

Dedication of the Churches of Sts. Peter and Paul

St. Peter’s is probably the most famous church in Christendom. Massive in scale and a veritable museum of art and architecture, it began on a much humbler scale. Vatican Hill was a simple cemetery where believers gathered at Saint Peter’s tomb to pray. In 319 Constantine built on the site a basilica which stood for more than a thousand years until, despite numerous restorations, it threatened to collapse. In 1506 Pope Julius II ordered it razed and reconstructed for more than two centuries.

St. Paul’s Outside the Walls stands near the Abbazia delle Tre Fontane, where Saint Paul is believed to have been beheaded. The largest church in Rome until St. Peter’s was rebuilt, the basilica also rises over the traditional site of its namesake’s grave. The most recent edifice was constructed after a fire in 1823. The first basilica was also Constantine’s doing.

Constantine’s building projects enticed the first of a centuries long parade of pilgrims to Rome. From the time the basilicas were first built the empire crumbled under “barbarian” invasions, the two churches, although miles apart, were linked by a roofed colonnade of marble columns.

COMMENT: Peter, the rough fisherman whom Jesus named the rock on which the church is built, and the educated Paul, reformed persecutor of Christians, Roman citizen and missionary to the Gentiles, are the original couple. The major similarity in their faith journeys is the journey’s end: Both, according to tradition, died a martyr’s death in Rome, Peter on a cross and Paul beneath the sword. Their combined gifts shaped the early church and believers have prayed at their tombs from the earliest days.

Shepherd’s Trust

Today we will be taking up your donations towards the Shepherd’s Trust collection that is destined to help the retired priests. We thank you in advance for your continuous generosity.

Christ the King

Next Sunday we celebrate the feast of **Christ the King** and the end of one more liturgical year. The new **Sunday Missals** for 2025-2026 will be available at the back of the church. If you wish to have your own Missal, just take one and place a \$5.00 dollar donation in the offertory basket.

Envelopes for 2026

Envelopes for the weekly collection for 2026 will be available for pick up next weekend.

Christmas Concert

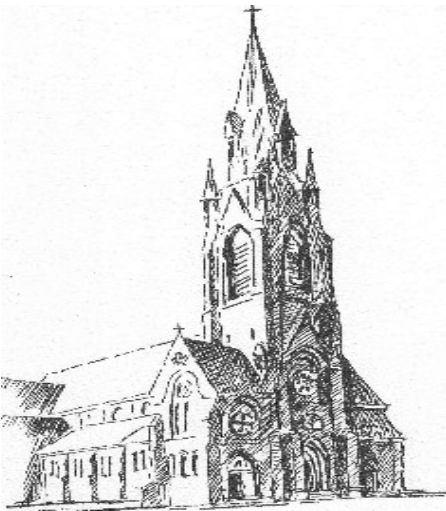
As a tradition in our church, we will have the Christmas concert on the third Saturday of Advent, December 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Confessions

Our Christmas confessions will be held on Thursday, December 18th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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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 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
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XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 16, 2025

As the liturgical year draws to a close, the focus is on the end of the world and the second coming of Christ. The prophet Malachi (First Reading) says that for evildoers the Day of the Lord will be a day of judgment; but for the upright it will be a day of salvation. His stark message was meant to act as a warning to sinners and as an encouragement to the just.

Psalm: The Lord is coming to judge the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading also relates to the Second Coming. Some of the Thessalonians, believing that the *parousia* was imminent, saw no need to work. Presenting himself as an example, Paul tells them to go on living and working as normal, and not to be content to live off the community. Luke talks about the *parousia* in close association with the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple. The destruction of the Temple, which Jesus had predicted, had already occurred by the time Luke was writing. This would have been interpreted by some as a sign that the end of the world was starting. But Luke reminds them of the words of Jesus, in which he warned his disciples not to be deceived by rumours and apparent signs that the end was near.

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.



Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things
shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

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

And blessed are your poor
For the kingdom shall be theirs
Blest are you that weep and mourn
For one day you shall laugh
And if wicked men insult and hate you
All because of me
Blessed, blessed are you.

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.

Mass Intentions For This Week

Saturday, November 15th

5:00 pm. Lorenzo Mariconda—Souls in purgatory—
Antônio Fernandes & family—Arminda Medeiros

Sunday, November 16th

8:30 am. Idalina & José Terceira

10:00 am. Community—Maria da Conceição Santos
Lousada — David José Oliveira Araujo—Jaime de
Sousa—Ermelinda Arruda—Steve Horvat—Arlindo da
Silva—Maria de Amaral

11:30 am. José & Angelo Medeiros — Souls in purga-
tory

1:00 pm. Yue Ming—João Luis de Faria & family

Monday, November 17th

9:00 am. Manuel de Amaral Morgado
6:00 pm.

Tuesday, November 18th

9:00 am. Intention of Maria, Andy, Elayna & Fátima
Medeiros
6:00 pm. Honor of the Holy Spirit

Wednesday, November 19th

9:00 am. Liberal Paul Silva
6:00 pm. José Rebelo

Thursday, November 20th

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

Friday, November 21st

9:00 am. Silvério & Matilde Carvalho, souls in purga-
tory
6:00 pm. José Manuel Oliveira Correia, intention of
Lucia Correia

Saturday, November 22nd

5:00 pm. Mariano Machado, family, Lurdes Teixeira &
Edna Grace Avery—Conrado Lamila—Manuel &
Antônio Faria—Gustavo Matos, Antônio Domingues—
Adriano & Margarida Alacaidinho—Natália Cabral,
Mario Medeiros—Filemon Luz & Ferdinand Manila