

Dedication of the Churches of Peter and Paul

St. Peter's is probably the most famous church in Christendom. Massive in scale and a veritable museum of art and architecture, it began on a much humbler scale. Vatican Hill was a simple cemetery where believers gathered at St. Peter's tomb to pray. In 319, Constantine built on the site a basilica which stood for more than a thousand years until, despite numerous restorations, it threatened to collapse. In 1506, Pope Julius II ordered it raised and reconstructed, but the new basilica was not completed and dedicated for more than two centuries.

St. Paul's Outside the Walls stands near the Abbazia delle Tre Fontane, where Saint Paul is believed to have been beheaded. The largest church in Rome until St. Peter's was rebuilt, the basilica also rises over the traditional site of its namesake's grave. The most recent edifice was constructed after a fire in 1823. The first basilica was also Constantine's doing.

Constantine's building projects enticed the first of a centuries long parade of pilgrims to Rome. From the time the basilicas were first built until the empire crumbled under "barbarian" invasions, the two churches, although miles apart, were linked by a roofed colonnade of marble columns.

COMMENT: Peter, the rough fisherman whom Jesus named the rock on which the church is built, and the educated Paul, reformed persecutor of Christians, Roman citizen and missionary to the Gentiles, are the original odd couple. The major similarity in their faith journeys is the journey's end: Both, according to tradition, died a martyr's death in Rome, Peter on a cross and Paul beneath the sword.

Christ the King

Next Sunday, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, marking the end of the liturgical year and the beginning of Advent in preparation for Christmas. The new missals will be available at the back of the church for those interested in having their own. If you do take one, we kindly request that you make a \$5.00 donation to cover the expenses. Thank you.

Parish Council

Our next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday, November 28th at 7:00 pm in the parish hall. Anyone involved in our parish activities is welcomed to participate.

New Calendars

The 2025 calendars for next year are available at the back of the church and are free of charge.

2025 Offertory Envelopes

The 2025 offertory envelopes will become available next week. If you are a regular user, we kindly remind everyone to please make sure that you check your name, address and assigned number on your box.

St. Mary's Church

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Baptism—Sundays

Baptisms will be booked by appointment only

Marriages

Please contact the priest *12 months* in advance

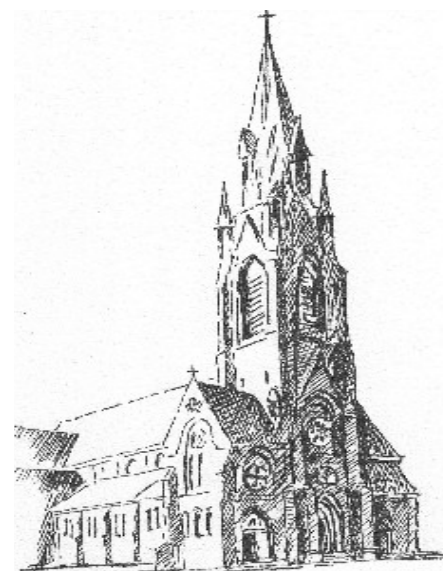
Confessions

Every day *before* Mass, except on Sunday

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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



XXXIII Sunday

November 17, 2024

First Reading (Dan 12:1-3) The First Reading is part of a vision of the prophet Daniel concerning the end of time.

It is remarkable because it contains the earliest statement of belief in the resurrection of the dead, and the first mention in the Bible of ‘everlasting life’.

Psalm: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

Second Reading (Heb 10:11-14.18) This reading insists on the superiority of Christ’s sacrifice over all the sacrifices of the Old Law.

In the Gospel we have part of Mark’s Eschatological Discourse (13:1-37). Mark’s account is coloured by what has already happened, for example, the persecution of the disciples in synagogues and before governors and kings. He believed that the parousia was imminent - a belief common among the early Christians.

The precise time of the end is known only to God. Therefore, the disciples must not allow themselves to be misled by claims or speculations that the end is near but must maintain a constant watchfulness.

Sing A New Song

**Sing a new song unto the Lord
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.**

Yahweh's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound.

Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds the dead shall be raised.
I know my Savior lives.

hymns

All That I Am

All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.
All that I dream, all that I pray,
All that I'll ever make, I give to you today.

Take and sanctify these gifts
For your honor, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
Is enough reward.

Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words in foreign lands
And all will understand
You shall see the face of God and live.

**Be not afraid
I go before you always
Come follow me
And I will give you rest.**

If you pass through raging waters in the sea,
you shall not drown.
If you walk amid the burning flames
You shall not be harmed.
If you stand before the powers of hell
And death is at your side,
Know that I am with you through it all.

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, 16th of November

5:00 pm. Mariano Machado, family, Lurdes Teixeira, Edna Grace Avery—António Fernandes & family—Special intentions of Concepcion Saavedra

Sunday, 17th of November

8:30am. Olivia, João e Fernando Machado

10:00 am. Community — Ermelinda Arruda—Maria de Fatima Melo—Abilio Guilherme Soares de Almeida, Helena de Jesus Miguel, Francisco de Sousa Filipe, José Francisco & Maria Espirito Santo de Matos, Maria Idalina do Carmo Soares de Almeida—Fernando Cruz Gomes & António Gomes 7°

11:30 am. José & Angelo Medeiros & souls in purgatory

1:00 pm. João Luis de Faria—Yvette Bland—Maria Venilde Tavares & souls in purgatory

Monday, 18th of November

9:00 am. Manuel de Amaral Morgado

6:00 pm. Intention of Corrie Iliohan, & in honour of God the Father Almighty

Tuesday, 19th of November

9:00 am. Liberal Paul Silva

6:00 pm. José Rebelo

Wednesday, 20th of November

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Conrado Lamila

Thursday, 21st of November

9:00 am. Odilia Correia

6:00 pm. José Silva & souls in purgatory

Friday, 22nd of November

9:00 am. João Nunes Pereira & family

6:00 pm. José Manuel Oliveira Correia & intention of Lucia Correia

Saturday, 23rd of November

5:00 pm. Manuel & António Faria—João & Angelina Rodrigues, parents, in-laws & siblings—Evelina Caires—Gustavo Matos & António Domingues—Adriano Alcaldinho & Margarida & Natalia Cabral—Mecilia & Silverio Angeja—Joãoquim & Maria Ferreira & Francisco Ferreira