

Baptism

Baptism is a “birth” into the Christian community and, in this way, it is as solemn and important as birth itself. We need to have faith and we need to practice our faith, to really understand and appreciate it. It is not something else to “get done”. We don’t baptize because it is a tradition.

Can a priest refuse to baptize my baby?

For pastoral reasons a priest may delay a baptism but if he follows the Church guidelines he should never deny it. And if he is “one of those”, please don’t take it too personal...just ask another priest. At St. Mary’s we can always talk about it and find a way to help.

My baby was baptized at birth because of illness. Can he be re-baptized again?

No. Baptism can not be repeated. We can not become what we already are. However it is desirable that you have a celebration in the church, with godparents, and share in the prayers and blessings which are part of the baptismal ceremony.

Who can be a godparent?

For obvious reasons only practicing Roman Catholics can be godparents. Although one of the godparents who is a member of another Christian community may stand as a Christian witness.

An unbeliever or a person that says to be Catholic but does not practice, cannot be a godparent. We cannot take the “god” out of “godparent”. Before baptism parents and godparents have to declare their faith. It’s all part of the package. One should never stand in front of a church full of people and make promises that one has no intention of keeping.

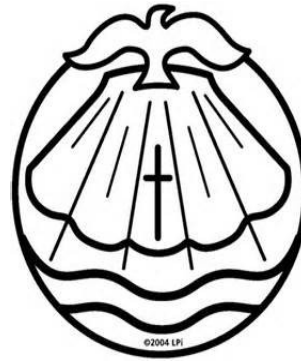
In the Early Church, baptism was mostly for adults, but with the rapid growth of Christianity around the third and fourth centuries, the practice of baptizing infants became very common. However times have changed. We live now in a secular age and the need for adult baptism is back (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Adults wanting to join the Church do it at the Easter Vigil. After being properly instructed, they are baptized, confirmed and make their first Communion. For them there is no need for godparents, only a sponsor, and again practicing is part of the package.

First Communion and Confirmation Meetings

On Wednesday, January 24th, we will have a meeting for parents of the children that will be receiving their First Communion.

On Wednesday, January 31st, we will have a meeting for parents or sponsors to the young adults that will be receiving their Confirmation.

All parents or sponsors should attend these meetings.



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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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

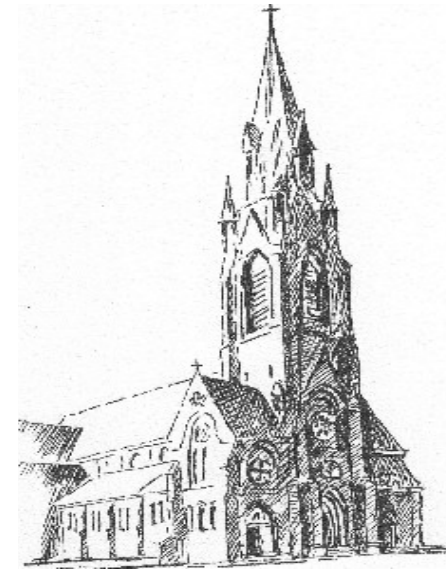
Confessions

Every day before Mass, except on Sunday

Schools

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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



**II Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14, 2024**

First Reading (1 Sam 3:3-10.19) The prophet Samuel played a very important role in the history of Israel. Here we have the story of his call by God.

Psalm—Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Second Reading (1 Cor 6:13-15.17-20) Paul tells us that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, and we must use them, not for sin, but for the glory of God.

Gospel (John 1:35-42) In the Gospel we will hear Jesus say to his first two disciples, ‘Come and see’. They accepted his invitation and had an encounter with him which changed their lives. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist we have an opportunity to encounter the Lord.

The main theme of the readings, however, is that of call and response. In the First Reading we have the call of Samuel, who played a big part in the building up of Israel. His call marked the beginning of a new era. It was through him that Israel got its first kings. This paves the way for the Gospel story of the call of the first disciples—Andrew, John and Peter. The call of Peter is highlighted because of the important role he played in the first community.

In the two readings we are dealing with a unique and specific call, what is more commonly called a vocation.

Gather Your People

**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.

The Summons

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart**

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my words to them Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will send the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them Whom shall I send?

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 all people to set their hearts free.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, January 13

5:00 pm. Souls in purgatory—Intention of Maria Pereira, Jennifer, Matthew & Linda—Maria Adelina & José Almeida

Sunday, January 14

8:30 am. Souls in purgatory, parents & in-laws of José & Margarida Silva

10:00 am. Community—Jaime de Sousa

11:30 am. Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente—Intention of Yue Ming—Mariannina Mariconda

1:00 pm. Hermelino Adanza Paitim—Baby Macrae -Medeiros

Monday, January 15

9:00 am. Manuel Medeiros, parents, in-laws & souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

Tuesday, January 16

9:00 am. Ildeberto Camara

6:00 pm. Manuel & Maria Couto & family

Wednesday, January 17

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory—Estela Pardo

6:00 pm. José Pascoal

Thursday, January 18

9:00 am. Manuel de Amaral Morgado

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

Friday, January 19

9:00 am. Liberal Paul Silva

6:00 pm. José Manuel Oliveira Correia, intention of Lucia Correia

Saturday, January 20

5:00 pm. Leonardo Andrade—Mariano Machado & souls in purgatory—Estela Pardo