

ShareLife

This year, we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the ShareLife campaign. We recall that Archbishop Pocock's statement on behalf of life in 1976 led to the formation of what is now our annual appeal in the archdiocese. Starting with seven agencies, today there are over forty agencies providing social services to the greater community, in addition to providing for the education of our clergy, supporting youth and hospital chaplaincy programs, and supporting the work of the church in the developing world. In this statement, the archbishop noted "I am prepared to take the responsibility of sustaining the services of Catholic Charities to the community." Fifty years later, we continue to do this through our support for ShareLife.

Our mission is to serve, and last year we served the family seeking counselling, the deaf child and family receiving assistance through Silent Voice, the senior receiving support to live independently through our senior's programs, or the seminarian studying to serve as a future priest. Last year, ShareLife allocated \$800,000 toward food and meal programs across the archdiocese.

This year the suggested parish campaign goal for St. Mary's Parish is \$26,000.00 and our next collection will be on the weekend of 21st and 22nd of March.

We thank you for your generosity.

Laus-Perene / Blessed Sacrament Adoration and Easter

With Easter just around the corner, we will need your offerings towards the purchase of flowers. All contributions are very much appreciated.



Day of Confession

On Thursday, March 19th from 10:30a.m.—12:00 noon and 6:30—7:30p.m.

Via Sacra/Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent we will have the Via Sacra (Stations of the Cross) at 6:30p.m.

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ShareLife-funded agencies help hundreds of people deal with the challenges of life. They provide counselling and other supports to people in need in our Archdiocese and in poor countries around the world.

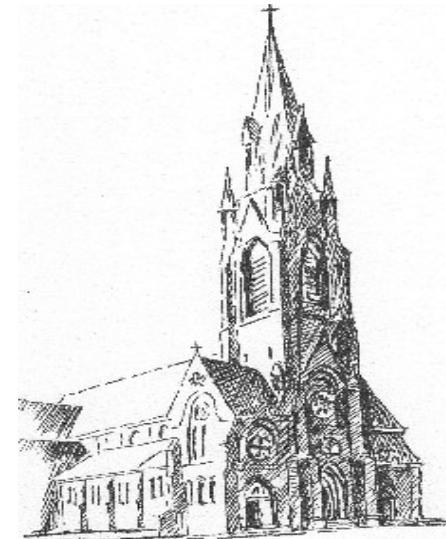
This year our collections for ShareLife will be held on the following dates:
March 22nd, April 26th and May 31st.

We thank you in advance for your generosity. May God bless you and your loved ones.



St. Mary's Church

Rev. Msgr. Fernando Couto (Pastor)
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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) 416-818-5462

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



III Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

First Reading (Ex. 17, 3-7) Despite their ingratitude, God shows his care for his people by providing water for them in the desert.

Psalm: *O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord. Do not harden your hearts!*

Second Reading (Rom 5,1-2.5-8) God has proved his extraordinary love for us by the fact that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel (Jn 4,5-42) In today's Gospel we read about the moving encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. As the Israelites journeyed through the desert, Moses provided them with the life-saving gift of ordinary water. Jesus, the new Moses, gives the people something infinitely better—"living water", a share in the very life of God. One theme runs through all three of today's readings. It is a very important and comforting theme. You could say that it is the heart of the Good News. That theme is: we are loved in our sins.

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.
Wash us, Lord, in the waters of life;
waters of mercy,
waters of hope that flow from your side.



Hosea

Come back to me with all your heart.
Don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, 'though straight and tall;
so must we to others' call.

**Long have I waited
for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new life.**

The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice,
With tenderness, you shall know.

You shall sleep secure with peace;
faithfulness will be your joy.

Come to the Water

O let all who thirst
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money, without price
Why should you pay the price
Except for the Lord?

And let all who seek
Let them come to the water
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money, without strife
Why should you spend your life
Except for the Lord?

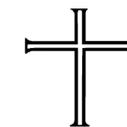
And let all who toil
Let them come to the water
And let all who are weary
Let them come to the Lord
All who labor without rest
How can your soul find rest
Except for the Lord?

And let all the poor
Let them come to the water
And let the ones who are laden
Let them come to the Lord
Bring the children without might
Easy the load and light
Come to the Lord

From the Depths of Sin and Sadness

From the depths of sin and sadness,
I have called unto the Lord.
Be not deaf to my poor pleading,
in your mercy, hear my voice.
Be not deaf to my poor pleading,
in your mercy, hear my voice.

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Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, March 7th

5:00 pm. Adelino Cordeiro—Silvério & Mecilia Angeja—Alda Jacob

Sunday, March 8th

8:30 am. Olivia, João & Fernando Machado

10:00 am. Community — Maria Natália Sebastião—Marilene Fernandes de Castro, souls in purgatory — José Novo, Joaquim, Carolina & José Moreira, souls in purgatory

11:30 am. Luisinha Lobo—Lima family, Manuel, Izilda & Mario—Brendan Joseph McGuirk & Phonina Brock

1:00 pm.

Monday, March 9th

9:00 am. Ermelinda Arruda

6:00 pm. Ildeberto Camara

Tuesday, March 10th

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Manuel & Maria Couto & family

Wednesday, March 11th

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Intention of Marcus Rafael Guerra

Thursday, March 12th

9:00 pm.

6:00 pm. Uncles of Rosa Mota

Friday, March 13th

9:00 am.

6:00 pm. Nelson de Melo

Saturday, March 14th

5:00 pm. Francelina Reis Silva—Intention of Nesochi Chuba