

Anointing of the Sick

Before the Second Vatican Council, the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick was commonly referred to as “the Last Rites”, or “Extreme Unction”, both suggesting a sense of finality. It was kept for “deathbed” situations.

Many a story has been told of a Catholic waking up from a deep sleep during a serious illness only to find a priest administering the Last Rites. Because this sacrament was the spiritual equivalent of calling 9-1-1, or even worse, throwing in the spiritual towel, one can imagine the devastating effect this might have had.

Even today, many chaplains reports that when they go to visit a sick Catholic, they are often greeted by a hand signaling no, “you don’t need to visit me today; I am feeling just fine!” At the same time, many Catholics call for a priest when they are seriously ill and love to be visited by a priest when they are in the hospital.

The Anointing of the Sick is a **healing** aid for those who are seriously ill. It is given to people going into serious surgery, the elderly and frail. It’s healing for the body and soul. And yes, one can receive this sacrament more than once.

How is it done?

The priest lays his hands on the sick person and prays in silence. Then he anoints the forehead and hands of the person and says “through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who frees you from sin save and raise you up”.

God is watching over us

Nowadays, thanks to the security camera, we are often being watched, watched by a cold, dispassionate eye, intent only on catching us in wrong-doing. The feeling that someone is watching us is not a pleasant feeling. But the feeling that someone is watching over us is a lovely feeling. God is not watching us. God is watching over us. The conviction that God is watching over us gives us comfort in times of sadness, strength in times of weakness, and hope in times of despair.

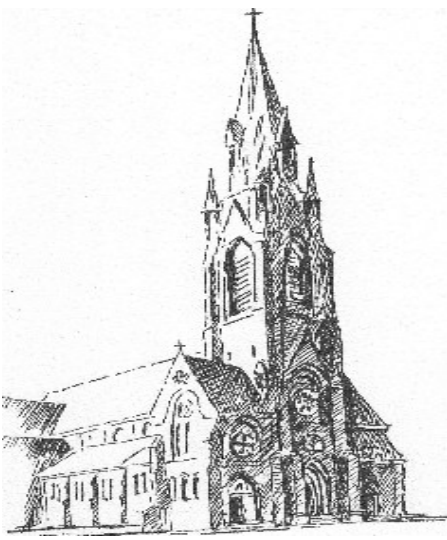
Retrouvaille

The Retrouvaille Program helps couples struggling in their marriage to rebuild loving relationships. You will meet teams of couples who have walked the same path you are on. They will guide you with fresh skills, positive perspectives and practical tools.

For more information, call 437-234-5610 or visit <https://www.torontoretrouvaille.com/>

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8:30 am Portuguese
10:00 am Portuguese
11:30 am English
1:00 pm English

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Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese
6:00 pm English
Saturday 5:00 pm English

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Baptisms will be booked by appointment only

Marriages
Please contact the priest **12 months** in advance

Confessions
Every day **before** Mass, except on Sunday

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XXI Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025

The First Reading presents a vision of all peoples coming to Jerusalem to share in the blessings that God has conferred onto Israel.

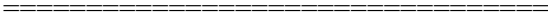
Psalm: Go into all the world and proclaim the good news.

God wills that all people should be saved. People will have no advantage over the Gentiles. Jesus refuses to get into the numbers game, or to speculate about matters that are best left to the wisdom and mercy of God. The main thing is: the kingdom is present and the door open. But the door is not so wide that people can saunter casually in at their own convenience; it is a narrow opening through which they must thrust themselves with determination. Besides, the door will not be open indefinitely. The message was originally intended for the Jews, but Luke now intends it as a warning to the disciples of Jesus.

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Thou rushing winds that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice.
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



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.

Taste and See

Taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times.
Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord;
for God has been so good to me.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me;
from all my troubles I was set free.

Worship the Lord, all you people.
You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good;
in God we need to put all our trust.



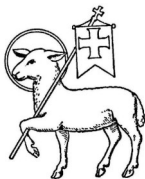
Though the Mountains May Fall

Though the mountains may fall
and the hills turn to dust
Yet the love of the Lord will stand
As a shelter for all who will call on His name
Sing the praise and the glory of God

Could the Lord ever leave you?
Could the Lord forget his love?
Though a mother forsake her child, He will not
abandon you

Should you turn and forsake Him
He will gently call your name
Should you wander away from Him
He will always take you back

Mass Intentions for this Week



Saturday, August 23rd
5:00 pm. Manuel & António Faria—Maria de Lourdes Cordeiro—Luciano Pereira

Sunday, August 24th
8:30 am.

10:00 am. Community—Maria de Fátima Tavares Melo—José & Luis da Mota—Manuel Pereira—Souls in purgatory, intention of Geraldina Faria—Manuel Herminio & Maria Rosa

11:30 am. Angelo Medeiros & father—Rita Forman, Leo, Judy, Jutha & Bernard

1:00 pm.

Monday, August 25th
9:00 am. Souls in purgatory
6:00 pm. Conrado Lamila

Tuesday, August 26th
9:00 am. José Medeiros & parents
6:00 pm. Georgina & Eugenio Pereira

Wednesday, August 27th
9:00 am. Our Lady of Fátima, souls in purgatory
6:00 pm. Odilia & Michael Correia

Thursday, August 28th
9:00 am.
6:00 pm. Rita Forman, Leo, Judy, Jutha & Bernard

Friday, August 29th
9:00 am.
6:00 pm.

Saturday, August 30th
5:00 pm. Venâncio, David & Odilia Tomaz—Luis Augusto Ribeiro Raposo—Maria dos Santos Coroa