

## Happy Easter

Easter is the fulfillment of everything Jesus came to do. The apostles had been devastated with the crucifixion. They had failed to understand what Jesus meant when he said that he would rise from the dead. But now they were overwhelmed with the knowledge that he had risen: He lives!

Their encounter with the risen Lord meant that they could never be the same again. They could not go back to living the way they had before. Now, they believed everything Jesus said. Now they were ready to die for Him.

Jesus has a message of “Good News” and the world needs to hear it. Our world is broken by the divide between the rich and the poor. Our world is tired of wars, abuse of human rights and even religious intolerance. We are all brothers and sisters, children of the same God. Jesus has a message and the world needs to hear it.

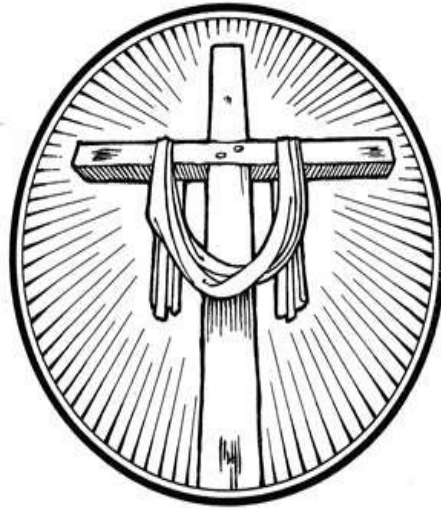
And especially this Easter, we pray for peace in our world.

“And so we ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. Yes, Christ is our peace, and through him we implore peace for all the world” -Pope Francis.

To all our parishioners we say: Happy Easter! Christ is Risen, Aleluia! Feliz Páscoa! Nabuhay si Cristo! Wesoyego Alleluja! Sretan Uskers! Buona Pasque! Buena Pascua! Joyeux Pâques, Buona Pasqua!

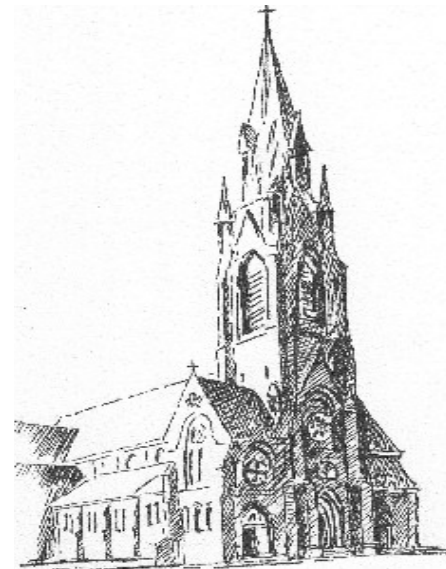
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*A Special Thank You to all our volunteers and parish groups, specially our church choirs, lectors, altar servers, catechism teachers and all that do their part to keep our church clean and welcoming to all who visit us.*



# St. Mary's Church

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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

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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

### Schools

St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205

Bishop Macdonell 416-393-5462



## Easter Sunday April 20, 2025

Easter Day is the greatest day in the Church's calendar. Jesus has overcome death, not only for himself, but for all of us.

*First Reading (Acts 10:34.37-43)* We hear part of an early sermon of Peter.

**Psalm: *This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.***

*Second Reading (Col 3:1-4)* Through our Baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mysterious way.

*Gospel (Jn 20:1-18)* The Gospel tells about the discovery of the empty tomb. The empty tomb (with the discarded linen cloths) in itself is not a direct proof of the resurrection. Nevertheless, it was the first step towards establishing the truth that Jesus has escaped the bonds of death, and it prepared the disciples to encounter the risen Lord. Many of readings of the Easter cycle were meant to instruct the newly baptized on the Christian way of life. Today's Second Reading and its alternative are good examples. Thus the Easter season provides us with an opportunity to reflect on what it means to be baptized members of Christ's Body.

### Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day; alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross; alleluia  
suffer to redeem our loss; alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing; alleluia,  
unto Christ our heavenly king; alleluia,  
who endured the cross and grave; alleluia,  
sinners to redeem and save: alleluia!

But the pains which he endured; alleluia,  
our salvation have procured; alleluia,  
now above the sky he's King; alleluia,  
where the angels ever sing: alleluia!

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### 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"?

### Song of the Cross

Love lifted on the cross for me:  
my Lord, my God, my salvation.  
Love lifted high to set me free:  
my Lord, my God, my salvation.

Behold the wood of the cross,  
behold the lamb that was slain.  
Behold your king comes victorious,  
behold he has risen again.

O be exalted, O God,  
above the heavens and the earth.  
For by your cross and resurrection  
you have redeemed the world.

Give glory to the Father,  
give glory to the Son,  
give glory to the Holy Spirit;  
give glory to the Holy One.

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### Sing to the Mountains

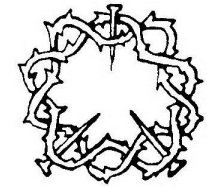
Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice!

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.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

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



#### Sunday, April 20

**8:30 am. Portuguese**  
Parents, in-laws of José & Margarida Silva, souls in purgatory

**10:00 am. Portuguese**  
Community—Maria Cabral & spouse—Maria & Francisco Costa

**11:30 am. Mass in English**  
Deolinda Pedro

**1:00 pm. Mass in English**  
Luis Alfonso Burgos—Romeo Castro Fajanel—Beatriz Otilia de Medeiros, intention of Maria de Fátima Pereira

#### Monday, April 21

**9:00 am.** Liberal Paul Silva—Thanksgiving Amuthan Lena  
**6:30 pm. No Mass**

#### Tuesday, April 22

**9:00 am.** António Correia  
**6:00 pm.** Giuseppe Farinaccio

#### Wednesday, April 23

**9:00 am.** Family of Carlos Arruda  
**6:00 pm.** Vidália Hilário Albernaz

#### Thursday, April 24

**9:00 am.** Siblings and family of Maria Gomes  
**6:00 pm.** Thanksgivin Amuthan Lena

#### Friday, April 25

**9:00 am.** Special intention of Dustin Black Vargas—Thanksgiving Amuthan Lena  
**6:00 pm.** José Manuel Oliveira Correia, intention of Lucia Correia

#### Saturday, April 26

**5:00 pm.** Odilia & Michael Correia—Mariano Machado & in-laws—Manuel & António Faria—João Luis de Faria—Mike Borges