

The Church is Catholic

When we say that the Church is “catholic” what does it mean? It means that it is universal, that it is for everyone and that it is found all over the world. The original word in Greek is “Katolikos” (*hata* meaning towards and *holos* meaning whole).

Today, there is no place on the globe where Catholicism is absent. Catholics have set up churches, schools, and hospitals all over the world. From north to south, east to west, the Church is everywhere. However, in bringing the Church to other cultures, missionaries often did with the understanding that bringing the Church to other peoples meant converting them to the European understanding of the Church. Today, the understanding of Catholic is more towards the “open to embrace”, open to welcome other cultures. The new missionary outreach respects local traditions, autonomy, music, architecture, language, etc.

Europe is no longer seen as the heart of the church. Latin America for instance has more Catholics than Africa and North America combined.

The pope is no longer Italian, travels all over the world and reminds us that the Church’s most important role is to bring people to God, preach the Good News and be of service to those most in need.

The Roman Catholic Church is not only the oldest branch of Christianity but also the largest religious organization on earth. The pope is the successor of Peter and Pope Francis happens to be the 266th pope of the Church.

Baptism Sponsors

Before inviting the sponsors for your child’s baptism, it is important to know if they are practicing Catholics and did receive the sacrament of confirmation.

Parish Registration

If you have changed residence or telephone number, please contact the pariah office to update your file. If you wish to make St. Mary’s your home parish, please contact our office for registration.

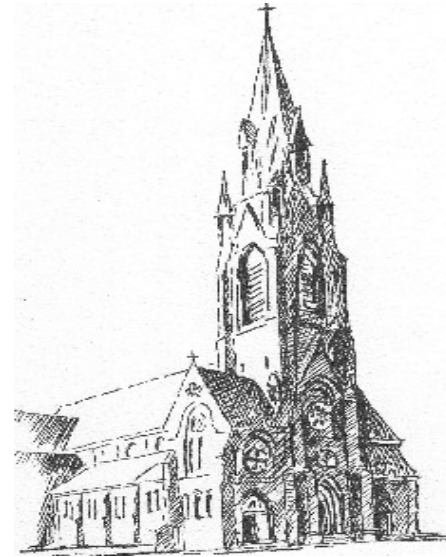
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St. Vincent de Paul Society requests and thanks everyone's help. Thank you all for your continuous support, God Bless you.

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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

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)

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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 416-393-5205

Bishop Macdonell 416-393-5462



Most Holy Trinity May 26, 2024

The First Reading talks about the power and glory of God, who nonetheless, entered into a close and loving relationship with his people, Israel, and of the obligations and blessings that flow from such a relationship.

This reading stresses the oneness of God.

In the Second Reading, this relationship is taken deeper; we are not just members of God's people, but members of God's family. We are God's children. The Holy Spirit dwells within us and has made us co-heirs with the Son. This reading makes clear reference to the three persons in God.

Gospel (Mt 28:16-20) In his last appearance to his apostles, Jesus commissions them to preach the Gospel to all peoples, and promises to be with them to the end of time. The Gospel also makes reference to the three persons of the Blessed Trinity. Jesus, who has total power over the whole universe, now empowers his apostles to preach the Gospel to the whole world. The all powerful Son of God promises to be with them (and by implication with us) until the end of time. The mission of the Church is to help all people to know the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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.

Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind but now I see.

Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved,
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.

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 have 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?

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.**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Masses This Week

Saturday, May 25

5:00 p.m. In honour of God the Father Almighty—João Rodrigues—Manuel & António Faria—Odilia Arruda

Sunday, May 26

8:30 am. António de Faria

10:00 am. Community—Santo Cristo Association—Gilberto Sousa, parents, in-laws, siblings & family—Laurinda Tavares, Luis e José da Mota

11:30 am. Ana Carvalho—Brendan McGuirk

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

Monday, May 27

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Odilia Correia

Tuesday, May 28

9:00 am. Rosária Ferreira

6:00 pm. Artur, Maria & Luisa Cabral

Wednesday, May 29

9:00 am. Manuel Calmeira

6:00 pm. Eugénia de Jesus

Thursday, May 30

9:00 am. Intention of Maria, Fátima, Andy & Elaina Medeiros

6:00 pm. Ildeberto Camara

Friday, May 31

9:00 am. Vittorio & Attilia Bettio

6:00 pm. Intention of Claire Virginia

Saturday, June 1

5:00 pm. António João Medeiros