

## St. Monica

On August 27th the catholic church celebrates the memorial of St Monica, the mother of St Augustine. St. Monica was born in North Africa in 332 of Christian parents. She married a good man, but he had a violent temper and was sometimes unfaithful. But St. Monica managed to convert him to Christianity and he was later baptized.

Her son, Augustine, proved to be a much greater challenge. So, Monica dedicated most of her life praying for the conversion of St. Augustine. After 17 years of Monica's persistent prayers, Augustine was converted while in Milan where he met Bishop Ambrose and returned to his faith. She finally had the joy of seeing St. Augustine baptized. St. Monica is a powerful symbol of endurance and constant prayer by which she could initiate the conversion of her son, Saint Augustine.

Monica had only one prayer, "My son, I had but only one desire in my life and that was to see you a Catholic". Once Monica told Augustine, "Despise all that the world can offer you, in order to follow the Master, Jesus. Bury my body wherever you wish. All I ask is that you remember me at the altar of the Lord" (St. Monica). After the conversion, Augustine wrote about his mother, "Never can I describe what her love was for me. By her glance as well as by her prayers, she raised my heart to God. If I am your child, O God, it is because you gave me such a wonderful mother". She is a patron of mothers.

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### Catechism Registration

All registrations for First Holy Communion and Confirmation must be done until the end of September. **A copy of the certificate of baptism must be presented with the registration.** Registrations are done through the parish, not the school. Although we have some catechism teachers, we still would appreciate a couple more.

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### R.C.I.A.

All adults willing to become Catholics should introduce themselves until the end of October and register in our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

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### English Choir

Our English choir could use a few more volunteers. Music has always been an important ministry in the Church. Please see Susan Taylor after Mass.

# St. Mary's Church

Rev. Msgr. Fernando Couto (Pastor)  
Rev. Fr. Benny Joseph (Associate Pastor)

Parish Council

Parish Finance Council

English Choir

Susan Taylor 416-531-0503

Portuguese Choir

Ana da Silva 905-891-5444

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Artur Rocha 647-624-7113

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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

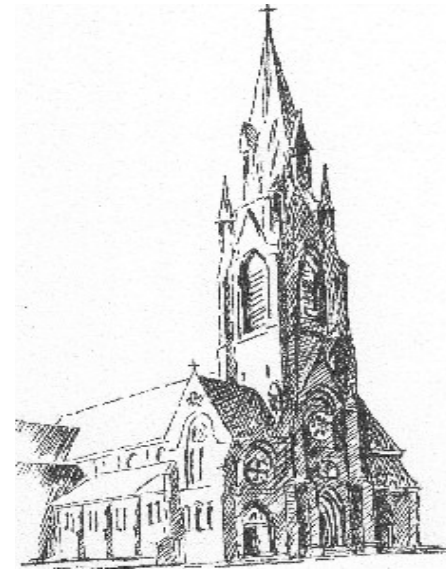
Confessions

Every day **before** Mass, except on Sunday

Schools

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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



## Twenty First Sunday

August 25, 2024

### **Psalm: *Taste and see that the Lord is good.***

The First Reading deals with a covenant-renewal ceremony that took place at Shechem shortly after the people had entered the promised land. Joshua called upon them to make a choice: to serve the God of their fathers or to serve other gods. All the tribes of Israel declared, 'We will serve the Lord'.

In a similar way Jesus called upon the people who had listened to his discourse on the Bread of Life to make up their minds whether or not they were going to believe in him and follow him. Sadly, apart from the Twelve, many deserted him.

Even though Jesus was sad to see those people leaving him, he let them go. It wasn't great crowds that excited him. What mattered to him (and what should matter to the Church) was the authenticity and sincerity of those who stayed.

### 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.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,  
His word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.

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### 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.

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

### 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 word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

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### 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 The Week

#### Saturday, August 24th

**5:00 pm.** Nicola Faiello—Manuel & António Faria—João Rodrigues—Souls in purgatory—Honor & praise to the Holy Family

#### Sunday, August 25th

**8:30 am.**

**10:00am.** Community—Santo Cristo Association—Abel da Rocha & family members

**11:30 am.** Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente — Ana Carvalho—Angelo & José Medeiros

**1:00 pm.** Conrado Lamila—José Silvio, Manuel & Idalina Pacheco

#### Monday, August 26th

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

**6:00 pm.** Tomas Yntig

#### Tuesday, August 27th

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

**6:00 pm.** Odilia Correia

#### Wednesday, August 28th

**9:00 am.** Manuel Medeiros, parents, siblings & in-laws

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

#### Thursday, August 29th

**9:00 am.** Maria Rosa & José Couto, parents, grandparents, in-laws & family members & all souls

**6:00 pm.** Maria dos Anjos Gouveia

#### Friday, August 30th

**9:00 am.** Silvério Paulino

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

#### Saturday, August 31st

**5:00 pm.** Luz Banda—Souls in Purgatory