

THANKSGIVING

It is fitting for God’s people to offer public thanks for all the gifts we have received. On Thanksgiving Day we give thanks to God’s good graces and realize that God wants us to share the good of the earth with all people.

Jewish religious traditions included both public and private sacrifices of thanksgiving. The fifty days after Passover were a seven-week thanksgiving festival called Shavuot, ending with Pentecost.

The story of American Thanksgiving began with English settlers, called Pilgrims. They had first spent twelve years in Holland to escape persecution for their religious beliefs. Then, aboard the famous Mayflower, on November 11, 1620 they arrived in Plymouth. In the first year, a bitter winter and poor diet took the lives of 47 of the 100 Mayflower voyagers. Yet the Pilgrims, who were opposed to the celebration of festivals, decided to have a thanksgiving holiday in the fall of 1621. And, it seems that turkey was not in the original menu.

In Europe, since the late Middle Ages, thanksgiving has been celebrated in different dates. For example, in Hungary it has been celebrated in the feast of the Assumption, August 15. In Germany, France, Holland, England, Portugal and other countries in central Europe thanksgiving is celebrated on November 11, the feast of Saint Martin.



Holiday

Monday, October 12th is Thanksgiving. For that reason we will not have the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

To all our parishioners and their families, a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Sunday School

Sunday school will start **October 26th**, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 am followed by the 11:30 a.m. English Mass.

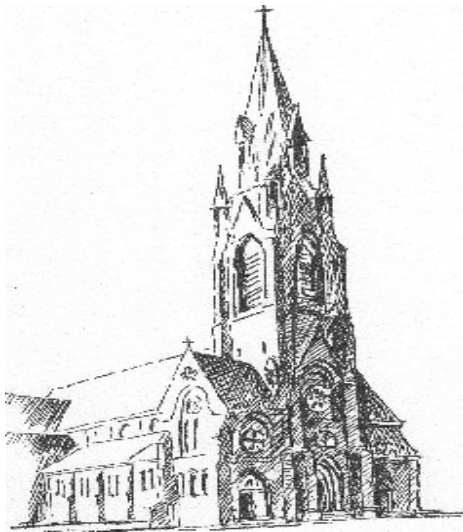
If you did not register your child to attend Sunday School, please do so, as soon as possible.

Catechism for Adults

The first R.C.I.A. for adults contemplating Baptism and Confirmation will be on Saturday, **October 25th**, at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

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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)

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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



XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 12, 2025

The First Reading tells how on being cured of leprosy Naaman acknowledges Yahweh as the supreme and only God. However, when he tries to express his gratitude to Elisha, the prophet refuses to accept it, because it would suggest that the cure was due to him rather than to God. As commander of the Syrian army, Naaman was a Gentile.

Psalm: The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations.

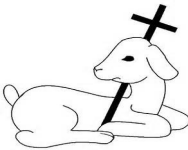
This story prepares us for the Gospel account of the cure of the lepers by Jesus, and on how only one of them, a foreigner (a Samaritan), came back to thank him. The stranger puts the Jews to shame. His reaction anticipates the glad reception of the Good News by the Samaritans in Acts 8,1-25.

Sing A New Song

Sing a new song unto the Lord
Let your song be sung
from mountains high
Sing a new song unto the Lord
Singing 'alleluia'!

Yahweh's people dance for joy
O' come before the Lord
And play for Him on glad tambourines
And let your trumpet sound

Rise, O children, from your sleep
Your Savior now has come
He has turned your sorrow to joy
And filled your soul with song.



Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus
Christ, his Son. (repeat)

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong",
Let the poor say, "I am rich",
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
(repeat)
Give thanks.

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

The Lord hath promised good to me,
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.



Immaculate Mary

Immaculate Mary, your praises we sing.
You reign now in splendor with Jesus our King.

Ave, Ave, Ave, Maria!
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In heaven the blessed your glory proclaim;
On earth we your children invoke your fair name.

We pray for our Mother, the Church upon earth,
And bless, Holy Mary, the land of our birth.

Mass Intentions For This Week

Saturday, October 11th
5:00 pm. Souls in purgatory—Herminio Amaral Inácio
Sunday, October 12th

8:30 am.
10:00 am. Community—Maria da Conceição Santos Lousada—David José Oliveira Araujo—João & Angelina Rodrigues—Antônio Chora—Olivia dos Santos & Candido dos Santos—Marco Orélio Preto—Albertina Rosa Pires & José Marcelino Preto — Olivia & Ernesto Costa — Gil Maiato—Rosa de Sousa—Arlindo da Silva—Boaventura & Rosa de Sousa
11:30 am. Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente—José Soares & parents—Praise do St. Edviges & Our Lady of Mount Carmel—Dennis Marcelino

1:00 pm.
Monday, October 13th
9:00 am. Adelino Marques Loureiro
6:00 pm. No Mass

Tuesday, October 14th
9:00 am. Souls in purgatory
6:00 pm. Nelson de Melo

Wednesday, October 15th
9:00 am. Ricardo, Nancy & Horácio Costa, souls in purgatory
6:00 pm. Praise to St. Theresa & St. John of the Cross

Thursday, October 16th
9:00 am. Manuel de Amaral Morgado
6:00 pm. Intention of José & Ashley Arruda

Friday, October 17th
9:00 am. José & Maria Rosa Couto, parents, in-laws, family & souls in purgatory
6:00 pm. José Manuel Oliveira Correia, intention of Lucia Correia

Saturday, October 18th
5:00 pm. Odilia Correia, parents, siblings & family—Mariano Machado, in-laws & St. John Paul II—Miguel Medeiros, parents, in-laws & family—Nicasio Pardo—Maria do Espirito Santo Sousa Moniz—Family of Jorge & Maria Conceição Barros—50th Anniversary of Jorge & Maria Conceição Barros