

## Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs: died 1597

During the 1550s, St. Francis Xavier evangelized much of Japan and made hundreds of thousands of converts to Christianity. Some forty years later, Paul Miki, a Jesuit scholastic studying for the priesthood, and twenty-five others died for their faith at Nagasaki. The group included Jesuit and Franciscan priests, brothers, laymen, a doctor, teachers, a soldier, old people, and young altar servers.

Their nationalities included Spaniards, a Mexican, and an Indian, as well as native Japanese. Of this group of twenty-six, Paul Miki became the best known.

As he was dying on the cross, Paul, who was native Japanese, preached to the crowds and prayed for his executioners.



The Shogun who had these martyrs killed wished to wipe out Christianity in Japan, calling it a religion brought by foreigners who intended to conquer the country. A great show was made of the killing. The victims were maimed then led through several towns to a hill, known today as Holy Mountain, for their execution. This action was meant to terrorize the people into giving up the Christian faith.

When missionaries returned to Japan almost three hundred years later, they initially found no sign of Christianity. After they were established, they found thousands of Christians living around Nagasaki who had secretly preserved their faith, a tribute to the steadfastness of Paul and the others, as well as to St. Francis Xavier. Paul and his companions were beatified within a few years after their deaths, and canonized in 1862.

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### Donations

For income tax purposes any time you make a donation to our church, please include your name and address on the envelope. Thank you.

### Income Tax Receipts

In February, we will start preparing our tax receipts, once they are ready, we will mail them. To make sure you receive your receipt without delays, please notify the office of any address changes. Thank you.

### Baptism Godparents

We remind everyone once again that baptism godparents must be practicing Catholics and confirmed.

# 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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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

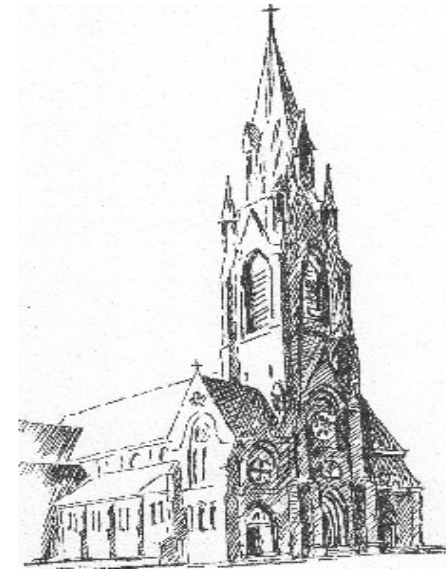
**Confessions**

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



**III Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**January 21, 2024**

**First Reading (Jonah 3.1-5,10)** The mercy of God is shown to the people of Nineveh. The Lord sends Jonah to them to preach penance for sin.

**Psalm—Lord, make me know your ways.**

**Second Reading (1 Cor 7.29-31)** Paul warns the Corinthians of the shortness of time in this world. All must conduct themselves worthily in the eyes of God and be detached from this world’s pleasures.

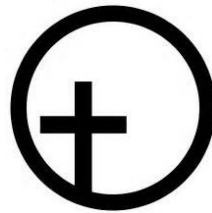
**Gospel (Mark 1:1-8:26)** The first half of Mark’s Gospel describes Jesus’ ministry of healing and preaching in Galilee. Jesus begins his preaching by calling on people to repent and embrace the Good News. For Mark, ‘believe in the Gospel’ meant ‘believe in the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ.’ Repentance is one of the main themes of the readings. The First Reading relates how the preaching of Jonah met with an immediate response in the pagan city of Nineveh. The story shows the possibility of a heathen city repenting and turning to God. It also shows the mercy and forgiveness of God. Even though we can’t share Paul’s belief that the Second Coming of Christ is imminent, he still has an important message for us, namely, that this world is not the be-all and the end-all. We are destined for the next world. This should profoundly affect the way we live in this world.

*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.**

No more harm on the mountain of God:  
swords into plowshares.  
Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart.

Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life:  
waters of mercy,  
waters of hope that flow from your side.



*I Lift Up My Soul*

**To You, Yahweh, I lift up my soul  
O my God.  
To You, Yahweh, I lift up my soul,  
O my God.**

Yahweh, show your ways to me.  
Teach me Your paths and  
Keep me in the ways of Your truth,  
For You are the God that saves me.  
  
The Lord is so good, so holy.  
Sinners find the way,  
And in all that is right He guides the humble.  
The poor he leads in His pathways.

*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?

*Glory and Praise to Our God*

**Glory and praise to our God  
Who alone gives light to our days  
Many are the blessings He bears  
To those who trust in His ways.**

We the daughters and sons of Him  
Who built the valleys and plains  
Praise the wonders our God has done  
In every heart that sings  
In His wisdom He strengthens us  
Like gold that's tested in fire  
Though the power of sin prevails  
Our God is there to save.

**Mass Intentions for the Week**



**Saturday, January 20**  
**5:00 pm.** Leonardo Andrade—Mariano Machado & souls in purgatory—Estela Pardo

**Sunday, January 21**  
**8:30 am.** Olivia, João & Fernando Machado

**10:00 am.** Community—Maria de Fátima Melo—Ihor Blyschak

**11:30 am.** Silvestre Nelson Lobo—Ana Carvalho

**1:00 pm.** Manuel Inácio, Maria Amaral, children and grandson

**Monday, January 22**  
**9:00 am.** Intention of Margarida Medeiros  
**6:00 pm.** Intention of Jerry Guerra

**Tuesday, January 23**  
**9:00 am.** St. Jude & souls in purgatory  
**6:00 pm.** Mariannina Mariconda

**Wednesday, January 24**  
**9:00 am.** Rosária Ferreira  
**6:00 pm.** Fernanda da Silva

**Thursday, January 25**  
**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory  
**6:00 pm.** Lorenzo Mariconda

**Friday, January 26**  
**9:00 am.** Maria Lasara da Veiga Lima  
**6:00 pm.** Souls in purgatory

**Saturday, January 27**  
**5:00 pm.** Avelino & Celeste Magalhães — João Rodrigues — Albertina Gaspar—Beatriz Ferreira & parents, Joaquim Clemente, spouse & grandson