### St. Vincent de Paul

If a person is hungry, in need of clothes or a place of shelter for the night, help can often be found at the local St. Vincent de Paul Society. Members of this charitable institution are found in most cities and in many countries. This society takes its name and inspiration from the saint whom we honour at this liturgy.

Vincent was born in Pouy, France in 1581. The name of the city has since been changed to St. Vincent de Paul. He was the third of six children of a peasant family. He was ordained to the priesthood and gradually saw his life being shaped to helping the poor. Inspired by his friends, Francis de Sales and Jane Frances de Chantal, who both became future saints, Vincent continued in this social ministry. He founded the missionary congregation of the Vincentians and the Sisters of Charity. After a lifetime of trying to fulfill the command of Jesus to "love one another," Vincent died in 1660 and was canonized a saint in 1885. He has been designated as the patron of charitable institutions. What he established in the seventeenth century, is still giving help and hope to the poor of today.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society has been active in Toronto over 150 years and the group at St. Mary's Parish is one of the oldest. Every dollar that is given to us is given directly to the poor in the form of food vouchers. The members of our Society thanks you for all your generosity.

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#### **Parish Council**

Our next Parish Council meeting will take place on Thursday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. All heads of parish groups and members of the parish interested can also attend the meeting.

# **Our Lady of Fatima Candlelight Procession**

On Saturday, October 11th, our parish will be holding the annual candlelight procession around the perimeter of the church in honour of Our Lady of Fatima.

The procession begins at 6:00 pm right after the 5:00 pm mass.

# **Catechism—Sunday School**

Sunday school classes starts Sunday, October 26th. All children receiving First Communion and all young adults receiving Confirmation must register.

Registration is now available. All registration forms must be accompanied by a copy of the child's baptism certificate. Please register as soon as possible.

The office of Admissions of St. Michael's College School is now considering applications for September 2026. St. Michael's College School is Ontario's only independent Catholic school for young men from Grades 7 to 12. Open Houses for prospective students and their families will be held on Thursday, October 16 and Tuesday, October 21 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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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) 416-703-2231 Paul Valerio (President) 647-998-5916

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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



# **XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time**

October 5, 2025

To serve God is not a duty but a privilege. The most important quality to bring to that service is love. What sort of spirit do we being to our worship and service to God? All three readings speak of faith. The First Reading is part of a dialogue between God and the prophet. Like others before him, Habakkuk is feeling the burden of office.

He complains about the prevalence of injustice and God's failure to intervene. Then comes the divine response: in due time God will intervene to save those who trust in him. Meanwhile, the upright must remain steadfast in faith.

# Psalm: O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!

This brings us to the Gospel, where Jesus says that a grain of authentic faith can achieve great things. The saying about the uprooting of a tree is not to be taken in a literal sense. It is a vivid eastern mode of expression, which means that with faith what looks impossible can become possible.

## **Faith Of Our Fathers**

Faith of our fathers, living still, In spite of dungeon, fire, and sword; Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy Whene'er we hear that glorious Word!

Faith of our fathers, holy faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Faith of our fathers, we will love Both friend and foe in all our strife; And preach thee, too, as love knows how By kindly words and virtuous life.



# **Into Your Hands**

Into Your hands we commend our spirit O Lord,
Into Your hands we commend our hearts.
For we must die to ourselves in loving You,
Into Your hands we commend our love.

O God, my God, why have You gone from me, Far from my prayers, far from my cry? To You I call and you never answer me, You send no comfort and I don't know why!

Our Fathers trusted and you delivered them
To you they cried, and they escaped
in you they trusted when darkness came their way
And in your goodness, you made them free.

# **How Can I Keep From Singing**

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.

Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing. It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest round me roar
I hear the truth it liveth.
What though the darkness round me close
Songs in the night it giveth.

# **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, October 4th

**5:00 pm.** Cor Iliohan, intention of Corrie Iliohan, family, souls in purgatory—Maria Guadalupe Alvarez

Sunday, October 5th

8:30 am. Olivia, João & Fernando Machado

10:00 am. Community—António Correia—José, Henriqueta & John Rebelo — José Luis & Maria Teresa Branco—Maria Armandina da Silva—Liliana Correia Vieira—Joaquim Lopes de Brito, parents & in -laws

**11:30 am.** Praise to St. Therese, St. Joseph & Archangels — José & Deolinda Rego, Jeremias Pereira, Manuel Freitas, Mr. & Mrs. Romeiro—Jeremias Sr. & Glória Pereira

1:00 pm. Teresa Brum

Monday, October 6th

9:00 am. Fernando Furtado & family 6:00 pm.

Tuesday, October 7th

9:00 am. Intention of Helena Gomes

6:00 pm. Intention of Filomena & Jamie Melo

Wednesday, October 8th

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

Thursday, October 9th

9:00 am. Manuel & Maria Morgado

**6:00 pm.** Ildeberto Camara—Ralth Mosher

Friday, October 10th

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Manuel, Maria Couto & family

Saturday, October 11th

**5:00 pm.** Souls in purgatory—Herminio Amaral Inácio