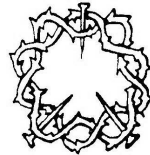


Feast of Senhor Santo Cristo

The feast and procession of Senhor Santo Cristo dos Milagres, which for the last 58 years has been celebrated at St. Mary's Church, is one of the most visible manifestations of the Portuguese presence in Canada.

The tradition dates back to the late 17th century, when in São Miguel, in the Azores, an ornate wooden statue of the ECCE HOMO, crowned with thorns and covered in a crimson cape, was taken in procession through the decorated streets of Ponta Delgada.



The demographics around St. Mary's have changed considerably and the Portuguese community is now spread all over the Greater Toronto area. But once a year, they return back for the annual procession and they often refer to St. Mary's as the "Igreja do Senhor Santo Cristo". Our parish Brass Band is also called Banda do Senhor Santo Cristo.

On Saturday, we have a shorter procession around our church square, starting at 5:30 pm with numerous people attending.

On Sunday, we have a High Mass at 1:00 pm followed by a procession at 3:30 pm. The route is Bathurst St., to Portugal Square, to Tecumseth St., to Mitchell Ave., to Niagara St., to Adelaide St. W. and back to the church.

This is a public demonstration of our faith. St. Mary's has been part of the fabric of the City of Toronto since 1852 and this procession has been on our streets since 1966.

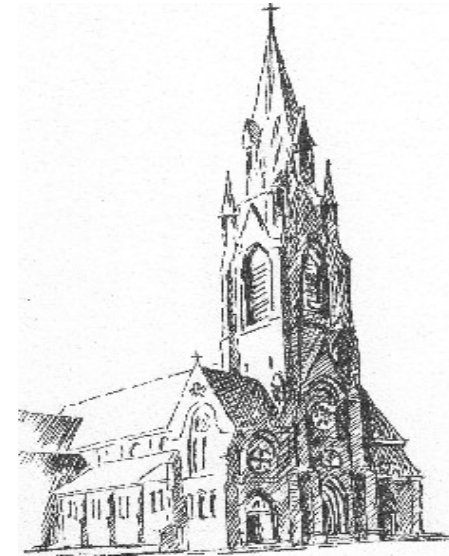
On Monday, we conclude with a Mass of Thanksgiving at 7:00 pm.

To organize a feast such as this requires a lot of effort and great dedication. A special thank you goes to our volunteers, the Association and the Organizing Committee.



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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

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First Friday of Every Month at 5:00 p.m.

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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 416-393-5205

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**6th Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024**

First Reading (Acts 10.25-26,34-35,44-48) The baptism of Cornelius, the first pagan to receive the grace of baptism, shows that God’s salvation is offered to all. The first Christian community had been exclusively Jewish. Now comes a turning point—the reception of the first Gentiles. Cornelius was the first pagan to receive the grace of baptism. The reading from Acts tells of his baptism, and shows that God’s salvation is offered to all.

Psalm: The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations.

Second Reading (1Jn 4.7-10) This contains what is probably the most important statement ever made about God. In the Second Reading, John says that Christians must love one another because love comes from God. Love is God’s essence. Loving is the only way we can really know God and share in God’s life.

Gospel (Jn 15.9-17) Jesus leaves his friends the supreme commandment of love. In the Gospel, Jesus talks about the love that binds him to the Father, and the love that should bind the disciples to him and to one another. Jesus’ love is modeled on that of the Father. The disciples should model themselves on the Son: as he has observed the Father’s commandments, so they should observe his. Obedience arises out of love, and obedience is love. Now he is going to give them the supreme proof of his love—giving his life for them. He has chosen them and sent them into the world to bear fruit—the fruit of love.

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.

All That We Have

**All that we have and all that we offer
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now and give what we need.
All done in his name.**

Some would rely on their power,
Others put trust in their gold.
Some have only their Savior,
Whose faithfulness never grows old. Chorus

Sometimes the road may be lonesome,
Often we may lose our way;
Take courage and always remember
Love isn't just for a day. Chorus

Sometimes when troubles are many,
Life can seem empty, it's true,
But look at the life of the Master,
Who lovingly suffered for you.

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart**

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people’s pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my words to them Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will send the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them Whom shall I send?

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**Masses
This Week**

Saturday, May 4

5:30 p.m. Procession—Mass

Sunday, May 5

8:30 am. Nelissa da Mota

10:00 am. Community—Conceição e Libério Ledo—Henrique Sebastião—José Luis & Maria Teresa Branco—José, Henriqueta & John Rebelo—José Carlos Silva, Manuel Pereira—Manuel & Rosa de Jesus Couto—Abel Ferreira, parents, in-laws & family—António José Braga & parents—Intentions of José & Maria Pereira

11:30 am. Parents of Odilia Soares—Natália Dâmaso

1:00 pm. Santo Cristo Feast Mass—Procession

Monday, May 6

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

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass Santo Cristo

Tuesday, May 7

9:00 am. Manuel de Amorim

6:00 p.m. Maria Augusta Gouveia da Costa

Wednesday, May 8

9:00 am. Ermelinda Arruda

6:00 p.m. Luis Augusto Ribeiro Raposo

Thursday, May 9

9:00 am. Luciano & Rosa Borges, parents, siblings & souls in purgatory

6:00 p.m. Intention of Fátima Medeiros

Friday, May 10

9:00 am. Yue Ming

6:00 p.m. Estrela Oliveira

Saturday, May 11

5:00 p.m. Souls in purgatory — António dos Santos Garcia—Herminia Branco—Gilda & António Arruda—Diana Pinto—António Correia