

LENT

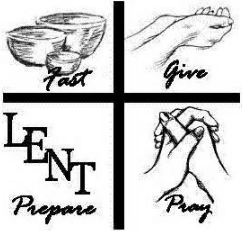
Because the date of Easter (Páscoa) varies with the lunar calendar used in Jewish tradition to determine the date of Passover, the date for the beginning of Lent, counted forty days back from Easter, also varies.

The first general church council in 325 decided to celebrate Easter on the first Sunday following the first full moon of the spring equinox. Consequently, the feast can fall on any Sunday between March 22nd and April 25th.

Ash Wednesday ushers the beginning of Lent and can happen anytime between February 4th and March 10th. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence and on this day the Gospel reminds us of the need for prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Most Catholics take Ash Wednesday very seriously. We go to church to be marked with ashes on our foreheads as a sign of our need for conversion and our willingness to enter into this season of repentance and prayer.

During Lent we try to improve our spiritual lives. We “give up” a particular food or habit and improve our spiritual lives. We practice self-discipline. We forgive and ask for forgiveness. We reach out to the poor and in our Archdiocese of Toronto we donate to Share-Life.



Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday, February 18th, Ash Wednesday, Lent begins. We will have three Masses **9:00 a.m. in Portuguese, 12:00 (noon) and 6:00 p.m. in English.**



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent we will have the Stations of the Cross after the 6:00 pm Mass.

ShareLife

Lent is a time to repent and be generous. Let us pray for all those in need during this Lent season. Our first ShareLife collection will take place on the weekend of March 21/22.

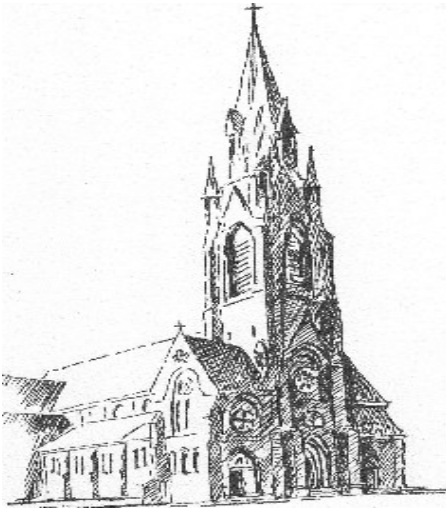


Malassadas / Portuguese Donuts

Malassadas for Carnival, made fresh on Family Day Monday!
Pre-order only.
Pick up Monday, February 16th, 2-4 PM.
\$3 each or \$30 per dozen.
To pre-order, please call: Christina 647-218-1601 or Margarida 905-873-1908.

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

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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



VI Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 15, 2026

First Reading (Eccles 15:15-20) God has given us the freedom to choose to do good or evil, to choose life or death.

Second Reading (1 Cor 2:6-10) True wisdom comes from God, and reveals the wonderful things God has prepared for those who love him.

Psalm: Blessed are those who walk in the law of the Lord!

Gospel (Mt 5:17-37) Jesus proposes new standards of goodness for his disciples. Jesus says, “If you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering.” Murder and adultery are born in the heart. Jesus reinterprets the fifth commandment so that it embraces those angry feelings and emotions which may lead up to murder. And he reinterprets the sixth commandment so that it embraces lustful thoughts and desires which may lead to sexual sin and infidelity.

Family Day

Monday, February 16th is Family Day. For that reason our office will be closed and we will not have the 6:00 p.m Mass.

Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God’s recreation of the new day!



Eye Has Not Seen

**Eye has not seen,
ear has not heard
what God has ready
for those who love him;
Spirit of love, come,
give us the mind of Jesus,
teach us the wisdom of God.**

When pain and sorrow weigh us down,
be near to us, O Lord,
forgive the weakness of our faith,
and bear us up within your peaceful word.

Christians, Let Us Love One Another

Christians, let us love one another,
as we share the true living bread.
Jesus is our God and our brother;
with his flesh and blood we are fed
Everyone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life, God is love.

We who break this bread are one body,
we who share this cup are all one,
children of our Father in heaven,
sharers of the life of God's Son.
Everyone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life, God is love.

We who eat and drink at this table
die and rise again with our Lord,
drawing from our rock living water
for all men who thirst for accord.
Everyone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life, God is love.

They'll Know We Are Christians

We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit,
we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity
will one day be restored.

**And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love
Yeah they'll know we are Christians
by our love**

We will work with each other,
we will work side by side
We will work with each other,
we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity
and save each one's pride.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, February 14th

5:00 pm. Humberta Pacheco

Sunday, February 15th

8:30 am. António de Faria

10:00am. Community—Jaime & Albertina de Sousa—
Maria Alda Amarelo — Marilene Fernandes de Castro,
souls in purgatory — Thanksgiving 60th anniversary of
Felix & Geraldina Faria—Isabel Maria Oliveira de Sou-
sa—Ligia Raquel Ribeiro

11:30 am. Vincenza Pirrota

1:00 pm. Intention of Zuseth Yntig Ching

Monday, February 16th

9:00 am. Manuel de Amaral Morgado

6:00 pm. No Mass—Family Day

Tuesday, February 17th

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. José & Rosa Pacheco & children

Ash Wednesday, February 18th

9:00 am. Portuguese

12:00 pm. English

6:00 pm. English

Thursday, February 19th

9:00 am. Intention of Nesochi Chuba

6:00 am. Nelson de Melo

Friday, February 20th

9:00 am. Liberal Paul Sliva

6:00 pm. José Manuel Oliveira Correia, intention of Lucia Cor-
reia

Saturday, February 21st

5:00 pm. Mariano Machado, parents & siblings—Lance
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