

Reflection

Giving

There are those who give but only on condition that they receive something in return, and receive it immediately.

There are those who give on condition that they receive something in return later on and with a handsome profit.

And there are those who give without expecting anything in return now or ever; they scatter the seeds of the heart without looking for any harvest.

These are imitating the generosity of God, who bestows his love on good people and bad, and grants mercy to saints and sinners.

Prayer of Petition (Reflection 2)

I asked for health that I might do great things;
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
I asked for riches that I might be happy;
I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for.
Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am, among all men, most richly blessed.



Annual Catholic Cemetery Mass

On Wednesday, August 13th, a Mass will be celebrated for all the faithful departed at 7:00 p.m. in all the catholic cemeteries.

Co-Op Missions

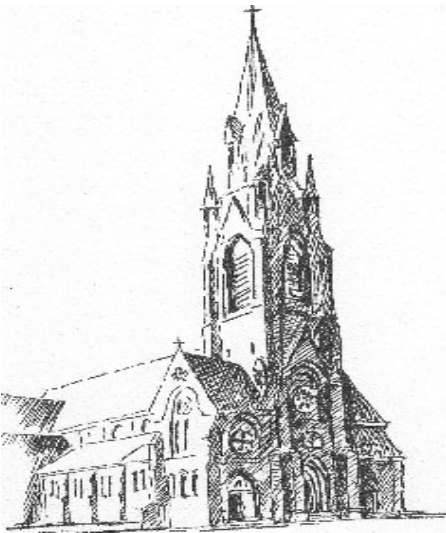
Next weekend, August 9/10, we will have with us Fr. Jignesh Makwana who came to inform us of his missionary work in India and to make an appeal for the missions. Envelopes for the special collection may be found at the entrance of the church. We thank you in advance for your support.

Holiday

On Monday, August 4th, is a civic holiday, for that reason we will not have the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

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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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday of Every Month at 5:00 p.m.

English Choir
Susan Taylor 416-531-0503

Portuguese Choir
Ana da Silva 905-891-5444

Santo Cristo
Artur Rocha 647-624-7113

Santo Cristo Band (Hall)
Paul Valerio (President) 416-703-2231
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Santo Cristo Association
Please contact the parish 416-703-2326

Espirito Santo
Joao & Lilia Tavares 647-308-7556

Saint Vincent De Paul 416-247-8868

Volunteer Co-ordinator
Delia Medeiros (contact the 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

School
St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205
Bishop Macdonell 416-393-5462



XVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 3, 2025

The First Reading casts a cold eye on the vanity of human life. One example of this “vanity” is all the toil people put into acquiring wealth, only to have to leave it all to their heirs. The author is making the point that the things that are supposed to satisfy human beings do not satisfy them. Only faith in God and in an afterlife can provide a light in the darkness.

Psalm: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

The Gospel is part of a longer section which deals with the difficulties that possessions can cause for the disciples of Jesus. Here Jesus refuses to get involved in a family dispute. Instead, he focuses on the cause of the dispute—greed for possessions. His parable stresses the foolishness of depending on material things on one’s security rather than on God. In his search for security and happiness in this life, the rich man forgets God, forgets eternal life, and forgets his obligation to the poor. He is truly a “fool” because he has not known how to use wisely the wealth which he had.

Let Heaven Rejoice

Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;
Let all creation sing.
Let children proclaim to every land:
Hosanna to the King.

Raise your voices, be not afraid.
Proclaim it in every land.
Christ has died, but he has risen;
He will come again.

Sing a new song unto the Lord,
For he has done wonderful deeds.
And praise him, thank him,
dance before him,
Play before the Lord.



All That We Have

All that we have and all that we offer
Comes from a heart both frightened and free.
Take what we bring now
and give what we need.
All done in his name.

Some would rely on their power,
Others put trust in their gold.
Some have only their Savior,
Whose faithfulness never grows old.

Sometimes the road may be lonesome,
Often we may lose our way;
Take courage and always remember
Love isn't just for a day.

Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of the sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I who have made the stars of the 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 the snow and rain,
I have born my people’ pain
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
I will break their heart’s of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

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



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
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Mass Intentions for this Week



Saturday, August 2nd

5:00 pm. Irena Mariconda—Maria, Artur & Luisa Cabral—Maria dos Anjos Silva & parents—Thanksgiving intention of Concepcion Saavedra—Albertina de Sousa

Sunday, August 3rd

8:30 am. Olivia, João & Fernando Machado

10:00 am. Community—António Correia—José Luis & Maria Teresa Branco—José, Henriqueta & John Rebelo—Liliana Correia Vieira

11:30 am. Lizete Pinheiro
1:00 pm. Intention of Isabella & Monica Alfonso

Monday, August 4th

9:00 am. José Manuel Correia
6:00 pm. No Mass

Tuesday, August 5th

9:00 am.
6:00 pm. Maria Palmira & Mike Pavão

Wednesday, August 6th

9:00 am. António Cordeiro & family
6:00 pm. Honour of the Holy Spirito—Thanksgiving

Thursday, August 7th

9:00 am. Ermelinda Arruda
6:00 pm. Carlos & Paulo Leite

Friday, August 8th

9:00 am. Liliana Arruda
6:00 pm. Luis Augusto Raposo & family

Saturday, August 9th

5:00 pm. Souls in purgatory