

HAPPY EASTER

Easter is the fulfillment of everything Jesus came to do. The apostles had been devastated with the crucifixion. They had failed to understand what Jesus meant when he said that he would rise from the dead. But now they were overwhelmed with the knowledge that he had risen: He lives!

Their encounter with the risen Lord meant that they could never be the same again. They could not go back to living the way they had before. Now, they believed everything Jesus said. Now they were ready to die for Him.

Jesus has a message of "Good News" and the world needs to hear it. Our world is broken by the divide between the rich and the poor. Our world is tired of wars, abuse of human rights and even religious intolerance. We are all brothers and sisters, children of the same God. Jesus has a message and the world needs to hear it.

"And so we ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. Yes, Christ is our peace, and through him we implore peace for all the world" - Pope Francis.

To all our parishioners we say: Happy Easter! Christ is Risen, Aleluia! Feliz Páscoa! Nabuhay si Cristo! Siya nga ay nabuhai! Wesoyego Alleluja! Sretan Uskers! Buona Pascoa! Felices Pascuas! Joyeuses Paques!

Confirmation Rehearsal

All young adults that will be receiving Confirmation, will have rehearsal on Sunday, April 7th, at 4:00 p.m. Confirmation will take place on Saturday, April 13, at 11:00 a.m.

First Communions

First Communions will take place on Sunday, April 7th and 14th, at the1:00 p.m. Mass.

Santo Cristo Festival

Our yearly Santo Cristo Festival, will take place on the weekend of May, 4-5th.

A special thank you to our choir, our lectors, Eucharist ministers and all our volunteers. Thank you also for your support of our church and for the donations towards flowers.

> To all our parishioners, and all those that are new to our parish, we wish you all and your loved ones *A HAPPY EASTER!*



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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

> > 5:00 pm English

Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese 6:00 pm English

Saturday

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

St. Mary Elementary Bishop Macdonell

416-393-5205 416-393-5462



Easter Sunday March 31, 2024

First Reading (Acts 10:34.37-43) The reading from the Acts is part of an early sermon of Peter. In it he summarizes the ministry of Jesus, which culminated in his death. But it didn't end there; God raised him to life, allowing him to be seen by certain witnesses, Peter among them. He goes on to declare that Jesus is the one all the prophets spoke about (the Messiah). All who believe in him will have their sins forgiven.

Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Second Reading (Col 3:1-4) Through our Baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mysterious way.

Gospel (Jn 20:1-9) The Gospel tells about the discovery of the empty tomb. The empty tomb (with the discarded linen cloths) in itself is not a direct proof of the resurrection. Nevertheless, it was the first step towards establishing the truth that Jesus had escaped the bonds of death, and prepared the disciples to encounter the Risen Lord.

Many readings in the Easter cycle instruct the newly baptized on the Christian way of life.

Today's Second Reading and its alternative are good examples. Thus the Easter season provides us with an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be baptized members of Christ's Body.

That Eastertide With Joy Was Bright

That Eastertide with joy was bright; the sun shone out with fairer light,alleluia, alleluia! when, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

> He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the glorious wounds abide; alleluia, alleluia! the tokens true which made it plain their Lord indeed was risen again. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,

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

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.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia! Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!



Saturday, March 30Easter Vigil Mass8:00 p.m. (English-Portuguese)

Sunday, March 31 8:30 am. Portuguese 10:00 am. Portuguese 11:30 am. English 1:00 pm. English

Monday, April 1 9:00 am. António Rodrigues Marcos 6:00 p.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, April 2 9:00 am. José & Maria Rosa Couto, parents, in-laws, family & souls in purgatory 6:00 p.m. José, Henriqueta & John Rebelo

Wednesday, April 3 9:00 am. José Calmeira, spouse & children 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 4

9:00 am. Mario Gomes Ferreira, family intentions, world peace6:00 p.m. Dennis do Couto & souls in purgatory

Friday, April 5

9:00 am. Ermelinda Arruda **6:00 p.m.** Artur Amarelo

Saturday, April 6 5:00 p.m. Rosa Novaco-Faiello—José Oliveira Brum