

Baptism

Baptism is a “birth” into the Christian community and, in this way, it is as solemn and important as birth itself. It is not something else on the list to “get done”. We don’t baptize because it is a tradition.



Who can be a godparent?

For obvious reasons only practicing Roman Catholics can be godparents. Although one of the godparents who is a member of another Christian community may stand in as a Christian witness.

A person who is an unbeliever or who is Catholic but does not practice their faith, cannot be a godparent. We cannot take the “god” out of “godparent”.

Before baptism parents and godparents have to declare their faith. It’s all part of the package. One should never stand in front of a church full of people and make promises that one has no intention of keeping.

In the Early Church, baptism was mostly for adults, but with the rapid growth of Christianity around the third and fourth centuries, the practice of baptizing infants became very common. However times have changed. We live now in a secular age and the need for adult baptism is back (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Adults wanting to join the Church do it at the Easter Vigil.

After being properly instructed, they are baptized, confirmed and make their first Communion. For them there is no need for godparents, only a sponsor, and again practicing is part of the package.

What happens if one is Protestant and wants to become Catholic?

That person is not baptized again, but simply brought into full communion (Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist) in the Catholic Church.

World Mission Sunday

Next weekend we will have the World Mission Collection. Envelopes for this special collection will be distributed today.

Registration in the Parish

If you are not yet registered at St. Mary’s, please don’t forget to do so. If you are already registered but changed address or phone number, please fill out a registration form or notify the parish office.

Thanksgiving

Monday, October 14th, is Thanksgiving Day, for that reason we will not have the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

*To all our parishioners and their families,
a Blessed Thanksgiving!*

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

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Ana da Silva 905-891-5444

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Artur Rocha 647-624-7113

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Espirito Santo

João & Lilia Tavares 647-308-7556

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

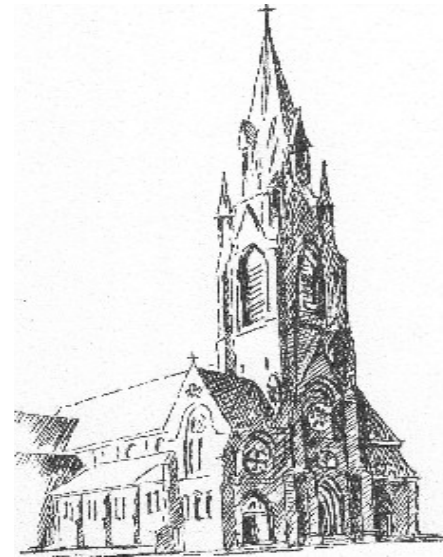
Confessions

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

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



Twenty Eight Sunday

October 13, 2024

Wisdom teaches us how to live rightly, and enables us to use the things of this world in a way that will help us achieve the end for which God put us on earth. Wisdom, therefore, should be prized even more than gold (First Reading).

Psalm: *Fill us with your love, O Lord, that we may rejoice and be glad.*

The Gospel is a discipleship story. The Jews believed that the prosperity of the rich was a sign of God's blessing. But Jesus presents wealth as a stumbling block of the kingdom. Love of material possessions and comforts is one of the chief obstacles in the way of discipleship. Those who trust only in themselves and their possessions cannot be sure of salvation. Salvation is always God's gift.

Sunday School

Sunday school registration is still going on. If you did not register your child, we ask that you do so. For more information, please contact the parish office.

You Are the Voice

**You are the voice of the living God
Calling us now to live in your love
To be children of God once again!**

Praise for the light that shines through the night
From darkness to light, from death to new life
And praise to the morning that brings forth the sun
To open our eyes to the Lord,
To open our eyes to the Lord!

Praise for the water that springs from the sea
The seed that gives life to all who believe
God's love overflowing, our hearts know the joy
To be daughters and sons of the Lord,
To be daughters and sons of the Lord!



Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks, because He's given
Jesus Christ, His Son. (2x)

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us (2x)
Give thanks.

The Summons

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
And never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
In you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in me?

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!**

Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, October 12th

5:00 pm. Souls in purgatory—Gabriela Arruda—
Herminio Inácio—Nicasio Sr. Pardo

Sunday, October 13th

8:30 am. Gil Maiato

10:00am. Community—Martinho Pacheco & Maria Branca
Cabral—José Dias Faria, parents, siblings and brother-in
law—Paulo Furtado—Adelino Marques Loureiro—Gualter
de Sousa, Manuel Soares & Espirito Santo—Daniel &
Laudalina da Rosa

11:30 am. Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente—St. Therese
of the Child Jesus, St. Joseph, Archangels—José Soares
& parents

1:00 pm. Maria Helena Rego, José Germano Sousa &
José Gonçalves

Monday, October 14th

9:00 am. Manuel de Amaral Morgado

6:00 pm. No Mass

Tuesday, October 15th

9:00 am. Ricardo, Nancy, Horácio Costa, souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Nelson de Melo

Wednesday, October 16th

9:00 am. Miguel Medeiros, parents, in-laws & family

6:00 pm. Luis Soares

Thursday, October 17th

9:00 am. José, Maria Rosa Couto, parents, grandparents,
family, souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Henrique Sebastião

Friday, October 18th

9:00 am. Liberal Paul Silva

6:00 pm. Odilia Correia, parents, siblings & family

Saturday, October 19th

5:00 pm. Mariano Machado, in-laws, St. Pope John Paul
II—Nicasio Sr. Pardo—Maria da Conceição Vicente—
João Luis Faria