

## Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary—August 15

On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.”

The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.



We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries, the Eastern churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However, by the thirteenth century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names (Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption) from at least the fifth or sixth century.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, chapter 12 of Revelation speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God’s people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testament, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman’s victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20, Paul speaks of Christ’s resurrection as the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep. Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus’ life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to belief in Mary’s share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

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### Canadian Catholic Missions

Today we will have the Canadian Catholic Missions Collection. This collection is intended to help missions, restore churches, help the poor and train lay people. Thank you for all your support.

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### R.C.I.A.

All adults that did not receive their Confirmation, or did not receive sacraments e.g. Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation and wish to do so, please contact our parish office for information.

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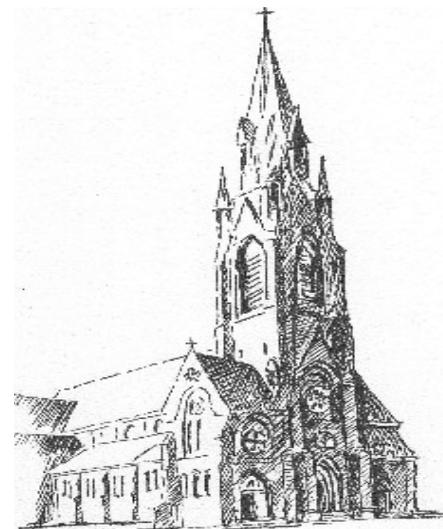
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### Sunday School

Sunday School registration for First Communion and Confirmation, can be done during the month of September. All registration forms must be completed, accompanied by the child’s baptism certificate and returned to the parish office.

# St. Mary's Church

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### OFFICE HOURS

Mon.– Fri. 8:30—12:00 and 1:00—4:00

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### 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  
647-998-5916

### 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



## XX Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

The Book of Revelation describes the ultimate battle between God and evil, represented here by the dragon (the serpent of Genesis).

The woman represents the Church, and the child represents Christ (the Messiah). Like the woman in the vision, the Church was undergoing suffering and persecution.

The dragon confronts the woman to devour her child. But the child is taken up by God—a reference to the ascension of Jesus. Jesus defeated the dragon and was exalted to God's right hand.

The woman (the Church) flees to the desert to escape the persecution. There she is nourished by God, just as the Israelites of old. The final verse praises the triumph of God and Christ.

***Psalm: At your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.***

The reading was meant to encourage the early Christians by assuring them that God would finally triumph. It should assure us in the same way.

Even though the figure of the woman in the first place represents the Church, it can also be seen as representing Mary. As the mother of Jesus, she was at the heart of the battle between God and the powers of evil. Therefore, it is entirely fitting that (through her assumption) she should share in the spoils of victory.

### 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.

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.

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### Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert  
But you shall not die of thirst  
You shall wander far in safety  
Though you do not know the way  
You shall speak your words to foreign men  
And they will understand  
You shall see the face of God and live

**Be not afraid I go before you always  
Come, follow me and I will give you rest**

If you pass through raging waters in the sea  
You shall not drown  
If you walk amid the burning flames  
You shall not be harmed  
If you stand before the power of hell  
And death is at your side  
Know that I am with you through it all

### 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'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 word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

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### 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 ev'ry heart that sings.

### Mass Intentions for this Week

#### Saturday, August 16th

**5:00 pm.** Mariano Machado, in-laws, souls in purgatory — Ernesto & Maria Silva—Intention of Lionora Kamba

#### Sunday, August 17th

**8:30 am.** António de Faria

**10:00 am.** Community—Maria da Conceição Santos Lousada — David José Oliveira Araujo — José & Jesuina Camara—João & Angelina Rodrigues—Manuel & Almerinda Viveiros, Guilherme & Ermelinda Martins e José Mariano Cabral—Domingos da Mota & spouse, Augusto da Silva—Urania Pimentel

**11:30 am.**

**1:00 pm.** Brian Chang

#### Monday, August 18th

**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.** Ildeberto Camara

#### Tuesday, August 19th

**9:00 am.** Liberal Paul Silva

**6:00 pm.** Alfredo da Ponte Garcia, Francisca Paiva, souls in purgatory—Albertina de Sousa

#### Wednesday, August 20th

**9:00 am.** António & Inês Mota & children

**6:00 pm.** Dr. Don Killinger

#### Thursday, August 21st

**9:00 am.** Horácio Amarelo

**6:00 pm.** Leontina & Deodato Medeiros

#### Friday, August 22nd

**9:00 am.** António Pereira

**6:00 pm.** José Manuel Oliveira Correia, intention of Lucia Correia—Gary Realejo

#### Saturday, August 23rd

**5:00 pm.** Manuel & António Faria—Maria de Lourdes Cordeiro