

HISTORY OF ALL SOULS DAY:

All Soul's Day (sometimes called the "Day of the Dead") is always November 2nd (November 3rd if the 2nd falls on a Sunday).

All Soul's Day is a Roman Catholic day of remembrance for friends and loved ones who have passed away. This comes from the ancient Pagan Festival of the Dead, which celebrated the Pagan belief that the souls of the dead would return for a meal with the family. Candles in the window would guide the souls back home, and another place was set at the table. Children would come through the village, asking for food to be offered symbolically to the dead, then donated to feed the hungry.

The importance of All Souls Day was made clear by Pope Benedict XV (1914-22), when he granted all priests the privilege of celebrating three Masses on All Souls Day: one, for the faithful departed; one for the priests intentions; and one for the intentions of the Holy Father. Only on a handful of other very important feast days are priests allowed to celebrate more than two Masses.

While All Souls Day is now paired with All Saints Day, which celebrates all the faithful who are in Heaven, it originally was celebrated in the Easter Season, around Pentecost Sunday (and still is in the Eastern Catholic Churches). By the tenth century, the celebration had been moved to October; and sometime between 998 and 1030, St. Odilo of Cluny decreed that it should be celebrated on November 2nd in all of the monasteries of his Benedictine congregation. Over the next two centuries, other Benedictines and the Carthusians began to celebrate it in their monasteries as well, and soon it spread to the entire church.

While the Feast of All Saints is a day to remember the glories of Heaven and those there, the Feast of All Souls reminds us of our obligations to live holy lives and that there will be purification of the souls of those destined for Heaven.

All Saints

November 1st (All Saints Day) we will have Masses at 9:00 a.m. in Portuguese and 6:00 p.m. in English.

All Souls Day

November 2nd (All Souls Day), we will have 3 Masses 9:00 a.m. Portuguese, 12:00 p.m. English and 5:00 pm English.

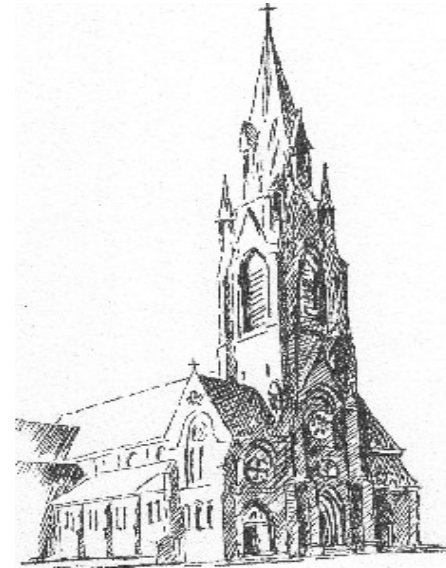
New Deacon James Cyfko

Thank you to Msgr. Fernando, the staff, and all of the dear parishioners for offering their prayerful support leading to my diaconate ordination. It was beautiful, in no small part thanks to the time and effort of many Parish volunteers. I am grateful. Please be assured of my prayers and appreciation.

Deacon James Cyfko

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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

Parish Council

Parish Finance Council

English Choir

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Portuguese Choir

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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

St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205

Bishop Macdonell 416-393-5462



**Thirtieth Sunday
October 27, 2024**

The First Reading carries a message of joyful hope for the exiles in Babylon. The Lord will save what's left of his people and bring them back from exile. Even the most helpless will share in the joy of this great event.

Psalm: *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

In Mark's mind Jesus is the one that brings salvation to Israel. His healings are a sign of the coming of the kingdom (Gospel).

The story of Bartimaeus is as much a call story as a healing story. The expression followed him along the way doesn't simply mean that he joined the crowd on the road to Jerusalem. There can be no doubt what Mark intends: Bartimaeus followed Jesus on the way of Christian discipleship. He is presented as a model of faith.

It seems that the story was used in the early Church as a model of encouragement to believers and would-be believers.

Catechism

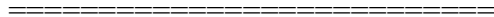
Catechism classes will start on Sunday, November 3rd, from 10:15—11:15 a.m. in the parish hall, 11 Portugal Sq. The hall opens at 10:00 a.m.

All the Ends of the Earth

**All the ends of the earth,
all you creatures of the sea,
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the
Lord.
For the Lord of the earth,
the master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.**

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
the wonders God has done in ev'ry age.

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might
ev'ry heart ev'ry nation call him Lord.



Hail Mary, Gentle Woman

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.

Blessed are you among women
and blest is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now
and at the hour of death.
Amen.

**Gentle woman, quiet light,
morning star, so strong and bright,
gentle Mother, peaceful dove,**

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



Immaculate Mary

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing.
You reign now in heaven with Jesus our King.

**Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!
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In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;
On earth we your children invoke your fair name.

We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth,
And bless, Holy Mary, the land of our birth.

Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, October 26th

5:00 pm. Manuel & António Faria — João & Angelina Rodrigues

Sunday, October 27th

8:30 am. Deceased family of Maria Celeste Simões

10:00am. Community—Santo Cristo Association—José & Maria de Amaral—Maria Helena & João Guilherme Almeida de Sousa — António & Maria Raposo — José Teves—José Botelho & Francisco Garcia

11:30 am. José & Angelo Medeiros—Mariana Pugliese—Sandra Dias

1:00 pm. Humberto & Rosa Teves

Monday, October 28th

9:00 am. Praise to Our Lady of Fátima, conversion of sinners, world peace

6:00 pm. Luisa, Artur & Maria Cabral

Tuesday, October 29th

9:00 am. João & Bernardete Pereira & family

6:00 pm. Manuel Raulino

Wednesday, October 30th

9:00 am. Manuel Medeiros, parents, in-laws, souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Joana & António Pimentel, parents, siblings, souls in purgatory

Thursday, October 31st

9:00 am. Geraldo Simão Firmino & in-laws

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

Friday, November 1st

9:00 am.

6:00 pm.

Saturday, November 2nd

9:00 am.

12:00 pm.

5:00 pm.