

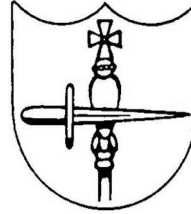
First Martyrs of the Church in Rome (64 A.D.)

There were Christians in Rome within a dozen or so years after the death of Jesus, though they were not the converts of the “Apostle of the Gentiles” (see Romans 15:20). Paul had not yet visited them at the time he wrote his great letter in A.D. 57-58.

There was a large Jewish community in Rome. Probably as a result of controversy between Jews and Jewish Christians, the Emperor Claudius expelled all Jews from Rome in A.D. 49-50. Suetonius the historian says that the expulsion was due to disturbances in the city “caused by the certain Chrestus” (Christ). Perhaps many came back after Claudius’s death in A.D. 54. Paul’s letter was addressed to a church with members from Jewish and gentile backgrounds.

In July of 64 A.D., more than half of Rome was destroyed by fire. Rumour blamed the tragedy on Nero, who wanted to enlarge his palace. He shifted the blame by accusing the Christians. According to the historian Tacitus, a “great multitude” of Christians was put to death because of their “hatred of the human race”. Peter and Paul were probably among the victims. Threatened by an army revolt and condemned to death by the senate, Nero committed suicide in 68 A.D. at the age of thirty one.

Quote: From Pope Clement I, third successor of Saint Peter: “It was through envy and jealousy that the greatest and most upright pillars of the church were persecuted and struggled unto death... First of all, Peter, who became of unreasonable jealousy suffered not merely once or twice but many times, and, having thus given his witness, went to the place of glory that he deserved. It was through jealousy and conflict that Paul showed the way to the prize for perseverance. He was put in chains seven times, sent into exile, and stoned; a herald both in the east and the west, he achieved a noble fame by his faith...”



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Baptism—Sundays

Baptisms will be booked by appointment only

Marriages

Please contact the priest *12 months* in advance

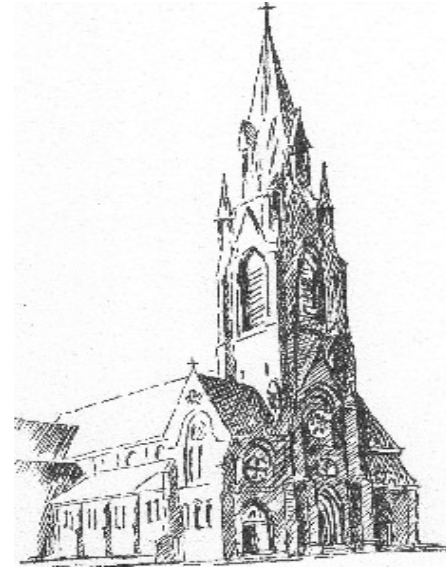
Confessions

Every day *before* Mass, except on Sunday

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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

Fr. Benny Joseph

Today we welcome Fr. Benny Joseph as our new Associate Pastor. Fr. Benny is a native of India, and worked for nine years in Brazil. Before coming to St. Mary's, Fr. Benny was the Associate Pastor of St. Leonard's Church in Brampton. We look forward to his ministry here at St. Mary's.

Annual Mass for the Faithful Departed

The Archdiocese of Toronto invites all families to participate in the Annual Mass of the Faithful Departed on Wednesday, August 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Assumption Cemetery, Mississauga

Christ the King Cemetery, Markham

Holy Cross Cemetery, Thornhill

Mount Hope Cemetery, Toronto

Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Woodbridge



**Thirteenth Sunday
June 30, 2024**

In the Gospel we see that Jesus healed sick people by touching them. He touched people in various ways: with his words, with his hands, and with his love. The Eucharist brings us very close to Jesus.

First Reading (Wis 1:13-15;2:23-24) God did not make us for death but for life, here and hereafter.

Second Reading (2 Cor 8:7.9.13-15) St. Paul is appealing to the Corinthians to contribute to a collection for the poor in the Church at Jerusalem.

Psalm: I will extol you, Lord, for you have raised me up.

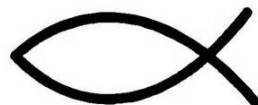
Gospel (Mk 5:21-43) In today's Gospel we have two more of the miracles referred to in the Scripture note for last Sunday. These miracles show that Jesus' saving power can overcome sickness and even death. The reading from Wisdom serves as a backdrop to this message. God did not create human beings in order to destroy them, but that they should enjoy a blessed immortality. Both the woman with the hemorrhage and the daughter of Jairus were beyond the help of any earthly power. The great faith of the woman and of Jairus is stressed. Both believed that Jesus possessed a supernatural power to heal. Both miracles are signs of God's power, restoring life and health through Jesus. The raising of the little girl is a foreshadowing of Jesus' gift of eternal life to all who believe in him.

Sing To The Mountains

**Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.**

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and my song. [Refrain]

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us be glad and rejoice.
He has turned all death to life.
Sing of the glory of God.



All that I Am

**All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.
All that I dream, all that I pray,
All that I'll ever make, I give to you today.**

Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honor, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
Is enough reward.

You Are Mine

I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am near

I am hope for all who are hopeless
I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light come and rest in Me

**Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine.**

I am strength for all the despairing
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
And all will know My name

I am the Word that leads all to freedom
I am the peace the world cannot give
I will call your name, embracing all your pain
Stand up, now, walk, and live!

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.

Mass Intentions for this Week



Saturday, June 29th

5:00 pm. João Luis de Faria—Honour & praise to the Virgin Mary

Sunday, June 30th

8:30 am. Agostinho & Beatriz da Mota

10:00am. Community—Santo Cristo Association—
António João Medeiros

11:30 am. Cicvaric family—Luis Alfonso Burgos—
Masarie Berdida & Paulino Mamigo—Isabella Han

1:00 pm.

Monday, July 1st

9:00 am. Intention of Filomena & Jamie Melo

6:00 pm. No Mass

Tuesday, July 2nd

9:00 am. Manuel de Amorim

6:00 pm. José, Henriqueta & John Rebelo

Wednesday, July 3rd

9:00 am. João & Zélia Botelho

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

Thursday, July 4th

9:00 am. Mario Gomes Ferreira, family intentions, for the poor

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

Friday, July 5th

9:00 am. Intention of Luisa Rodrigues

6:00 pm. Maria Coração Salao

Saturday, July 6th

5:00 pm. Orcomeno & Mariconda families—Souls in purgatory—Honour & praise to the Virgin Mary