

St. Mary Magdalene

The feast of St. Mary Magdalene is considered one of the most mystical of feasts, and it is said that of all the songs of the saints, that of Mary Magdalene is the sweetest and strongest because her love was so great. That love was praised by Jesus Himself who said that because much was forgiven her, she loved much.

Where she is buried, no one knows. Legend has her dying in Provence, France, in a cavern where she spent her last days, and her body resting in the chapel of St. Maximin in the Maritime Alps. Another has her buried in Ephesus where she went with St. John after the Resurrection. This latter view is more likely, and St. Willibald, the English pilgrim to the Holy Land in the eighth century, was shown her tomb there.

She was the first witness to the resurrection of Jesus, His most ardent and loving follower. She had stood with Mary at the foot of the Cross on that brutal Good Friday afternoon and had been by the side of Mary during these difficult hours. On Easter morning, she went with the other women to the tomb and it was there, in the garden near the tomb, that Jesus appeared to her. It was she who brought the news of the Resurrection to the Apostles, and Peter and John raced to the tomb to see what had happened.

She was from Magadala, a small fishing town on the Sea of Galilee, between Capernaum and Tiberias. She was known to be a “great sinner,” a woman of the streets who heard Jesus speak of the mercy and forgiveness of God and changed her life completely. Her matter-of-fact witness to the Resurrection moved Peter and John to go and see for themselves: “I have seen the Lord and these things he said to me.” Jesus had chosen her to bring the news to them and she simply told them what had happened. She has always been the example of great love and great forgiveness, one of those close to Jesus who grasped the truth of God’s love for human beings and spent her life bearing witness to that love.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)

If you know someone interested in becoming a Catholic, don’t hesitate to invite this person to enroll in our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. They should contact the parish and speak with one of the priests. The instruction classes will begin in late Fall. We also need more volunteers to come forward to stand in as Catholic Sponsors.

Catechism

We are looking for more catechism teachers to assist us in the preparation of children for Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Marriage

If you are planning to get married in our church, please contact us *one year* in advance.

St. Mary's Church

Rev. Msgr. Fernando Couto (Pastor)
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English Choir

Susan Taylor 416-531-0503

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Volunteer Co-Ordinator

Delia Medeiros (Please contact parish)

Baptism—Sundays

Baptisms will be booked by appointment only

Marriages

Please contact the priest *12 months* in advance

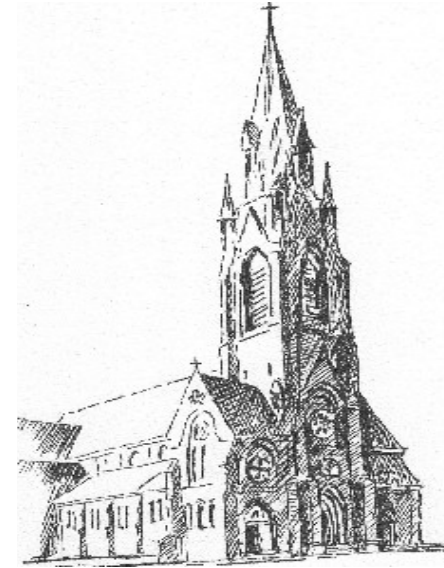
Confessions

Every day *before* Mass, except on Sunday

Schools

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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



Sixteenth Sunday
July 21, 2024

Psalm:
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

Jeremiah indicts the official leaders for neglecting their duties towards the people (First Reading). They must shoulder the blame for the misfortune that has befallen the people.

But God will not let his people languish. He himself will assume the mantle of leadership, and entrust the flock to good and faithful shepherds.

This ties in neatly with the Gospel. Jeremiah's promise is fulfilled in Jesus. We see Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in action. Firstly, we see his care for the Twelve, who have just returned from their missionary work and need a break. Secondly, we see his care for the ordinary people, whom he teaches at length. What a contrast there is between him and the official leaders of his time. Little wonder that the people flocked to him. In Jesus we see the divine compassion in action.

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them,
springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

All That We Have

**All that we have and
all that we offer comes from the 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.

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

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.

Let Heaven Rejoice

**Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;
Let all creation sing.
Let children proclaim to every land:
Hosanna to the King.**

Sound the trumpet into the night;
The day of the Lord is near.
Wake His people, lift your voice,
Proclaim it to the world.

Raise your voices, be not afraid.
Proclaim it in every land.
Christ has died, but he has risen;
He will come again.

Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, July 20th

5:00 pm. Mariano Machado & family—Michael Cham—Manuel Isidro Carneiro—Antonio Cordeiro & family—João Luis de Faria—Souls in purgatory

Sunday, July 21st

8:30 am. Olivia, João & Fernando Machado
10:00am. Community—Liberio e Conceição Ledo—Maria de Fátima Melo—60th anniversary of Francisco & Irlandina Tavares, family intentions, parents & in-laws—Maria Candida Amaral—Irene Loureiro
11:30 am. Maria da Graça & Luis Inacio Da Cunha—Intention for Tania Cudmore
1:00 pm.

Monday, July 22nd

9:00 am. Ricardo, Nancy & Horácio Costa, souls in purgatory
6:00 pm. Tomas Yntig

Tuesday, July 23rd

9:00 am. Rosária Ferreira
6:00 pm. José & Filomena Braz & sons—Silvestre, Diamantino & Agostinho

Wednesday, July 24th

9:00 am. Joe Gaspar, grandparents & uncles
6:00 pm. José & Maria Bernardo & children

Thursday, July 25th

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory
6:00 pm. Maria & Tomas Oliveira

Friday, July 26th

9:00 am. St. Anne, Mariannina Mariconda & family
6:00 pm. In honour of God the Father Almighty

Saturday, July 27th

5:00 pm. Danilo Lamila—Manuel & António Faria—Odilia Correia—José Rodrigues Soares—Dolores & Ignacio Tan—João Rodrigues—Souls in purgatory