

Helping the Poor

As Christmas approaches and we are bombarded with advertisements to buy and buy, we as Christians cannot stand by with our arms folded in indifference. As believers, we must stretch out our hands as Jesus does with us, freely and lovingly offering help to the poor and all those in need.

In one of his homilies, Pope Francis said “God always hears the cries of those in need, but what about us?”

Referring to the Gospel story of the poor man begging for scraps, Pope Francis said many people today are just like Lazarus, they suffer and weep while the wealthy few feast, but the Lord hears the cry of the poor.

Our St. Vincent de Paul Society with your help, assists some of the poor that comes to us asking for help. Thank you for your generosity. Even if we can only do a little, it is better than doing nothing.

Liturgical New Year

The liturgical New Year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, in late November or early December, rather than on New Year’s Day.

Advent (derived from the Latin word meaning “to come”) is a time of looking forward in joyful expectation to the coming of Christ into our world. If we celebrate Advent well, we arrive at Christmas ready to celebrate the fullness of hope and love it brings.

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas Concert is set for Saturday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m. All are welcomed to attend free of charge.

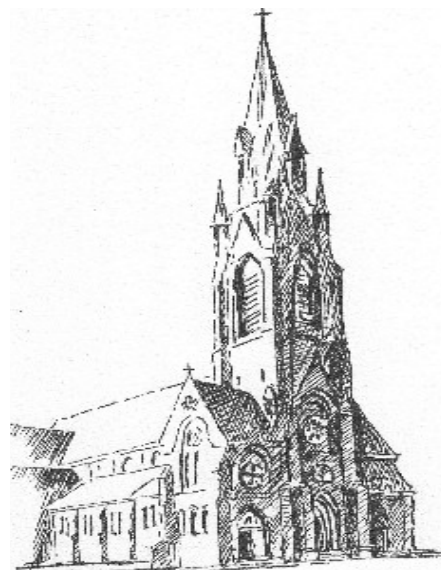
2025 Offertory Envelopes

The 2025 offertory envelopes are now available by the church entrance on the displayed tables. If you are a new member of the parish, and wish to use offertory envelopes, please take a box that is **not assigned**, complete the registration form and place it in the designated box or email it directly to our parish office.

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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

Susan Taylor 416-531-0503

Portuguese Choir

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Espirito Santo

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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



Christ The King

November 24, 2024

First Reading (*Dan 7:13-14*). The prophet Daniel foresees the coming of one who will have dominion over all peoples. Christians see this as a reference to Christ, the Universal King.

Psalm: *The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.*

Second Reading (*Rev 1;5-8*). Christ will take full possession of his kingdom only at the end of time.

Gospel (*Jn 18:33-37*). Jesus declares before Pilate that he is indeed a King, but that his kingdom is not like the kingdoms of this world.

On this great feast we rejoice in calling Christ our King. We owe him an allegiance we would not give to any other power on earth. Our lives are meant to bear witness to his kingdom. What kind of witnesses are we?

Lift High the Cross

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Him who died.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw the world to Thee.

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.

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation,
has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us;
faith believes nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

How Great Thou Art

Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed,

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art.**

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, 23rd of November

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

Sunday, 24th of November

8:30am. José & Idalina Terceira

10:00 am. Community — Assoc. of S. Cristo—Manuel Vieira—Conceição & Luis Soares—José Luis Martins—António José Braga—In Praise to Santo Cristo—Intention of Maria Alice de Sousa—Emmanuel Alves 7°

11:30 am. In Honor of Holy Trinity—Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente—Ana Carvalho—Andrew Graham—Manuel Moniz

1:00 pm. Maria & Antonio Silva & Antonio Marcelino

Monday, 25th of November

9:00 am. José Santos & spouse

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

Tuesday, 26th of November

9:00 am. Joe Gaspar, grandparents, uncles & aunts

6:00 pm. Jean, Lawrence, Madeleine & Valentine Skora, Shirley Smith

Wednesday, 27th of November

9:00 am. Ermelinda Arruda

6:00 pm. John Rebelo

Thursday, 28th of November

9:00 am. João & Bernadete Pereira

6:00 pm. Leontina & Deodato Medeiros

Friday, 29th of November

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Odilia Correia

Saturday, 30th of November

5:00 pm. Lourdes S. Bautista—Artur & Maria Angelina Pimentel