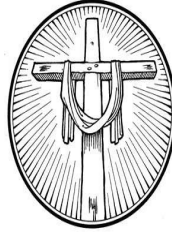


Stations of the Cross

The “Stations of the Cross”, also referred as “Way of the Cross”, “Via Crucis” or “Via Sacra” is a series of artistic sculptural representations depicting Christ carrying the cross to his crucifixion. Most churches have Stations of the Cross, generally placed along the side walls of the nave.



When did we start having Stations of the Cross?

During the time of the crusades (1095-1270) it became quite popular for pilgrims to the Holy Land to “walk” the stations. In the following two centuries, after the Muslims recaptured the Holy Land, pilgrimages became too dangerous. So, throughout Europe, Stations of the Cross were erected as outdoor small chapels, so that pilgrims could “walk in the footsteps of Jesus”.

How many are the Stations of the Cross?

The number varied from 5 to 20 until the 18th century when Pope Clement XII fixed the number at 14, and that’s when they were allowed into the churches. In the 1960s, with the Second Vatican Council, it became popular to add a fifteenth Station representing the Resurrection of Jesus.

What is the real purpose of the Stations?

The main object of the Stations is to help the faithful to make a spiritual pilgrimage of prayer, through meditation upon Christ’s suffering and death.

We do the Stations in a spirit of reparation for the sufferings and the insults that Jesus endured during His Passion. At Saint Mary’s, we have a beautiful set of the Stations of the Cross and we invite anyone to do the Stations any time, but especially during Lent, individually or as a group.

Lenten Confessions

We will have our Lenten Confessions on Thursday, March 14th from 10:30 to 12:00 noon and from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Income Tax Receipts

All tax receipts have been mailed. If you do not receive your tax receipt, please contact the parish office.

ShareLife

ShareLife-funded agencies help hundreds of people deal with the challenges of life. They provide counselling and other supports to people in need in our Archdiocese and in poor countries around the world.

Our first collection will take place on March 17 and should represent our sacrifices and fasting during Lent.

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

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
647-998-5916

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

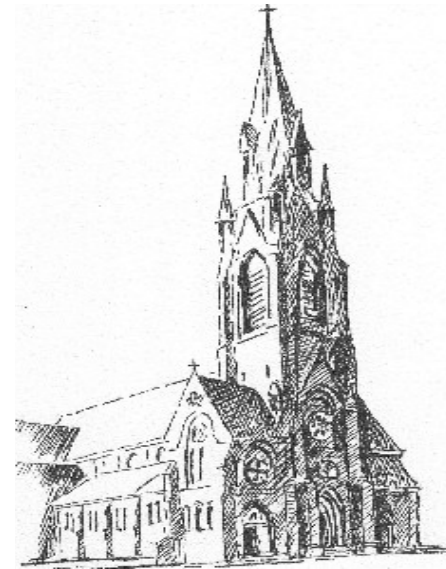
Confessions

Every day before Mass, except on Sunday

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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 of Lent

February 25, 2024

Psalm — I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

The First Reading shows the depth of Abraham’s faith in God. Living among the Canaanites who practiced human sacrifice, we see his agonizing effort to do what he thought God wanted of him. Abraham’s great faith was rewarded.

The Second Reading is obviously linked to the First Reading. It shows us the depth of God’s love for us. God did not even spare his own Son, but gave Him for us.

The transfiguration is an epiphany story. Epiphany stories are common in ancient writing about holy people. In these stories, the veil which separated the invisible from the visible world is removed for a moment, and the truth is revealed. On Mount Tabor, Jesus’ disciples got a glimpse of the glory that was his as the Son of God. It was a wonderful experience for them, so much so that Peter exclaimed , “ Lord, it is good for us to be here”.

At every Mass we too can say: “It is good to be here”. Because in every Mass God forgives our sins and enables us to forgive one another. In every Mass God strengthens our faith, and nourishes us with the bread of eternal life.

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.

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.

How Great Is Our God

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice
All the Earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light
And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice.

**How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God.**

Age to age He stands
And time is in His hands
Beginning and the end
Beginning and the end
The Godhead Three in One
Father Spirit Son
The Lion and the Lamb
The Lion and the Lamb

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, February 24

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

Sunday, February 25

8:30 am.

10:00 am. Community—Santo Cristo Association—Ana de Melo—António Pimentel—Joe & Maria Sousa

11:30 am. José & Angelo Medeiros—Ana Carvalho—Manuel Tomaz Cabral & spouse—Steven Bouchard—Crescente Altuna—José Soares & parents—Bernarda Torres & Juan Manuel Gonzalez—Intention of Marion Prince

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

Monday, February 26

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Ermelinda Arruda

Tuesday, February 27

9:00 am. Agostinha Alves & son, Francisco Avelino, Tony & José Barros

6:00 pm. Maria José & António Medeiros & family

Wednesday, February 28

9:00 am. António & Esmeralda, family of Olimpia Mota

6:00 pm. Bill, John & Katherine Skora

Thursday, February 29

9:00 am. Ildeberto Pimentel

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

Friday, March 1

9:00 am. Manuel de Amorim

6:00 pm. Intention of José Arruda & Joshua Medeiros

Saturday, March 2

5:00 pm. Manuel Pereira—Intentions of Micah MacMullan—António & Natália Furtado & family