

Why does the priest mix water in the chalice?

Some of the earliest Christian writers, like St. Justin Martyr in 150 AD, mention the “mixed cup”.

The wine and the water represent the blood and water that poured from Jesus’ side on the cross.

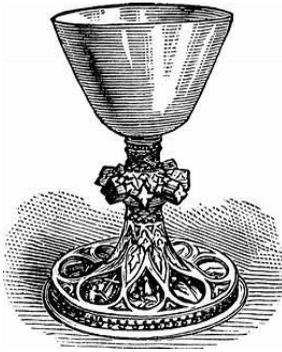
Other interpreters saw the mixture as a symbol of God’s communion with us. St. Clement of Alexandria, writing around 200 AD, emphasized the effects of Communion upon the individual who receives: “As wine is blended with water, so is the Spirit with man”. A few years later, in North Africa, St. Cyprian spoke of the mixed cup but emphasized Christ’s communion with the “whole Church”:

The water is understood as the people, while the wine shows forth the blood of Christ. When the water is mingled in the cup with wine, the people are united with Christ... Once the water and wine are mingled in the Lord’s cup, the mixture cannot any more be separated. Even so, nothing can separate the Church... from Christ.

Christ is the wine; we are the water. The mixed chalice can also be seen as a sign of Christ’s two natures, divine and human, united in one person. The wine represents his divinity and the water his humanity. The two natures come to us together in the Eucharist.

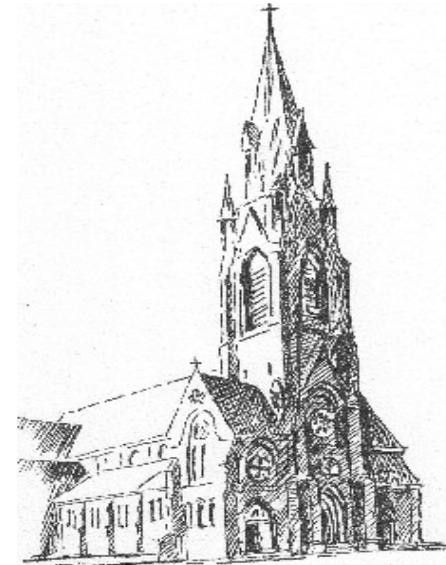
The Church has insisted on the mixing of the water with the wine for two millennia. In the sixteenth century the Council of Trent even excommunicated priests who neglected to mix the elements. The Church has good reasons to be faithful here.

At every Mass the celebrant says: “By the mystery of this water and this wine, may we come to share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to share in our humanity.”



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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

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Volunteer Co-Ordinator

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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

Schools

St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205
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ShareLife

Today we will have our first ShareLife collection. Let us remember those who need our help and support. We thank you in advance for your generosity.



First Confessions

All children receiving their First Communion will have their first confession on Thursday, April 3rd, at 7:00 p.m. in the church.

Day of Confession

Our Lenten Confessions will be held on Wednesday, April 9th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.



III Sunday of Lent

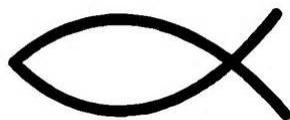
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The First Reading tells how God appeared to Moses in the burning bush and revealed his name as *Yahweh* ('*I am the Existing One*'). God has heard the cries of his oppressed people, and sends Moses to liberate them. It is a turning point in the Old Testament. It leads to the Exodus and beyond.

Psalm: *The Lord is merciful and gracious.*

In the Gospel we see how Jesus rejected the popular belief that accidents which befall people are inflicted by God as punishment for sin. Still, sin calls for repentance. And Jesus tells the Jews that they will lose the promises unless they repent. The barren fig tree symbolizes the barren state of Israel. But God is patient. There is still time to repent, though that time is getting short.

The role of Moses prefigures the roll of Jesus. Through Moses God saved his people, Israel, from slavery in Egypt. We are the new people of God, saved through the waters of baptism from the slavery of sin, and now en route under the leadership of Jesus to the promised land of eternal life. We too are fed with food, 'from heaven', namely, the Eucharist.



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.



Hosea

Come back to me with all your heart,
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, though straight and tall,
So must we to others' call.

**Long have I waited
for your coming home to me
And living deeply our new life.**

The wilderness will lead you
To your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice
With tenderness you shall know.

You shall sleep secure with peace
Faithfulness will be your joy.

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save
I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them they turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my words to them, whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will send the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?

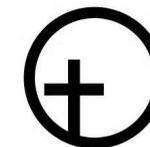
You Are the Voice

**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!

Mass Intentions For This Week



Saturday, March 22

5:00pm: Mariano Machado & in-laws—Manuel & António Faria—Adelino Cordeiro

Sunday, March 23

8:30am:

10:00am: Community—Maria de Fátima Tavares Melo—
Maria Sofia Couto—João & Angelina Rodrigues—
Intention of Eduardo Torres & parents—José de Amaral

11:30am:

1:00 pm: João Luis de Faria—Praise to St. Joseph, for
all that are suffering—Mercês & Cristiano Ventura,
souls in purgatory

Monday, March 24

9:00 am: Intentions of Filomena & Jamie Melo

6:00 pm:

Tuesday, March 25

9:00 am: Nancy, Ricardo & Horácio Costa, souls in
purgatory

6:00 pm: António & Maria José Medeiros

Wednesday, March 26

9:00 am: Rosária Ferreira

6:00 pm: Praise to St. Joseph, for all that are suffering

Thursday, March 27

9:00 am: Diniz Frizado, intention of Maria Frizado

6:00 pm: Odília & Michael Correia

Friday, March 28

9:00 am: Praise to St. Amaro, St. Joseph and Our Lady
of Grace

6:00 pm: Helena & António Tavares

Saturday, March 29

5:00 pm: For the sick of our parish, for Pope Francis