

Mark Evangelist

Most of what we know about Mark comes directly from the New Testament. He is usually identified with the Mark of Acts 12:12. (When Peter escaped from prison, he went to the home of Mark’s mother.)

Paul and Barnabas took him along on the first missionary journey, but for some reason Mark returned alone to Jerusalem.

It is evident, from Paul’s refusal to let Mark accompany him on the second journey despite Barnabas’s insistence, that Mark had displeased Paul. Later, Paul asks Mark to visit him in prison, so we may assume the trouble did not last long.

The oldest and the shortest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark emphasizes Jesus’ rejection by humanity while being God’s triumphant envoy. Probably written for Gentile converts in Rome—after the death of Peter and Paul sometime between A.D. 60 and 70—Mark’s Gospel is the gradual manifestation of a “scandal”: a crucified Messiah.

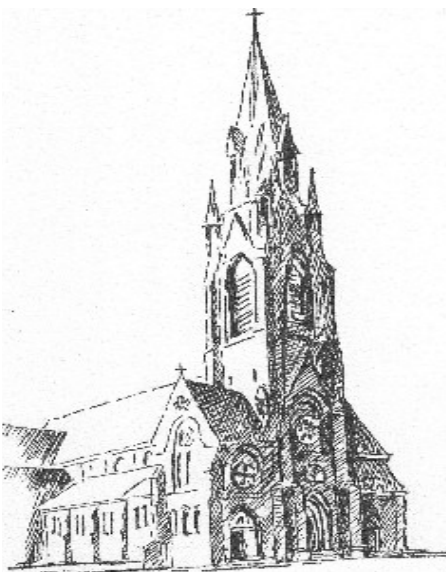
Evidently a friend of Mark (Peter called him “my son”), Peter is only one of the Gospel sources, others being the church in Jerusalem (Jewish roots) and the church at Antioch (largely Gentile). Like one other Gospel writer, Luke, Mark was not one of the twelve apostles. We cannot be certain whether he knew Jesus personally. Some scholars feel that the evangelist is speaking of himself when describing the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane: “Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked” (Mark 14:51-52)

Others hold Mark to be the first bishop of Alexandria, Egypt. Venice, famous for the Piazza San Marco, claims Mark as its patron saint; the large basilica there is believed to contain his remains. A winged lion is Mark’s symbol. The lion derives from Mark’s description of John the Baptist as a “voice of one crying out in the desert: (Mark 1:3), which artists compared to a roaring lion.



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8:30 am Portuguese  
10:00 am Portuguese  
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1:00 pm English

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Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese  
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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

Schools  
St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205  
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Sharelife

This Sunday we will have our 2nd collection for Sharelife. Our final Sharelife collection will be held on the weekend of June 7th and 8th. Donations for Sharelife can be made at anytime.

First Communions

Today we will have the First Communions for the children from Bishop MacDonell School. Congratulations to all the children and their families, may God bless you and guide you.

St. Mary’s School children will receive their First Communion next Sunday, May 4th at 1:00 pm.

Confirmation

Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 11th at 3:00 p.m. **A reminder that all the young adults receiving Confirmation, have a rehearsal next Sunday, May 4th at 4:00 p.m.**



II Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

Like the Apostle Thomas, from time to time we all doubt. We should not hide our questions. We must do what Thomas did—bring those doubts to the Lord. And our risen Lord will say to us what he said to Thomas: ‘Cease doubting and believe.’

**Psalm:** *Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.*

Thomas’ profession of faith, ‘My Lord and my God’, is the supreme christological statement of John’s Gospel. Originally John’s Gospel ended where today’s passage ends. For this and the next five Sundays the Second Reading is taken from the Book of Revelation. The book is the revelation of Jesus Christ, made known through an angel to an unidentified prophet, John. It describes the battle between good and evil, and assures believers that good (God) will triumph. It was addressed to the whole Church and was meant to be read at liturgical assemblies to encourage believers to hold fast to the faith in time or persecution.

That Eastertide With Joy Was Bright

That Eastertide with joy was bright;  
the sun shone out with fairer light,  
    alleluia, alleluia!  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
the glad apostles saw their Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

He showed to them his hands, his side,  
where yet those glorious wounds abide;  
    alleluia, alleluia!  
the tokens true which made it plain  
their Lord indeed was risen again;

Jesus, the king of gentleness,  
do thou thyself our hearts possess,  
    alleluia, alleluia!  
that we may give thee all our days  
the tribute of our grateful praise.

Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Give Thanks To the Risen Lord

Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the Risen Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name!

Jesus is Lord of all the earth,  
He is the King of creation.  
  
Spread the good news o'er all the earth  
Jesus has died and has risen!

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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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!

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!

Mass Intentions For This Week

Saturday, April 26

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

Sunday, April 27

8:30 am. Nelissa da Mota

10:00 am. Community—Santo Cristo Association—Maria de Fátima Tavares Melo—Maria Sofia Couto—João & Angelina Rodrigues—Manuel & Elza de Melo

11:30 am. Angelo Medeiros, parents & grandparents—Zoltan Kugler—José Soares & parents

1:00 pm. José Manuel Correia—Benjamim Travassos & António Oliveira

Monday, April 28

9:00 am.  
6:00 pm. Ana Carvalho

Tuesday, April 29

9:00 am.  
6:00 pm. Virginia Arruda

Wednesday, April 30

9:00 am. António Pereira  
6:00 pm.

Thursday, May 1

9:00 am. Manuel Afonso  
6:00 pm. Thanksgiving to St. Joseph the Worker

Friday, May 2

9:00 am. Albertina Gaspar  
6:00 pm. Cor Iliohan, intention of Corrie Iliohan, family, souls in purgatory

Saturday, May 3

5:00 pm. Manuel Fernandez Perez