

**Mark** Evangelist

(April 25th Feast)

Most of what we know about Mark comes directly from the New Testament. He is usually identified with the Mark of Acts 12:12.

(When Peter escaped from prison, he went to the home of Mark's mother.)

Paul and Barnabas took him along on the first missionary journey, but for some reason Mark returned alone to Jerusalem. It is evident, from Paul's refusal to let Mark accompany him on the second journey despite Barnabas's insistence, that Mark had displeased Paul. Later, Paul asks Mark to visit him in prison so we may assume the trouble did not last long.

The oldest and the shortest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark emphasizes Jesus' rejection by humanity while being God's triumphant envoy.

Probably written for Gentile converts in Rome— after the death of Peter and Paul sometime between 60 and 70 A.D. — Mark's Gospel is the gradual manifestation of a "scandal" a crucified Messiah.

Evidently a friend of Mark (Peter called him "my son"), Peter is only one of the Gospel sources, others being the church in Jerusalem (Jewish roots) and the church at Antioch (largely Gentile).

Like one other Gospel writer Luke, Mark, was not one of the twelve apostles. We cannot be certain whether he knew Jesus personally. Some scholars feel that the evangelist is speaking of himself when describing the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane: "Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked" (Mark 14:51-52).

A winged lion is Mark's symbol. The lion derives from Mark's description of John the Baptist as a "voice of one crying out in the desert" (Mark 1:3), which artists compared to a roaring lion.



# St. Mary's Church

**Rev. Msgr. Fernando Couto (Pastor)**

**Rev. Fr. Andre de Lima (Associate Pastor)**

**Parish Council**

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
First Friday of Every Month at 5:00 p.m.

**English Choir**  
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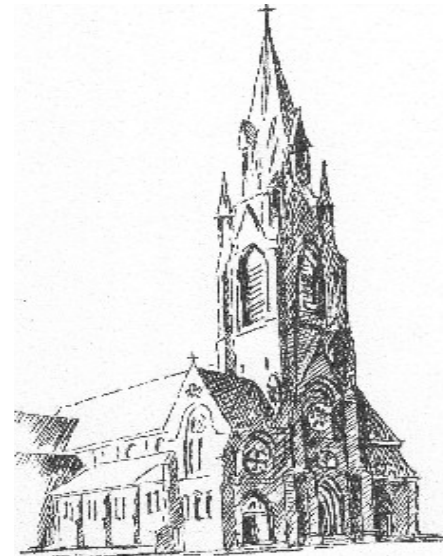
**Volunteer Co-ordinator**  
Delia Medeiros (contact the parish)

**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

## Santo Cristo Festival

Our annual Santo Cristo festival will be on the weekend of May 4/5th. Saturday, May 4th, procession at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 5th, procession at 3:30 p.m. All are welcome.

## ShareLife

Our second ShareLife collection for this year, will take place next weekend, April 27/28th. We thank you in advance for your generosity.





## 4th Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

*First Reading (Acts 4:8-12)* Peter tells the Jewish leaders that Jesus is the one and only Saviour. From the earliest days the apostles encountered hostility from the Jewish leaders just as Jesus himself had. Even so, the First Reading shows Peter fearlessly proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus.

He asserts that the stone they rejected (Jesus) has become the cornerstone of a new building. The risen Jesus is the one and only Saviour.

*Psalm: The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone.*

*Second Reading (1Jn 3:1-2)* In his love for us God has made us his children. In the next life we shall see him as he is.

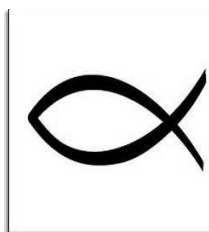
*Gospel (Jn 10:11-18)* Unlike the hireling, Jesus, the Good Shepherd, is ready to give his life for his sheep. Of all the images we have of Jesus, one of the loveliest is that of the Good Shepherd. It was Jesus himself who used it. How well do we trust and how closely do we follow the Good Shepherd?

### Sing A New Song

Sing a new song unto the Lord  
let your song be sung from mountains high.  
Sing a new song unto the Lord,  
singing alleluia.

Yahweh's people dance for joy.  
O come before the Lord.  
And play for him on glad tambourines,  
and let your trumpet sound.

Glad my soul for I have seen  
the glory of the Lord.  
The trumpet sounds the dead shall be raised.  
I know my Savior lives.



### Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name!

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen.

### Like A Shepherd

Like a shepherd He feeds His flock  
And gathers the lambs in His arms  
Holding them carefully close to His heart  
Leading them home.

Say to the cities of Judah  
"Prepare the way of the Lord"  
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice  
"Jerusalem, here is your God"

I myself will shepherd them  
For others have led them astray  
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds  
And pasture them, giving them rest

Come unto me  
If you are heavily burdened  
And take my yoke upon your shoulders  
I will give you rest.

### Blest Are They

Blest are they, the poor in spirit  
Theirs is the kingdom of God  
Blest are they, full of sorrow  
They shall be consoled.

Rejoice and be glad  
Blessed are you; holy are you  
Rejoice and be glad  
Yours is the Kingdom of God.

Blest are they, the lowly ones  
They shall inherit the earth  
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst  
They shall have their fill.



### Saturday, April 20

5:00 p.m. Mariano Machado, parents and in-laws—João Rodrigues & parents—Luciano Pereira Henriques & daughters—Beatriz Otilia de Medeiros—Elmira Barbosa

### Sunday, April 21

8:30 am. Olivia, João e Fernando Machado

10:00 am. Community—Maria de Fátima Melo—Judy da Silva—Amélia de Fátima Corvelo Nogueira

11:30 am. Virginia Arruda

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

### Monday, April 22

9:00 am. Intention of Filomena & Jamiel Melo, souls in purgatory

6:00 p.m. Manuel Medeiros & souls in purgatory

### Tuesday, April 23

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 p.m. Maria de Jesus Pereira, Joaquim & Diamantino Miguel

### Wednesday, April 24

9:00 am. Rosária Ferreira

6:00 p.m. Luis & Conceição Soares

### Thursday, April 25

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 p.m. Gilda Arruda & Encarnação Tavares

### Friday, April 26

9:00 am.

6:00 p.m. Odilia Correia

### Saturday, April 27

5:00 p.m. Manuel & António Faria