

St. Mary's Church

Pope: Mass is for the Eucharist, not pictures. Put the phone away.

Vatican City, Nov 8, 2017—On Wednesday a fiery Pope Francis chastised those who spend Mass talking to others, looking at their phone or even taking pictures during papal liturgies, saying these are distractions that take focus away from the “heart of the Church”, which is the Eucharist.

“The Mass is not a show: it is to go to meet the passion and resurrection of the Lord,” the Pope said Nov 8. “The Lord is here with us, present. Many times we go there, we look at things and chat among ourselves while the priest celebrates the Eucharist... But it is the Lord!”

In particular, Francis condemned the use of cell phones to take photos at papal Masses. At one point during the Mass the priest says, “we lift up our hearts,” he said. “He does not say, “We lift up our phones to take photographs!”

“It’s a bad thing! And I tell you that it gives me so much sadness when I celebrate here in the Piazza or Basilica and I see so many raised cell phones, not just of the faithful, even of some priests and even bishops.”

“But think: when you go to Mass, the Lord is there! And you’re distracted. (But) it is the Lord!”

“Please” he said, “the Mass is not a show. It’s a meeting with the passion and the resurrection of our Lord.”

It is not the first time that the pope has advised Catholics on when to use their smartphones. The dinner table, he once suggested, should also be off limits.

In his 2016 teaching on the family, Francis encouraged families to spend time chatting over a meal rather than staring at their screens.

In the teaching, “Amoris Laetitia,” Latin for “The Joy of Love,” he wrote, “we know that sometimes they can keep people apart rather than together, as when at dinnertime everyone is surfing on a mobile phone, or when one spouse falls asleep waiting for the other who spends hours playing with an electronic device.”

“A family that almost never eats together,” he wrote, “ or that never speaks at the table but looks at the television or the smartphone, is hardly a family.”

2024 Donation Envelopes

The 2024 envelopes will be available for pick up as of Saturday, November 25th. It is easier to pick them up before Mass starts.

2024 Calendars

Our 2024 calendars will also be available for pick up as of Saturday, November 25th by the entrance of the 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.

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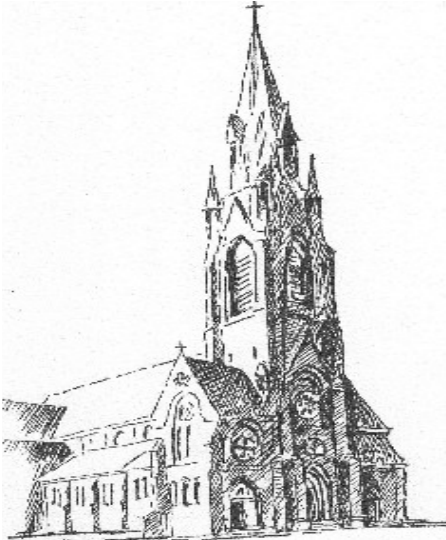
Volunteer Co-ordinator
Delia Medeiros (contact the parish)

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

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



XXXII Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 12, 2023

Psalm: *My soul thirsts for you, O Lord my God.*

If you asked, “What is the first-ranking church in Christendom?” most would answer, “St Peter’s Basilica in Rome.” But they would be wrong.

For Catholics, the first church in the world is the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

It is the oldest church in Rome and has been described as the mother of all churches in the world.

Following his conversion to Christianity, Constantine gave the estate and palace of the Lateran family to be used as a church and so, St. John has the unique distinction of being the first consecrated church. It happened on November 9, 324.

With that, Christians could finally come out of the shadows and live their faith openly.

Shepherd’s Trust

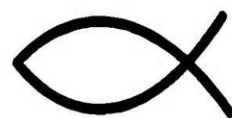
Next weekend, we will be taking up the Shepherd’s Trust collection. Envelopes will be distributed today.

Sing A New Song

**Sing a new song unto the Lord
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.**

Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.

Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives.



Make Me a Channel Of Your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there is doubt true faith in You

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul

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 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 though you die,
You shall live forever.

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 11

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

Sunday, November 12

8:30 am. Olivia, João & Fernando Machado

10:00 am. Community—Jaime de Sousa—Maria Trindade Vieira & family—José Farias, parents & siblings—Maria de Amaral—Manuel Carreiro Cabral—Maria Otilia & José Manuel Sousa—Maria de Meneses

11:30 am. José Medeiros & parents — Parents & family of António Mota

1:00 pm. Ernestina de Jesus, Sebastian de Medeiros & family of Natália Dâmaso—Anjeewa Dias, Titus Rajakaruna, Sandra Ferdinandes

Monday, November 13

9:00 am. Intention of Martinho Rodrigues & family
6:00 pm. Ildeberto Camara

Tuesday, November 14

9:00 am. Intention of Filomena & Jamie Melo
6:00 pm. Joe Gaspar, grandparents & uncles

Wednesday, November 15

9:00 am. José Oliveira
6:00 pm. Lorenzo, Mariannina & Irena Mariconda

Thursday, November 16

9:00 am. Manuel de Amaral Morgado
6:00 pm. José Silva & souls in purgatory

Friday, November 17

9:00 am. Deceased family of Bernardete Pereira
6:00 pm. Manuel & Maria Couto & family

Saturday, November 18

5:00 pm. José Manuel Oliveira Correia, intention of Lucia Correia—Mariano Machado, family, Lurdes Teixeira, Edna Grace Avery—Gustavo Matos, António Domingues, Adriano & Margarida Alcaininho, daughter Natália Cabral—Alcino dos Santos Pinho—Maria & António Oliveira—Kyle Taylor