

## Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs: died 1597

During the 1550s, St. Francis Xavier evangelized much of Japan and made hundreds of thousands of converts to Christianity. Some forty years later, Paul Miki, a Jesuit scholastic studying for the priesthood, and twenty-five others died for their faith at Nagasaki. The group included Jesuit and Franciscan priests, brothers, laymen, a doctor, teachers, a soldier, old people, and young altar servers.

Their nationalities included Spaniards, a Mexican, and an Indian, as well as native Japanese. Of this group of twenty-six, Paul Miki became the best known.

As he was dying on the cross, Paul, who was native Japanese, preached to the crowds and prayed for his executioners.

The Shogun who had these martyrs killed wished to wipe out Christianity in Japan, calling it a religion brought by foreigners who intended to conquer the country. A great show was made of the killing.

The victims were maimed then led through several towns to a hill, known today as Holy Mountain, for their execution. This action was meant to terrorize the people into giving up the Christian faith.

When missionaries returned to Japan almost three hundred years later, they initially found no sign of Christianity. After they were established, they found thousands of Christians living around Nagasaki who had secretly preserved their faith, a tribute to the steadfastness of Paul and the others, as well as to St. Francis Xavier. Paul and his companions were beatified within a few years after their deaths, and canonized in 1862.

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## Jubilee

On Thursday, February 20th, at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Robert Kasun will celebrate a solemn Mass at St. Mary's Church to mark the opening of the Jubilee.

All parishioners are invited to celebrate the Opening of the Jubilee Year Masses in the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto.

They are:

**St. Paul's Basilica** (83 Power St.) Wednesday, February 12, celebrated by Bishop Kasun

**St. Mary's Church** (588 Adelaide St. W.) Thursday, February 20, celebrated by Bishop Kasun

**St. Edward the Confessor** (75 Churchill Ave.) Tuesday, February 25, celebrated by Cardinal Francis Leo

All Masses begin at 7:00 p.m.

Confession time from 5:30—6:45 p.m.

All are welcome!



# St. Mary's Church

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**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

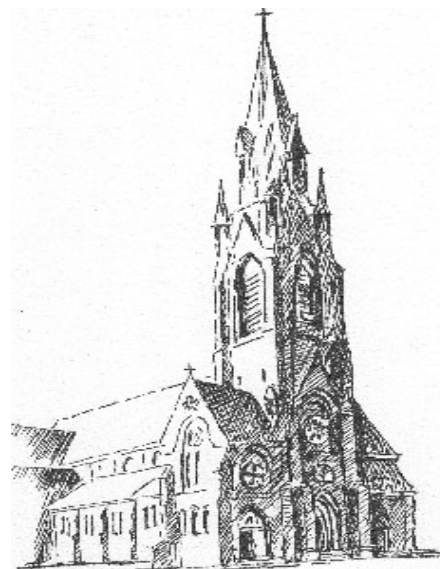
**Confessions**

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

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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

### Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese

6:00 pm English

Saturday 5:00 pm English



### III Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 26, 2025

First Reading (Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10). After the Jews returned from exile in Babylon, Ezra sought to re-establish the Jewish religion. Here he reads the book of the law of Moses to the people.

**Psalm: *Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.***

Second Reading (1Cor. 12:12-30). Just as the human body is one though made up of many parts, so the Church, though composed of different members with different gifts, forms a unity in Christ.

Gospel (Lk 1:1-4,4:14-21). God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus, the long-awaited Saviour of the poor and the oppressed. In the synagogue at Nazareth, he makes his own a passage from Isaiah, and uses it to announce a program for his ministry. He is sent, not to the wealthy or the powerful, but to the poor and the lowly, the oppressed and the suffering. Here we see Luke's concern for the poor and the afflicted.

#### 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!

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#### One Bread, One Body

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all  
One cup of blessing which we bless  
And we, though many, throughout the earth  
We are one body in this one Lord.**

Gentile or Jew servant or free  
Woman or man no more.

Many the gifts, many the works  
One in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields  
Scattered and grown  
Gathered to one for all.

#### You Have Anointed Me

To bring glad tidings to the lowly,  
to heal the broken heart,  
You have anointed me.  
To proclaim liberty to captives,  
release to prisoners,  
You have anointed me.

**Your Spirit, O God, is upon me,  
You have anointed me.**

To announce a year of favour,  
to comfort those who mourn,  
You have anointed me.  
To give to them the oil of gladness,  
and share a mantle of joy,  
You have anointed me.

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#### Sing to the Mountains

**Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.**

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.  
You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death.  
You are my strength and my song.

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us be glad and rejoice.  
He has turned all death to life.  
Sing of the glory of God.

#### Mass Intentions For This Week

##### Saturday, January 25

**5:00 pm.** Lorenzo Mariconda—João Luis de Faria—  
Intention of Nesothi & Afy Chinwuva—Patricia  
Pinto—Beatriz Ferreira—25th Wedding Anniversary  
of Bert & Jenneth Rosal

##### Sunday, January 26

**8:30 am.**

**10:00 am.** Community—Santo Cristo Association—  
António José Braga—Anna Mondello Pimentel—  
Parents, siblings & in-laws of Maria Moniz—João &  
Angelina Rodrigues

**11:30 am.** José & Angelo Medeiros — Silvestre  
Nelson Lobo—Intention of Nesothi & Afy Chinwuva

**1:00 pm.**

##### Monday, January 27

**9:00 am.** For all the sick and their caregivers  
**6:00 pm.** Odilia & Michael Correia

##### Tuesday, January 28

**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory  
**6:00 pm.** Thanksgiving Mass, intention of Remy  
Vasquez

##### Wednesday, January 29

**9:00 am.** Sara Coutinho  
**6:00 pm.**

##### Thursday, January 30

**9:00 am.** José & Maria Rosa Couto, parents, in-laws,  
family, souls in purgatory  
**6:00 pm.**

##### Friday, January 31

**9:00 am.**  
**6:00 pm.** Clementina & João Pinarreta

##### Saturday, February 1

**5:00 pm.** José, Henriqueta & John Rebelo—Eddy  
Pinarreta