

Missa est

The heart of the Catholic worship is the Eucharist or the Mass. The term *Mass* comes from the Latin words of dismissal at the end of the service:

Ite, missa est, which translates to “Go, you are dismissed”.

Because Jesus had instructed his disciples to “do this in memory of me” (Luke 22:19) the infant church continued to re-enact Jesus’ Last Supper. Gradually, more prayers were added and Scripture readings expanded to include the Gospels, once they were put in written form.

We know that around the year 150, all the faithful took an active part in the Eucharist, with one person designated to preside. Only centuries later we see the “priest-celebrant” in the sanctuary, distant from the congregation.

At the beginning the Eucharist was in Aramaic, the dialect that Jesus and his followers spoke, Greek, the language in which the Gospels were written and Saint Paul used when writing his letters, Armenian and Ethiopian until there came a time when almost everybody in the Roman Empire spoke Latin. Latin became the language of the Mass, until the faithful had become silent spectators of a sacred drama and became busy with their private devotions such as the “rosary” during the Mass.

In the third century, the bishop of Rome, pope Calistus, abandoned Greek and adapted Latin, which was the common language of his flock. Eventually this was applied to the wider church.

After the Vatican II, high priority was given to participation of the faithful in the Mass and world Catholic bishops, at the Second Vatican Council, 1922 bishops voted for the Mass to be celebrated in the vernacular native languages (11 bishops were not in favour of the changes). The reason for this is that we should be participants, not spectators.



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Baptism—Sundays

Baptisms will be booked by appointment only

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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

Income Tax Receipts

As previously announced, we will prepare the tax receipts for your annual donations in February. Once the receipts are ready we will send them by mail.

All parishioners are invited to celebrate the Opening of the Jubilee Year Masses in the Central Region of the Archdiocese of Toronto. All Masses will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m.

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



The Presentation of the Lord

February 2, 2025

First Reading (Malachi 3.1-4)

Second Reading (Hebrews 2.10-11,13-18)

Gospel (Luke 2.22-40)

Psalm: *The Lord of hosts, he is king of glory.*

In the Jewish law (Lev.XII) women for forty days after the birth of a boy, and for eighty after that of a girl, were regarded as unclean and kept out of the temple, and required, at the end of that time, to bring a lamb as a holocaust, and a dove as a propitiatory sacrifice to the temple, and be pronounced pure by the prayer of the priest.

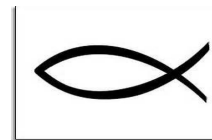
This is the festival on which the Church venerates the humility and obedience of Mary who, though not subject to the law of Moses, which required purification and presentation in the temple, yet subjected herself to it. From this comes the name Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, or the Presentation of Jesus in the temple.

Glory and Praise to Our God

**Glory and praise to our God
Who alone gives light to our days
Many are the blessings He bears
To those who trust in His ways.**

We the daughters and sons of Him
Who built the valleys and plains
Praise the wonders our God has done
In every heart that sings

In His wisdom He strengthens us
Like gold that's tested in fire
Though the power of sin prevails
Our God is there to save.



Refiner's Fire

Purify my heart, let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart, let me be as gold
Pure gold.

**Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for you Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will.**

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin
Deep within.

Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

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 the Week

Saturday, February 1

5:00 pm. José, Henriqueta & John Rebelo — Eddy Pinarreta—Special intention of Magdalena Labrador—Guadalupe Vidalis, Catalina Espinosa

Sunday, February 2

8:30 am. Olivia, João & Fernando Machado

10:00 am. Community—Antônio & Maria Raposo—Antônio Correia—José da Costa Maiato & family—José Luis & Maria Teresa Branco

11:30 am. Nada Dean—Zolta Kugler

1:00 pm. Nuno Pereira, parents & in-laws

Monday, February 3

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm.

Tuesday, February 4

9:00 am. Pais, avós, tios e familiares de Margarida Medeiros

6:00 pm. Crescencia Panlillo-Vasquez

Wednesday, February 5

9:00 am.

6:00 pm. Bill Skora & parents John & Katherine Skora

Thursday, February 6

9:00 am. Maria Amarelo

6:00 pm. Maria & Tomas Oliveira

Friday, February 7

9:00 am. Ermelinda Arruda

6:00 pm. Second promise of the Holy Spirit

Saturday, February 8

5:00 pm. Luis Augusto Ribeiro Raposo—Souls in purgatory—Alda Medeiros—José Jacinto Medeiros, Lindaura & Jeremias Melo