

LENT TO EASTER

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. And Easter will be here before we know it.

The word Lent comes from the Old English “lencten”, meaning springtime.

In Latin languages Lent is known as “Quaresma”, meaning the forty days of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Lent culminates with the sacred Triduun (Latin, “three day”) which begins with sunset on Holy Thursday and runs through sunset on Easter Sunday.

On Holy Thursday we remember how Jesus commanded us to celebrate the Eucharist and to wash one another’s feet. In other words, he told us to pray and to serve. This week was taken so seriously that, when the persecution of Christians ended, Christian emperors forbade work and all forms of amusements during this week.

On Good Friday we remember the death of Jesus on the cross just outside the walls of Jerusalem. The origin of the term “Good” on the title of this day is unknown, but probably emphasizes the saving value of the historical event of the crucifixion of Jesus.

On Holy Saturday we wait in silence for the arrival of dusk when we engage in the most important liturgy of the entire year: the great Easter Vigil when we celebrate the mystery of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection and our incorporation into that mystery by virtue of our baptism.

Then we move into Eastertide, a real celebration of joy that lasts fifty days and ends on Pentecost. A Christian that does not celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, in all honesty, is no longer a Christian.

Through his suffering Jesus has conquered death and has freed us from the lasting burden of sin.

Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox. As a curiosity, the earliest possible date for Easter is March 22 and the latest possible date for Easter is April 25.

Via Sacra

Every Friday during Lent we will have the Via Sacra (Stations of the Cross) after the 6:00 p.m. Mass

ShareLife

Lent is a time to repent and be generous. Let us pray for all those in need during this Lent season.



Family Day

Monday, February 19th is Family Day, our office will be closed and we will not have the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

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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Ana da Silva 905-891-5444

Santo Cristo

Joey Teves 647-887-2804

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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

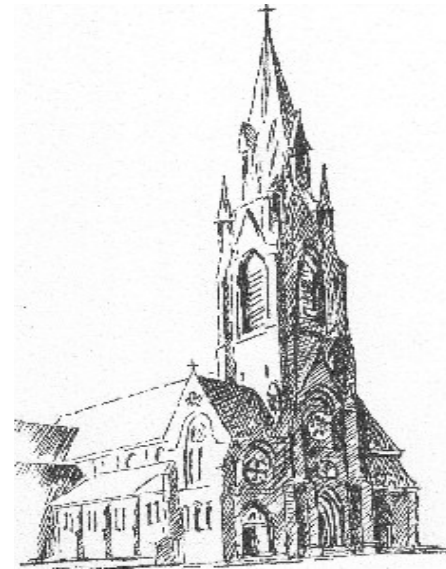
Confessions

Every day before Mass, except on Sunday

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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



I Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024



Psalm — Your paths, Lord, are love and faithfulness for those who keep your covenant.

The First Reading introduces the theme of covenant. In it we are told of the first in a series of patriarchal covenants which serve as a preparation for the covenant at Sinai. That in turn prepared the way for the new covenant God formed with humanity in Christ.

In the Gospel we hear of Jesus' victorious struggle against evil. Mark makes no reference to the fast of Jesus. In this first struggle Jesus is not God-forsaken as he will be at his last (15:34).

It is through our baptism that we enter into the new covenant relationship with God, and that Christ's victory and death is communicated to us.

The Glory of These Forty Days

The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise, for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law, and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be full oft in fast and prayer with thee; our spirits strengthen with thy grace, and give us joy to see thy face.

O Father, Son and Spirit blest, to thee be every prayer addressed, who art in threefold name adored, from age to age, the only Lord.

Hosea

Come back to me, with all your heart
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, though straight and tall,
So must we to others' call.

**Long have I waited for your coming home to me
And living deeply our new life.**

The wilderness will lead you
To your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice
With tenderness you shall know.

You shall sleep secure with peace,
Faithfulness will be your joy.

Lead Me, Guide Me

**Lead me, guide me along the way,
For if you lead me I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.**

I am weak and I need Thy strength and power,
To help me over my weakest hour.
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

Help me tread in the paths of righteousness.
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee:
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

I am lost if you take your hand from me,
I am blind without Thy light to see.
Lord just always let me thy servant be,
Lead me, oh Lord lead me.

Blest Be The Lord

**Blest be the Lord, blest be the Lord
The God of mercy, the God who saves
I shall not fear, the dark of night
Nor the arrow that flies by day**

He will release me from the nets of all my foes,
He will protect me from their wicked hands.
Beneath the shadow of His wings I will rejoice
To find a dwelling place secure.

I need not shrink before the terrors of the night
Nor stand alone before the light of day
No harm shall come to me, no arrow strike me down
No evil settle in my soul.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 17

5:00 pm. Mariano Machado, parents, siblings & Alberto Sardinha—Mariano de Sousa Rodrigues—Lance Tang—Steven Bouchard—José Manuel Oliveira Correia—Teresa Couto—Francisco Costa—José da Silva

Sunday, February 18

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

10:00 am. Community—Maria de Fátima Melo—Rolando Moniz, intention of Maria Moniz, children & grandchildren—Intention of Honorato Bettencourt, thanksgiving to St. Joseph—Parents of Geraldina Faria—Eduina & José Espinola

11:30 am. Luis Teves—Manuel Medeiros Carvalho & spouse—Steven Bouchard

1:00 pm. Manuel Inácio, Maria Amaral, children & grandson—Cristiano & Mercês Ventura & souls in purgatory

Monday, February 19

9:00 am. Liberal Paul Silva—Laurentino Medeiros Silva & spouse

6:00 pm. No Mass

Tuesday, February 20

9:00 am. Manuel de Amaral Morgado

6:00 pm. Manuel, Maria Couto & family

Wednesday, February 21

9:00 am. José, Rosa Pacheco & children

6:00 pm. Albertina Gaspar

Thursday, February 22

9:00 am. Vittorio & Attilia Bettio

6:00 pm. Deodato & Leontina Medeiros

Friday, February 23

9:00 am. Maria & Alexandre da Silva

6:00 pm. João Medeiros

Saturday, February 24

5:00 pm. João Rodrigues—Manuel & António Faria—Steven Bouchard—Lucilia Pais Santos Silva