

QUESTIONS ON MARRIAGE

I am catholic but my fiancé is not. Does he have to convert before we can get married in the Catholic Church?

No. If the only reason for one to convert is that he or she can have a “nice church wedding” the answer is no. People should only convert when they intend to practice their Catholic faith at all times.

A practicing Roman Catholic can marry a non-Catholic in a church providing that both are free to marry, know each other well, have the intention that it be for life, and that the non-Catholic respects the right of the Catholic spouse to want to baptize their children.

If a Catholic marries another Christian (Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, United, etc.), permission is to be obtained from the Archdiocese and then it is called a “Mixed Marriage”.

If a Catholic wants to marry a Jew, a Buddhist, a Muslim or a person of no-religion, the permission requested in this case is for a marriage with “Disparity of Cult”.

In both previous cases, the wedding is celebrated without Mass. The same applies for Catholics that do not practice their faith or have no understanding of the Holy Eucharist.

Can a priest celebrate a wedding outside of a church, for example, at a park, at a banquet hall or at someone's garden?

No. The general rule is that Catholic weddings are to be celebrated in a church. However, there are exceptions, such as when one is very sick and cannot make it to the church.

What documents do I need?

A recent copy of the baptismal certificate, a confirmation certificate, and a certificate of proof of having taken and completed a marriage preparation course.

Income Tax Receipts

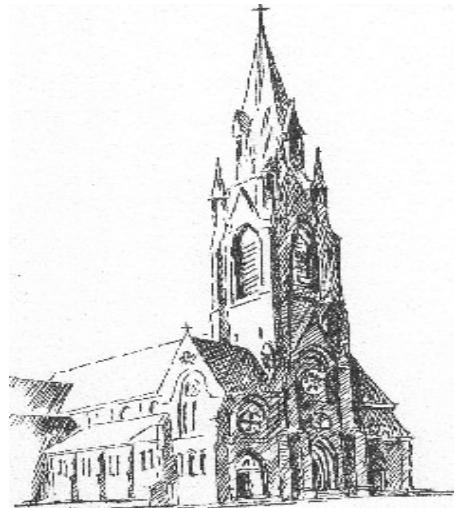
In February, we will start preparing our tax receipts, once they are ready, we will mail them. To make sure you receive your receipt without delays, please notify the office of any address changes. Thank you.

Sacraments

In 2025 we had 36 weddings, 70 funerals and 123 baptisms.

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) Marco Lima (President) 416-703-2231
416-818-5462

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
Bishop Macdonell 416-393-5462



II Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 18, 2026

First Reading (Is 49:3.5-6) This talks about the servant God has chosen to bring Israel back to him, and not just Israel, but all peoples.

Second Reading (1 Cor 1:1-3) Here Paul reminds the Christians at Corinth of their call to holiness.

Psalm: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel (Jn 1:29-34) Jesus is the Paschal Lamb of the Christian Passover, who by his death delivered the world from sin, as the original paschal lamb's blood delivered the Israelites from the destroying angel. And Jesus is also the Servant of God described in Isaiah as being led without complaint like a lamb before the shearers, a man of sorrows who 'bore the sins of many and made intercession for the transgressors'. Thus at the beginning of his Gospel John outlines a whole Christology:

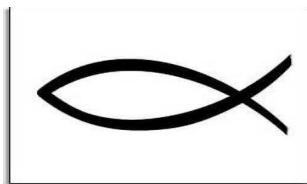
Jesus is the eternally existing One, who is to die as the Paschal Lamb and Suffering Servant for the sins of men and women, and then pour forth the Holy Spirit on a new Israel.

Gather Your People

Gather your people, O Lord.
Gather your people, O Lord.
One bread, one body, one spirit of love.
Gather your people, O Lord.

Draw us forth to the table of life:
brothers and sisters,
each of us called to walk in your light.

No more harm on the mountain of God:
swords into plowshares.
Free us, O Lord, from hardness of heart.



The Light of Christ

The light of Christ
Has come into the world
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All men must be born again
To see the Kingdom of God
The water and the Spirit bring
New life in God's love

God gave up His only Son
Out of love for the world
So that all men who
Believe in Him will live forever.

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of the sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who have made the stars of the night,
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

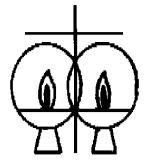
I the Lord of the snow and rain,
I have born my people's pain
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their heart's of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

Sing to the Mountains

Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to you, my Lord.
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and my song.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions For This Week

Saturday, January 17th

5:00 pm. Mariano Machado, souls in purgatory

Sunday, January 18th

8:30 am. Praise to the Holy Family

10:00am. Community—Maria de Fátima Tavares Melo—Alzira & José Melo—Mike Borges—Artur Amarelo

11:30 am. Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente—Angela Furlin

1:00 pm.

Monday, January 19th

9:00 am. Liberal Paul Silva

6:00 pm. Intention of Silvino Medeiros

Tuesday, January 20th

9:00 am. Marta da Silva & Maria Cordeiro

6:00 pm. António Correia

Wednesday, January 21st

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Manuel, Maria Couto & family—Intention of Nesoshi Chuba

Thursday, January 22nd

9:00 am. Ildeberto Camara—Intention of Margarida Medeiros

6:00 am. Silvestre Nelson Lobo

Friday, January 23rd

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Ana Carvalho

Saturday, January 24th

5:00 pm. Avelino & Celeste Magalhães—Manuel e António Faria—Abel Macedo