an alternative to burial.

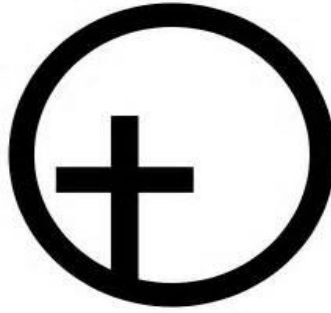
Cremation does not deny the Christian doctrine of the souls immortality nor the resurrection of the body.

As Catholics we see the body as a temple of the Holy Spirit and the Church prefers that cremation be carried out only after the actual body was present at the funeral Mass.

Since 1997, the Congregation for Divine Worship approved cremation as an acceptable practice for Catholics and allows for the cremated remains to be present at a funeral Mass, provided that they are reverently buried or afterwards entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium.

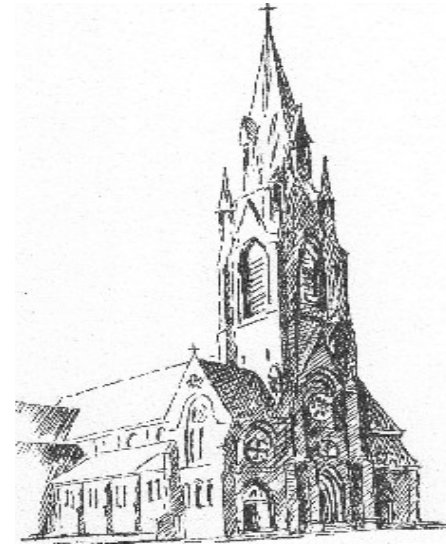
This means we should not keep the ashes on display at home on the mantle or put away in a bank vault. This precludes the scattering of remains in public parks, on mountain tops, along highways or divided amongst friends and family members.

There is a spiritual and emotional benefit when the cremated remains are laid to rest in a proper place for burial. It gives the bereaved a place to focus remembrance and to pray for the deceased.



# 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  
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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

### Time Change

Next weekend, let us not forget to set our clocks back one hour to daylight savings time.

### All Saints and All Souls Day

Wednesday, November 1st is All Saints Day. Masses will be celebrated at **9:00 am. Portuguese and 6:00 pm. English.**

Thursday, November 2nd is All Souls Day. Masses will be celebrated at **9:00 am. Portuguese, 12:00 pm. English and 6:00 pm. English**

### World Mission Collection

Last weekend we had the World Mission collection, which gave us a total of \$1,380.00. Thank you for your generosity.



## XXX Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2023

**First Reading: (Exodus 22:20-26)** God tells the Israelites that there must be no discrimination against or exploitation of the weak members of their society.

**Responsorial Psalm: I love you, O Lord, my strength.**

**Second Reading: (1 Thessalonians 1:5-10)** Paul encourages the Thessalonians by telling them that their exemplary lives have become known far and wide.

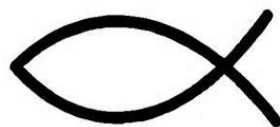
**Gospel (Matthew 22:34-40)** Today's Gospel reminds us of the two great commandments: love of God and love of neighbour. By rabbinical count, 'the Law' consisted of some 613 commandments. The question as to which commandment was the greatest was one frequently discussed among the rabbis. Jesus was asked to name one, but responded by naming two. That is because, for him, the second followed directly and necessarily from the first. Love of neighbour arose out of love of God. Both commandments are found in the Old Testament. What is known is not the fact that Jesus brought these two commandments together, but that he made them of equal importance.

### Sing to the Mountains

**Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.**

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.  
You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death.  
You are my strength and my song.

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us be glad and rejoice.  
He has turned all death to life.  
Sing of the glory of God.



### 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.

### Taste and See

**Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.  
O taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord  
for God has been so good to me.

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord who answered me;  
from all my troubles I was set free.

Worship the Lord, all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
in God we need put all our trust.

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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! Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!**

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.

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**Please join in the singing and do not  
applaud at the end of Mass.**

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, October 28**

**5:00 pm.** Luisa, Atur & Maria Cabral—Marian Myira

**Sunday, October 29**

**8:30 am.** Raimundo Soares, parents, in-laws, siblings

**10:00 am.** Community—Santo Cristo Association—  
—Intention of Claire Virginia—Luciano & Rosa  
Borges, parents, siblings, souls in purgatory—José  
Carlos Melo—Praise to the Immaculate Heart of  
Mary—Augusto da Silva & spouse, Domingos da  
Mota & spouse—Heduina Medina Espinola—José  
Silvestre Gomes Nunes

**11:30 am.** Ana Carvalho—Thanksgiving to the  
Blessed Trinity

**1:00 pm.**

**Monday, October 30**

**9:00 am.** Geraldo Simão Firmino & in-laws

**6:00 pm.** Henriqueta & José Rebelo & siblings

**Tuesday, October 31**

**9:00 am.** Manuel Pacheco

**6:00 pm.** Manuel Raulino

**Wednesday, November 1**

**9:00 am.**

**6:00 pm.**

**Thursday, November 2**

**9:00 am.**

**12:00 pm.**

**6:00 pm.**

**Friday, November 3**

**9:00 am.** Liliana Arruda

**6:00 pm.** Alfredo da Ponte Garcia, Francisca Paiva,  
souls in purgatory

**Saturday, November 4**

**5:00 pm.** Mary DCruz, Maria DSousa, Peter Neville &  
Florie Fernandes—Victorino Guerra, souls in purgatory