

The opposite of love, is not hatred; it is indifference. Love in marriage ends "not with a bang, but a whimper."
Loss of love is almost always a slow process of erosion, boredom, taking each other for granted, and neglect. Couples falling out of love are no longer investing time, attention, or imagination in each other.
Enthusiasm leaves first, then concern, and then caring.
Then two people roam around, lost in the shell of an empty relationship. Soon someone else looks more attractive to one or the other, and the end is near.

Keep alive! Keep growing as a person and a couple! Keep bringing your partner gifts of new insights, deeper feelings, enthusiasm, laughter and interests.

If your marriage is not daily being born, it is dying.

### **2024 Donation Envelopes**

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

### **Christ the King**

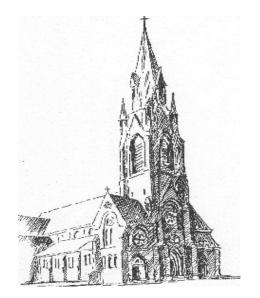
Next Sunday, November 26th, we celebrate the feast of **Christ the King** marking the end of one more liturgical year, starting the Advent season in preparation for Christmas.

# Choir

Please join our choir. We are preparing for our Christmas Concert.

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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) 416-703-2231 Paul Valerio (President) 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

 Bishop Macdonell
 416-393-5462



# **XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**November 19, 2023** 

First Reading:

Proverbs 31.10-13,16-18,20,26,28-31

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.

Second Reading:

1 Thessalonians 5.1-6

Gospel:

Matthew 25.14-30

The First Reading sets before us the example of a woman who uses her talents to live an industrious and virtuous life.

In the Gospel, Matthew presents Jesus speaking to us about our necessity of being watchful and of making good use of the gifts God gives to us. Of all the people gathered here this morning, at St. Mary's, no two of us are alike. God has given each of us special gifts (talents). If used well, these gifts will enrich our own lives and the lives of others.

But which of us can say that we have made full use of the gifts of grace and nature that God has given us?

### **Shepherd's Trust**

Today, we will be taking up your offerings towards the Shepherd's Trust collection.

### **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.



## Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness; And all these things shall be added unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

### **How Can I Keep From Singing?**

My life goes on in endless song Above earth's lamentations, I hear the real, though far-off hymn That hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm, While to that rock I'm clinging. Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing, It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars,
I hear the truth, it liveth.

And though the darkness 'round me close,
Songs in the night it giveth.

When tyrants tremble in their fear And hear their death knell ringing, When friends rejoice both far and near How can I keep from singing?

# 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 children 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 all people to set their hearts free.

### Mass Intentions for the Week

## 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 Alcaidinho, daughter Natália Cabral—Alcino dos Santos Pinho—Maria & António Oliveira—Kyle Taylor—Carlos Pereira, spouse & family, Laurentino Silva, spouse & family

### Sunday, November 19

8:30 am. Julie Lopes & Osvaldo Terceira

**10:00 am.** Community—Maria de Fátima Melo—Irene Loureiro — Ermelinda Arruda—José & Henriqueta Rebelo—Clementina Alves, parents & in-laws

11:30 am. Attilia & Victtorio Bettio

**1:00 pm.** Wilma Gorgatti —Merçês & Cristiano Ventura, Evangelina & Domingos Pereira, family, souls in purgatory

# Monday, November 20

9:00 am. Liberal Paul Silva

6:00 pm. John Di Florio-Manuel Vieira

### Tuesday, November 21

9:00 am. Manuel de Amorim

6:00 pm. Ermelinda Arruda

### Wednesday, November 22

9:00 am. João Nunes Pereira, spouse, children & in-

6:00 pm. Conrado Lamila

### Thursday, November 23

9:00 am. João & Adelaide Arruda

6:00 pm. Mary Celmira & Alida Rita Delgado

### Friday, November 24

9:00 am. Rosária Ferreira

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

# Saturday, November 25

5:00 pm. Manuel & António Faria