

Francis Xavier Priest (1506-1552)

Jesus asked, “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” (Matthew 16:26a). The words were repeated to a young teacher of philosophy who had a high promising career in academics, with success and a life of prestige and honor before him.

Francis Xavier, twenty four at the time, and living and teaching in Paris, did not heed these words at once. They came from a good friend, Ignatius of Loyola, whose tireless persuasion finally won the young man to Christ. Francis then made the spiritual exercises under the direction of Ignatius, and in 1534 joined his little community (the infant Society of Jesus). Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope.

From Venice, where he was ordained priest in 1537, Francis Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India. For the next ten years he labored to bring the faith to such widely scattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malaysians and the Japanese.

Wherever he went, he lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letter, he was always filled with joy.

Francis went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him. From Japan he had dreams of going to China, but this plan was never realized. Before reaching the mainland he died.

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. All are welcome!



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.

Envelopes for 2026

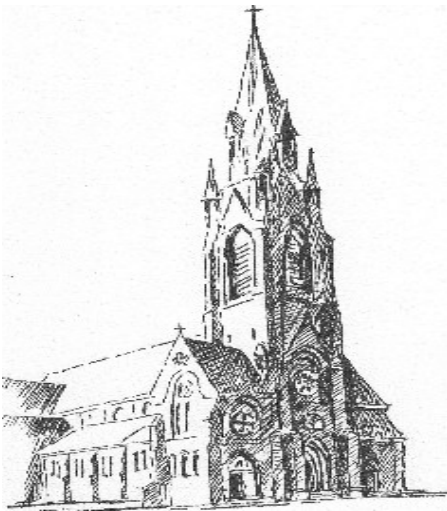
Envelopes for the weekly collection for 2026 are now available by the entrance of the church. Please check that the box contains your envelope number, your name and address. If you cannot find your numbered box, please contact the parish office.

Shepherd’s Trust

Last weekend we collected your donations towards the Shepherd’s Trust collection that is destined to help the retired priests. We received a total of \$1,265.00. Thank you for your generosity.

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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
Kevin & Christina Cordeiro 647-218-1601

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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Christ the King

November 23, 2025

Introduction and Confiteor

Today we honour Christ as our King. And we honour Him best by helping to spread his Kingdom.

First Reading (2 Sam 5:1-3) Thus David became king of a united country. His kingship prefigured the universal kingship of Christ.

Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Second Reading (Col 1:11-20) Christ is not only head of the Church but Lord of all creation. The Second Reading is essentially a liturgical hymn in praise of Christ.

Gospel (Lk 23:35-43) Christ reigned from the cross, and brought salvation to one of the thieves crucified with him.

In the Gospel we see how the inscription over the cross, and all those who witnessed the crucifixion (the crowd, the rulers, the soldiers, and the thieves) unwittingly proclaim the true identity of Jesus.

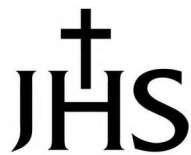
To Jesus Christ our Sovereign King

To Jesus Christ, our Sov'reign King,
Who is the world's salvation,
All praise and homage do we bring,
And thanks and adoration.

Refrain:
**Christ Jesus Victor,
Christ Jesus Ruler
Christ Jesus, Lord and Redeemer!**

Thy reign extend, O King benign,
To ev'ry land and nation,
For in Thy kingdom, Lord divine,
Alone we find salvation.

To Thee and to Thy Church, great King,
We pledge our hearts' oblation,
Until before Thy throne we sing,
In endless jubilation.



Jesus Remember Me

Jesus, remember me,
when you come into your kingdom;
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when you come into your kingdom.

Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation
Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
Faith believes nor questions how:
Though the cloud from sight received him,
When the forty days were over,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Angels,
Here on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
Flee to you from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!

**Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul,
My Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!**

Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, November 22nd

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

Sunday, November 23rd

8:30 am. Nelissa da Mota

10:00 am. Community — Maria de Fátima Tavares Melo—Souls in purgatory—Manuel Barata Fernandes—Manuel Vieira—Tommy de Carvalho

11:30 am. Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente—Maria Sofia Couto & siblings—Intention of Jay Crowley

1:00 pm. Honor of the Holy Spirit, intention of Fr. Roney—Stjepan Cicvaric—Barbara Johnson

Monday, November 24th

9:00 am. João & Adelaide Arruda

6:00 pm. Souls in purgatory

Tuesday, November 25th

9:00 am. João Nunes Pereira, spouse & children

6:00 pm. Jean Skora, Lawrence, Madeleine Skora, Shirley Smith

Wednesday, November 26th

9:00 am.

6:00 pm. Deodato & Leontina Medeiros

Thursday, November 27th

9:00 am. Parents & family of Carlos & Ermelinda Arruda

6:00 pm. Odília & Michael Correia

Friday, November 28th

9:00 am. Maria & José Hilário

6:00 pm. John Rebelo

Saturday, November 29th

5:00 pm. Gary Realejo—José Luis Martins—Mecilia & Silvério Angeja—João Felizardo & family — Michael Jankowski