

## The Sacrament of Marriage

In the sacrament of marriage, a man and a woman enter into a sacred bond of love for life. The focus of the ceremony is on the couple and their free and public affirmation of their desire to be married to each other “in good times and in bad times, in sickness and in health, until death do us part”.

The sacrament of marriage has two special features that makes it different from the other sacraments. The sacrament of marriage is actually conferred by each spouse on the other. The official witness, which is usually a priest or a deacon, is a witness to the activity taking place between the two spouses. In other words they marry each other. The priest or deacon does not marry them!

The wedding ceremony and the wedding feast are filled with symbols. The bride and groom usually give each other a ring in the shape of a circle, symbolizing that they hope that their love will be without end: “take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity”. Flowers symbolize the abundance of creation. Food, music and dance say that a wedding is something special and joyful. However, the true symbol of marriage is not any of these. Rather it is the couple themselves, who become a living witness of love in the world.

But love is also hard work. It is a school in which almost everybody is a poor learner. Developing a loving relationship requires discipline and sacrifice. This does not mean that one has to become a martyr. In fact, always giving in to one’s spouse can be a sign of unhealthy love. In marriage, there ought to be deep respect for the individuality of the other on the part of both the wife and the husband. Don’t expect your spouse to be perfect. Nobody is. Compromise and forgive. Forgiveness is the glue that keeps relationships together.



# 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

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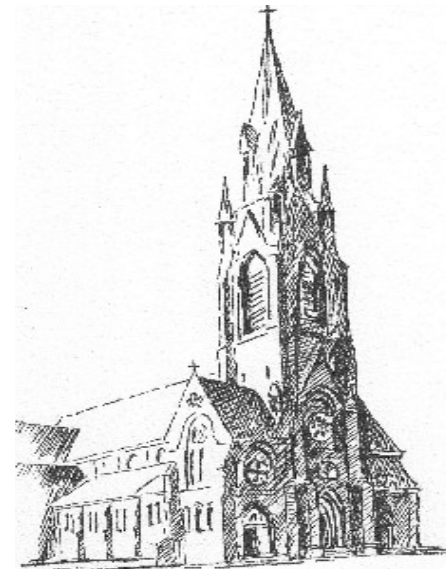
**Volunteer Co-ordinator**  
Delia Medeiros (contact the parish)

**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**  
St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205  
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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

### Tax Receipts

By the end of next month we will be mailing your tax receipt for income tax purposes.

### Confirmation Meeting

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.**



## IV Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2024



**Psalm—O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord! Do not harden your hearts.**

In the First Reading (Deut. 18:15-20) Moses foretells the coming of a prophet who will speak God's word to the people.

The prophet can never speak on his own authority, but speaks on behalf of God. The Jews believed that God would raise up in the last days a prophet like Moses.

Mark begins to tell us the kind of things Jesus did in proclaiming the kingdom. The early Christians regarded Jesus as the awaited prophet. His teaching was given with authority and confirmed by miracles, the sign that God was with him. In today's Gospel we see how Jesus spoke with authority, and how the ordinary people recognized this.

### 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:

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### All That We Have

**All that we have and all that we offer  
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.  
Take what we bring now and give what we need.  
All done in his name.**

Some would rely on their power,  
Others put trust in their gold.  
Some have only their Savior,  
Whose faithfulness never grows old.

Sometimes the road may be lonesome,  
Often we may lose our way;  
Take courage and always remember  
Love isn't just for a day.

### I Am the Bread of Life

I am the bread of life.  
You who come to me shall not hunger;  
And who believes 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 for ever,  
you shall live for ever.

Unless you eat  
of the flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of his blood,  
and drink of his blood,  
you shall not have life within you.

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### 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!**

### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Saturday, January 27

**5:00 pm.** Avelino & Celeste Magalhães — João Rodrigues — Albertina Gaspar—Beatriz Ferreira & parents, Joaquim Clemente, spouse & grandson—Manuel & António Faria

#### Sunday, January 28

**8:30 am.** Manuel Moniz & Natália Raposo

**10:00 am.** Community—Santo Cristo Association—José Bispo, Diamantina Tavares & Candida da Silva—Maria Fátima Brum — Candida Novais Ferreira—Maria Isabel Napoleão Franco—Agostinho Lopes Ferreira

**11:30 am.** José & Angelo Medeiros—Intention of Maria Remy Vasquez—Patricia Pinto

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

#### Monday, January 29

**9:00 am.** Sara Coutinho

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

#### Tuesday, January 30

**9:00 am.** José & Maria Rosa Couto, parents, grandparents, in-laws, family & souls in purgatory

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

#### Wednesday, January 31

**9:00 am.** Maria Luisa & Hermano Botelho

**6:00 pm.**

#### Thursday, February 1

**9:00 am.** Manuel de Amorim

**6:00 pm.** José, Henriqueta & John Rebelo

#### Friday, February 2

**9:00 am.** Luciano & Rosa Borges, parents, siblings, souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.** Maria Amarelo

#### Saturday, February 3

**5:00 pm.** Silvério Angeja