

## Ash Wednesday

It has been a custom for years and years in the Church to start thinking of Easter about 40 days ahead of time.

In the first centuries of the Church people with “public sins” that had scandalized the community received ashes on their heads and made public penance until Holy Thursday.

We to, by putting ashes on our foreheads acknowledge that we are sinners.

We make ashes from last years palms, bless them and make a sign of the cross with them on our foreheads, close to where our thoughts are made.

It is a time to think about our sins and their consequences. A time to pray more and go to church more often. A time to help the poor and reach out to those in pain... A time to do the Stations of the Cross and think of Jesus suffering and love for us.

But, Lent is not a time to show off or to make it look like you are having a hard time being extra good.

It is not a time to rip our clothes but to open our hearts to the needy.

It is a time to fast... to fast in our words... to share with the poor.

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### Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday we will have three Masses:

9:00 a.m. Portuguese

12:00 p.m. English

6:00 p.m. English



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### Via Sacra

Every Friday during Lent we will have the Via Sacra (Stations of the Cross) at 6:30 p.m. After the Mass.

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### ShareLife

Lent is a time to repent and be generous. Let us pray for all those in need during this Lent season. Our first ShareLife collection will take place on the weekend of March 16-17.

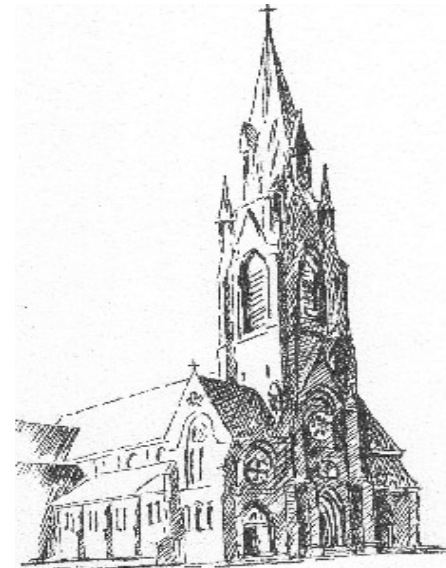


### ASH WEDNESDAY

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### OFFICE HOURS

Mon.– Fri. 8:30—12:00 and 1:00—4:00

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### Sunday Masses

8:30 am Portuguese

10:00 am Portuguese

11:30 am English

1:00 pm English

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### 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)

Paul Valerio (President) 416-703-2231  
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### 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



## VI Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 11, 2024



### The Liturgy

**Psalm** *You are my refuge, Lord; with deliverance you surround me.*

Leprosy is the clear theme of the First Reading and the Gospel. In biblical times lepers were treated as pariahs.

Leprosy was the ultimate uncleanness. It made the victim an outcast not only socially, but also in the religious sphere.

Jesus broke through all the religious and social taboos and reached out a loving and healing hand to the leper.

In this way we see how a Christian community should deal with sinners and people society rejects. Besides a Christian is one who has been ‘cleansed’ by Christ in baptism, and who ought to spread the ‘good news’.

In the Gospel we have an early instance of what scholars call Mark’s ‘Messianic Secret’, whereby Jesus seems to hide his identity as the Messiah and Son of God until it is made apparent after his death and resurrection.

### *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.



### All That I Am

All that I am, all that I do,  
All that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.  
All that I dream, all that I pray,  
All that I'll ever make, I give to you today.

**Take and sanctify these gifts  
for your honour, Lord.  
Knowing that I love  
and serve you is enough reward.**

All that I dream, all that I pray  
All that I'll ever make I give to you today.

### 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?

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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, February 10

**5:00 pm.** Souls in purgatory—Teófilo Ponte—Victoria Aggabao — Carlos Arruda—Intention of Rachel Roy — Odilia Amaral Correia — Maria Angelina Senra

#### Sunday, February 11

**8:30 am.** António de Faria, souls in purgatory

**10:00 am.** Community—Ermelinda Arruda—Jaime de Sousa—José Gomes Pinheiro—José de Medeiros

**11:30 am.** Angela Gatta, for the sick — Steven Bouchard—Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente—Manuel Laurentino Silva & Maria dos Anjos—Krystyna & Ferdynand Brejnak, Alvaro Medeiros, Baby Mara-Medeiros

**1:00 pm.** Manuel Inácio, Maria Amaral, children & grandson—Carlos Alberto Mota—Mavis Persini

#### Monday, February 12

**9:00 am.** Intention of Maria, Andy, Elaina & Fátima Medeiros

**6:00 pm.** Ildeberto Camara

#### Tuesday, February 13

**9:00 am.** António Cordeiro & family

**6:00 pm.** Odilia Correia, intention of Ernesto Correia

#### Wednesday, February 14

**9:00 am.** Portuguese

**12:00 pm.** English

**6:00 pm.** English

#### Thursday, February 15

**9:00 am.** Brothers of Carlos Arruda

**6:00 pm.** Nelson de Melo

#### Friday, February 16

**9:00 am.** Irene Loureiro

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

#### Saturday, February 17

**5:00 pm.** Mariano Machado, parents & siblings—Mariano de Sousa Rodrigues—Lance Tang—Steven Bouchard—José Manuel Oliveira Correia