

## THE CHURCH

What does “Church mean? It means an assembly of people, a believing community. The New Testament calls the Church the Body of Christ because it is made up of people trying to carry on the work and teaching of Jesus. “Church” comes from the Greek word “ekklesia”.

In the Nicene Creed the Church is described as one, holy, catholic and apostolic.

Catholic does not just mean Roman Catholic, but “worldwide”.

Apostolic means it is based on the teachings of the apostles. Today the Christians are divided into many denominations, but when Christianity first began there was only one Church.

In the beginning local communities were led by elders, sometimes called overseers. These people were later known as *presbyters* (priests) and *episkopos* (bishops). In the large cities there were senior bishops and the bishop of Rome, right from the beginning, was given special respect, he was called *Papa*, from Latin meaning father. Other important bishops were in the ancient cities of Alexandria, Jerusalem, Constantinople and Antioch.

After a while, however, various groups started separating from the main Church. A major split came in the eleventh century when the Western and the Eastern sections of the Church separated from each other. The Eastern churches became known as the Orthodox Churches.

Five hundred years later there was also a major split in the Western Church (Roman Catholic) when the Protestant Churches, protesting against the corruptions of the medieval Church, no longer accepted the Pope as their leader. This is known as the Reformation.

Protestant churches also divided spawning many offshoots such as the Baptist Church, the Methodist Church, etc.

Today there are 2.19 billion Christians in the world, half of them being Roman Catholic.

# 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

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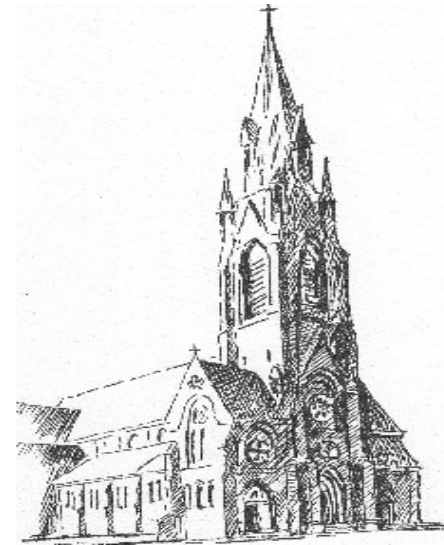
Volunteer Co-ordinator  
Delia Medeiros (contact the parish)

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  
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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

#### Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese

6:00 pm English

Saturday 5:00 pm English



**XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time**

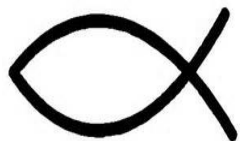
**November 5, 2023**

**First Reading: (Malachi 1:14-2:2.8-10)** The prophet berates the priest of his day for failing to live up to their calling.

**Responsorial Psalm: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.**

**Second Reading: (1 Thessalonians 2:7-9.13)** Paul reminds the Thessalonians of his love and care for them, and how hard he worked to bring them the Good News.

**Gospel (Matthew 23:1-12)** Jesus launches a strong attack on the Scribes and Pharisees, but what he says is important to us too. We see how strong Jesus was in his criticism of those who use religion to gain spiritual power, and who do not live what is at the heart of religion: love and compassion, justice and faith. Matthew applies it to Christian leaders, who are in danger of repeating the mistakes of the Pharisees.



**All Creatures of Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,

**O praise Him, O praise Him!  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of ev'ning, find a voice:

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship Him in humbleness;  
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;



**Seek Ye First**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
And its righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find;  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you,  
Allelu, alleluia!

**One Bread, One Body**

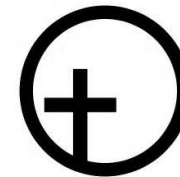
**One bread, one body  
One Lord of all**

**One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we, though many  
Throughout the earth  
We are one body in this one Lord**

Gentile or Jew servant or free  
Woman or man, no more.

Many the gifts many the works  
One in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields scattered and grown,  
Gathered to one for all.



**City of God**

Awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep  
A new day is dawning, for all those who weep  
The people in darkness, have seen a great light  
The lord of our longing, has conquered the night.

**Let us build the city of God  
May our tears be turned into dancing  
For the Lord our light and our love  
Has turned the night into day.**

We are sons of the morning, we are daughters of day.  
The one who has loved us, has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness, has called us to be  
A light for his people, to set their hearts free.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

**Saturday, November 4**

**5:00 pm.** Mary DCruz, Maria DSousa, Peter Neville & Florie Fernandes—Kanvanam Thevasigamany—Victorino Guerra, souls in purgatory—Tomas Yntig, Nicolas Taneo

**Sunday, November 5**

**8:30 am.** Nelissa da Mota

**10:00 am.** Community—José Luis & Maria Teresa Branco—António & Adelina Labão—Victor Ferreira—Fernando da Mota & Felicidade da Costa—Judy da Silva—Abel Braga Ferreira—Henrique Sebastião—Henriqueta Rebelo—Jorge Evangelista

**11:30 am.** Thanksgiving to Our Lady—Intention of Mary Hellen Kemuma—Margarida de Medeiros

**1:00 pm.** Sebastian de Medeiros & family of Natália Dâmaso—Alfredo Castro & Edgar Marin

**Monday, November 6**

**9:00 am.** Barbosa family & Manuel Morgado

**6:00 pm.** Luis Augusto Ribeiro Raposo

**Tuesday, November 7**

**9:00 am.** Parents & in-laws of Sebastião Arruda—Intention of Martinho Rodrigues

**6:00 pm.** Rogelio Gatabonton

**Wednesday, November 8**

**9:00 am.** Family of Carlos & Ermelinda Arruda

**6:00 pm.** Maria José & António Medeiros & family

**Thursday, November 9**

**9:00 am.** Thomas Frias

**6:00 pm.** Souls in purgatory

**Friday, November 10**

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

**6:00 pm.** Noni Di Florio

**Saturday, November 11**

**5:00 pm.** António Fernandes & family — João Rodrigues, parents, in-laws & siblings—Michael Jankowski, Henrique Raposo & Maria José Barbosa