

**JOSEPH**  
Husband of Mary

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a “just” man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts.

When the Bible speaks of God “justifying” someone, it means that God, the all-holy or “righteous” One, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God’s own holiness, and hence it is really “right” for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not.

By saying Joseph was “just”, the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage.

It is no contradiction of Joseph’s manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this “quietly” because he was “a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame” (Matthew 1:19).

The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage.

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**ShareLife**

Today, we will take up your offerings towards our first ShareLife collection.



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**Laus-Perene—Blessed Sacrament Adoration**

March 25, 26 and 27 from 3:00—6:00 p.m. We need your help for the Easter flowers. All contributions are very much appreciated.

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**Holy Thursday**

Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 8:00 p.m. (English-Portuguese).

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**Good Friday**

Passion of Our Lord at 1:00 p.m. in English and 3:00 p.m. in Portuguese. Via Sacra at 7:00 p.m. English/Portuguese.

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**Holy Saturday**

Easter Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 p.m. (English-Portuguese) with adult baptisms.

# 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**

Artur Rocha 647-624-7113

**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

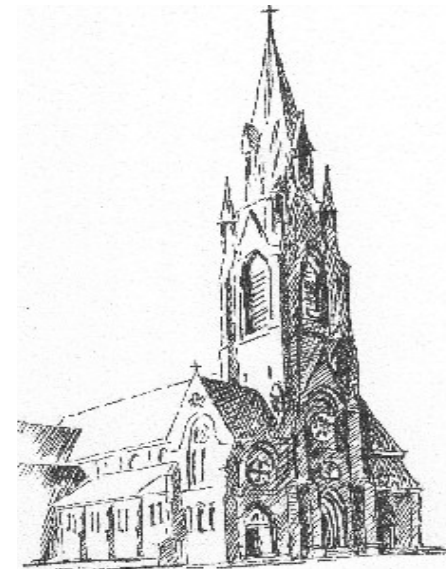
**Confessions**

Every day before Mass, except on Sunday

**Schools**

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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



## V Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2024

*First Reading (Jer. 31:31-34)* The prophet Jeremiah tells a shattered people that God has not forsaken them, but will soon make a new and more intimate covenant with them.

*Psalms: Create a clean heart in me, O God.*

*Second Reading (heb 5:7-9)* Through his obedience and suffering Christ became the source of eternal life for us.

*Gospel (Jn 12:20-33)* In the Gospel Jesus talks about his imminent death. It shows the very real disquiet with which he approached it. But it also stresses that what was to take place was within the purposes of God. Jesus uses the example of a grain of wheat dying in order to yield a harvest, thereby suggesting that his own death will bear much fruit. John has no account of the agony in the garden in his Gospel. The nearest he gets to it is when he reports Jesus as saying 'My soul is troubled'. And in the words, 'Should I ask the Father to save me from this hour?' we catch an unmistakable echo of his prayer in Gethsemane.

### Take Up Your Cross

Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up  
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame,  
and let your foolish pride be still;  
the Lord for you accepted death  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

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### Father, I Have Sinned

Father I have sinned,  
help me find my way.  
Remember not my sins,  
just let me hear you say:

**I forgive you, I love you  
You are mine, take my hand.  
Go in peace, sin no more,  
Beloved one.**

Father I have turned,  
my back and walked away  
Depended on my strength  
and lived life my own way

### Song of the Cross

**Love lifted on the cross for me:  
my Lord, my God, my salvation.  
Love lifted high to set me free:  
my Lord, my God, my salvation.**

Behold the wood of the cross,  
behold the lamb that was slain.  
Behold your king comes victorious,  
behold he has risen again.

O be exalted, O God,  
above the heavens and the earth.  
For by your cross and resurrection  
you have redeemed the world.

Give glory to the Father,  
give glory to the Son,  
give glory to the Holy Spirit;  
give glory to the Holy One.

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### Jerusalem My Destiny

**I have fixed my eyes on your hills,  
Jerusalem, my Destiny!  
Though I cannot see the end for me,  
I cannot turn away.  
We have set our hearts for the way;  
this journey is our destiny.  
Let no one walk alone.  
The journey makes us one.**

Other spirits, lesser gods,  
have courted me with lies.  
Here among you I have found  
a truth that bids me rise. (Refrain)

### Mass Intentions for the Week

**Saturday, March 16**

**5:00 pm.** Mariano Machado

**Sunday, March 17**

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

**10:00 am.** Community—Maria de Fátima Melo—Jaime de Sousa—Judy da Silva—Carlos Pereira & family, Laurentino Silva & family

**11:30 am.** José & Angelo Medeiros & uncles—Luciano & Rosa Borges, parents, siblings & souls in purgatory

**1:00 pm.** Manuel Inácio & Maria Amaral, children & grandson—Maria Rosalinda do Rego, St. Joseph, for all suffering

**Monday, March 18**

**9:00 am.** Liberal Paul Silva

**6:00 pm.** Praise to St. Joseph

**Tuesday, March 19**

**9:00 am.** St. Joseph, souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.** St. Joseph

**Wednesday, March 20**

**9:00 am.** Manuel de Amaral Morgado

**6:00 pm.** Artur, Maria & Luisa Cabral

**Thursday, March 21**

**9:00 am.** Jacinto & Beatriz Medeiros, Alda & Domingos Alves

**6:00 pm.** Jorge Almeida Sousa & Maria da Paixão

**Friday, March 22**

**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.** Maria Julia Carrabau

**Saturday, March 23**

**5:00 pm.** João Rodrigues & in-laws—Manuel & António Faria—Tony Fernandes—Irene Coelho—Mecilia & Silvério Angeja