

GOD

(as written by an 8 year old boy)

One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He does not make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like priests and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God does not have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

Jesus is God's son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water, and performing miracles, and trying to teach people who did not want to learn about God. They finally got tired of his preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they did not know what they were doing and to forgive them, and God said okay.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go on the road anymore. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

World Missions

Next Sunday, Oct. 26th, we will be having the collection for the World Missions, and envelopes will be distributed today. Your ongoing and generous contributions will be most appreciated.

R.C.I.A.

Our first R.C.I.A. meeting will take place on Saturday, October 25th, at 6:00 p.m. in the church, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass.

Sunday School

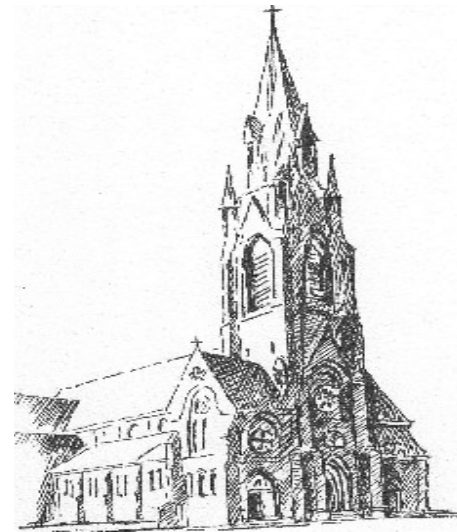
Sunday school will start **October 26th**, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 am followed by the 11:30 a.m. English Mass.

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

We thank all our catechists for their dedication to this important ministry.

St. Mary's 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)

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

Delia Medeiros 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



XXIX Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 19, 2025

First Reading (Ex 17:8-13) The Israelites gain a victory over their enemies through the power of God which comes to them as a result of the prayer of Moses.

Psalm: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading (2Tim 3:14-4:2) Paul instructs Timothy to abide in the sound doctrine which he has been taught since childhood, and to be zealous in preaching the message of Jesus.

Gospel (Lk 18:1-8) Jesus exhorts his disciples to pray continually and never to grow discouraged. The message is intended for the disciples who are faced with suffering and persecution. If a moral judge can be moved by the persistent pleading of a widow, how much more will God see justice done for his faithful ones who cry out to him continually. The only question is: will they be found capable of confident and persevering prayer, or will they throw the towel in and abandon the faith, just because their prayer isn’t answered immediately?

All the Ends of the Earth

All the ends of the earth,
all you creatures of the sea,
lift up your eyes
to the wonders of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth,
the master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
the wonders God has done in ev'ry age.

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might
ev'ry heart ev'ry nation call him Lord.

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Into Your Hands

Into your hands
we commend our spirits 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

Our fathers trusted
and delivered them
To you they cry,
and they escaped
In you they trusted
when darkness came their way
And in your goodness
you made them free

On Eagles' Wings

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,
My Rock in Whom I trust."

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His Wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day,
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.

For to His angels He's given a command,
To guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

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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 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—Gabriela Arruda—Nancy Fernandes—Family of Jorge & Maria Conceição Barros—50th Anniversary of Jorge & Maria Conceição Barros

Sunday, October 19th

8:30 am. Parents, in-laws of José & Margarida Silva, souls in purgatory

10:00 am. Community—Maria de Fátima Tavares Melo—Jaime de Sousa—Albertina de Sousa—José, Fernando, Albano & Mariano Camara

11:30 am.

1:00 pm. 25th Anniversary of Nancy & Emanuel Pacheco—Stjepn Cicvaric

Monday, October 20th

9:00 am. Liberal Paul silva
6:00 pm.

Tuesday, October 21st

9:00 am. Intention of Fernanda Ferreira
6:00 pm.

Wednesday, October 22nd

9:00 am. Manuel Medeiros, parents, in-laws, siblings & souls in purgatory
6:00 pm.

Thursday, October 23rd

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory
6:00 pm.

Friday, October 24th

9:00 am. Joaquim Rodrigues, spouse & family
6:00 pm.

Saturday, October 25th

5:00 pm. Odilia & Michael Correia—Manuel & António Faria—Gary Realejo