

## John Vianney

Priest (1786-1859)

A man with vision overcomes obstacles and performs deeds that seemed impossible. John Vianney was a man with vision: He wanted to become a priest. But he had to overcome his meager formal schooling, which inadequately prepared him for seminary studies. His failure to comprehend Latin lectures forced him to discontinue. But his vision of being a priest urged him to seek private tutoring. After a lengthy battle with the books, John was ordained. Situations calling for “impossible” deeds followed him everywhere. As pastor of the parish at Ars, John encountered people who were indifferent and quite comfortable with their style of living. His vision led him through severe fasts and short nights of sleep. With Catherine Lassagne and Benedicta Lardet, he established La Providence, a home for girls. Only a man of vision could have such trust that God would provide for the spiritual and material needs of all those who came to make La Providence their home. His work as a confessor is John Vianney’s most remarkable accomplishment. In the winter months he was to spend eleven to twelve hours daily reconciling people with God and giving spiritual advice. Unless a man was dedicated to his vision of a priestly vocation, he could not have endured this giving of self day after day. Many people look forward to retirement and taking it easy, doing the things they always wanted to do but never had the time. But John Vianney had no thoughts of retirement. As his fame spread, more hours were consumed in serving God’s people. This poor and simple man became the patron saint of priests.

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### Mission Co-Op

Next weekend August 10-11th, we will have with us Fr. Emmanuel Walakira, from Uganda for the Mission Co-Op appeal. Envelopes for this special collection, are at the back of the church. We thank you in advance for your support.

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### Sunday School

Sunday School registration for First Communion and Confirmation, can be done during the month of September. All registration forms must be completed, accompanied by the baptism certificate, and returned to the parish office. For information, contact our office.

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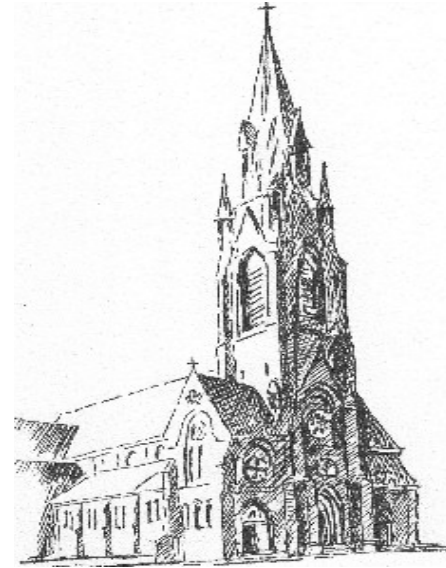
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### Catechism Teachers

If you would like to assist with catechism for our children attending Sunday School, please contact the parish. We will need volunteers for First Communion & Confirmation Classes.

# St. Mary's Church

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### OFFICE HOURS

Mon.– Fri. 8:30—12:00 and 1:00—4:00

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### Sunday Masses

8:30 am Portuguese

10:00 am Portuguese

11:30 am English

1:00 pm English

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### Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese  
6:00 pm English

Saturday 5:00 pm English

### Parish Council

### Parish Finance Council

### English Choir

Susan Taylor 416-531-0503

### Portuguese Choir

Ana da Silva 905-891-5444

### Santo Cristo

Artur Rocha 647-624-7113

### Santo Cristo Band (Hall)

Paul Valerio (President) 416-703-2231  
647-998-5916

### Santo Cristo Association

Contact the Parish 416-703-2326

### Espirito Santo

João & Lilia Tavares 647-308-7576

### St. Vincent de Paul

416-247-8868

### 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

St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205

Bishop Macdonell 416-393-5462



**Eighteenth Sunday  
August 4, 2024**

**Psalm:**  
*The Lord gave them the bread of heaven.*

The First Reading tells how God fed his people in the desert with manna. This is regarded as the classic example of God’s care for his people.

Jesus too fed people who were hungry but the Gospel makes it clear that the Son of Man did not come down from above merely to satisfy physical hunger. He came to give a heavenly bread that people will eat and never become hungry. The manna was but a foreshadowing of the spiritual food which was now being offered by Jesus to his followers. The manna nourished people physically and sustained life temporarily. In contrast, the new bread will nourish people spiritually and sustain life eternally. The ‘bread’ in question is primarily the teaching given by Jesus. Only at a secondary level does it refer to the Eucharist.

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**Civic Holiday**

Next Monday, August 5th, is the Civic Holiday. For this reason we will not have the 6:00 p.m. English Mass.

**Gather your people, O Lord**

Gather your people, O Lord.  
Gather your people, O Lord.  
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.  
Gather your people, O Lord.  
Draw us forth to the table of life:  
brothers and sisters,  
each of us called to walk in your light.

Gather your people, O Lord.  
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One bread, one body, one spirit of love.  
Gather your people, O Lord.  
We are parts of the body of Christ,  
needing each other,  
each of the gifts the Spirit provides.

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**Alleluia, Sing to Jesus**

Alleluia, sing to Jesus  
His the sceptre, his the throne.  
Alleluia, his the triumph  
His the victory alone.  
Hark the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood,  
Jesus out of every nation  
Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia, Bread of angels  
Here on earth our food our stay.  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

**I Am the Bread of Life**

I am the Bread of life,  
He who comes to Me shall not hunger,  
He who believes in Me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to Me  
Unless the Father draw him.

**And I will raise him up,  
and I will raise him up,  
And I will raise him up on the last day.**

The bread that I will give  
Is My flesh for the life of the world,  
And he who eats of this bread,  
He shall live for ever, he shall live for ever.

Unless you eat of the flesh  
of the Son of Man  
And drink of His blood,  
and drink of His blood,  
You shall not have life within you.

I am the Resurrection, I am the Life,  
He who believes in Me even if he die,  
He shall live for ever.

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**City of God**

Awake from your slumber, arise from your sleep  
a new day is dawning for all those who weep.  
The people in darkness have seen a great light  
the Lord of our longing has conquered the night.

**Let us build the city of God  
may our tears be turned into dancing  
for the Lord our light and our love  
has turned the night into day.**

We are sons of the morning, we are daughters of day.  
The One who has loved us has brightened our way.  
The Lord of all kindness has called us to be  
A light for all people to set their hearts free.

**Mass Intentions for this Week**



**Saturday, August 3rd**

**5:00 pm.** António João Medeiros—Souls in purgatory

**Sunday, August 4th**

**8:30 am.** Julie Lopes

**10:00am.** Community—Henrique Sebastião—José Luis & Maria Teresa Branco—José Carlos Silva—Manuel Pereira—António Correia—Evaristo & Silvana Jacob—Carlos Alberto Mota

**11:30 am.** Intention of Tania Watt—Intention of Haris Mirza

**1:00 pm.** Louis & Maria D’Souza, Anthony, Mary, Vincent, Francis, Margaret & Richard D’Souza, souls in purgatory

**Monday, August 5th**

**9:00 am.** Lorenzo, Marianina & Irena Mariconda

**6:00 pm. No Mass**

**Tuesday, August 6th**

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

**6:00 pm.** In honour of God the Father Almighty

**Wednesday, August 7th**

**9:00 am.**

**6:00 pm.** Souls in purgatory

**Thursday, August 8th**

**9:00 am.** Ermelinda Arruda

**6:00 pm.** Luis Augusto Ribeiro Raposo

**Friday, August 9th**

**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.** Barbosa family & daughter Filomena

**Saturday, August 10th**

**5:00 pm.** Souls in purgatory—San Lorenzo—Lorenzo Mariconda & family—Ron & Carmen Sandrelli & family