

HAPPY EASTER



Easter is the fulfillment of everything Jesus came to do. The apostles had been devastated with the crucifixion. They had failed to understand what Jesus meant when he said that he would rise from the dead. But now they were overwhelmed with the knowledge that he had risen: He lives!

Their encounter with the risen Lord meant that they could never be the same again. They could not go back to living the way they had before. Now, they believed everything Jesus said. Now they were ready to die for Him.

Jesus has a message of “Good News” and the world needs to hear it. Our world is broken by the divide between the rich and the poor. Our world is tired of wars, abuse of human rights and even religious intolerance. We are all brothers and sisters, children of the same God. Jesus has a message and the world needs to hear it.

“And so we ask the risen Jesus, who turns death into life, to change hatred into love, vengeance into forgiveness, war into peace. Yes, Christ is our peace, and through him we implore peace for all the world” - Pope Francis.

To all our parishioners we say: Happy Easter! Christ is Risen, Aleluia! Feliz Páscoa! Nabuhay si Cristo! Siya nga ay nabuhai! Wesoyego Alleluja! Sretan Uskers! Buona Pascoa! Felices Pascuas! Joyeuses Paques!

First Communion

Next Sunday, April 12, the first group of our Sunday School children will receive their First Communion.

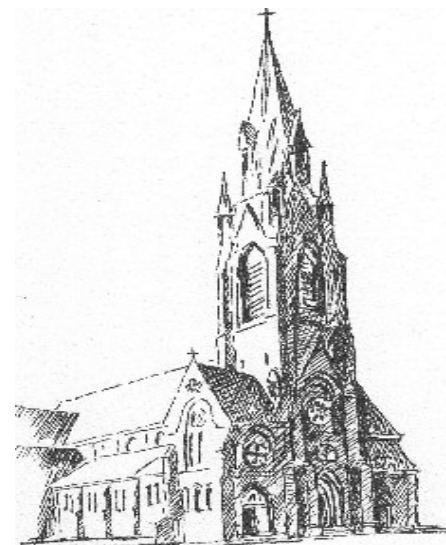
Santo Cristo Festival

The Annual Santo Cristo Festival will be on the weekend of May 9-10th.

To all our parishioners, and all those that are new to our parish,
we wish you all and your loved ones
A HAPPY EASTER!

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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)

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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



Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

First Reading (Acts 10:34,37-43) This is part of an early sermon preached by St. Peter in which he proclaims the risen Jesus to be the Saviour of those who believe in him, and Judge of the living and the dead.

Second Reading (Col 3:1-4) Through our Baptism we already share in the risen life of Christ, though in a hidden and mysterious way.

Gospel (Jn 20:1-9) On their finding Jesus' tomb empty, the truth of his resurrection begins to dawn on his disciples.

Faith in the resurrection of Jesus is the basis of our hope which enables us to bear patiently the trials of life. Therefore, there is a quiet joy among us and a deep sense of peace because we know that life is stronger than death, love is stronger than fear, and hope is stronger than despair.



That Eastertide with Joy Was Bright

**That Eastertide with joy was bright,
The sun shone out with fairer light,
When, to their longing eyes restored,
The glad apostles saw their Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

He showed to them
His hands, His side,
Where yet the glorious wounds abide;
The tokens true which made it plain
Their Lord indeed was risen again.

Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All praise be yours, O risen Lord,
From death to endless life restored;
All praise to God the Father be
And Holy Ghost eternally,
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Song of the Cross

**Love lifted on the cross for me:
my Lord, my God, my salvation.
Love lifted high to set me free:
my Lord, my God, my salvation.**

Behold the wood of the cross,
behold the lamb that was slain.
Behold your king comes victorious,
behold he has risen again.

O be exalted, O God,
above the heavens and the earth.
For by your cross and resurrection
you have redeemed the world.

Give glory to the Father,
give glory to the Son,
give glory to the Holy Spirit;
give glory to the Holy One.

Above All

Above all powers, above all kings
Above all nature and all created things
Above all wisdom and all the ways of man
You were here before the world began.

Above all kingdoms, above all thrones
Above all wonders the world has ever known
Above all wealth and treasures of the earth
There's no way to measure what You're worth.

**Crucified, laid behind a stone
You lived to die, rejected and alone
Like a rose, trampled on the ground
You took the fall and thought of me above all**

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the Earth rejoice all the Earth rejoice
He wraps himself in light
and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice
Trembles at His voice.

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Jesus Christ is risen today, alleluia!
our triumphant holy day; alleluia!
who did once upon the cross; alleluia
suffer to redeem our loss; alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing; alleluia,
unto Christ our heavenly king; alleluia,
who endured the cross and grave; alleluia,
sinners to redeem and save: alleluia!

But the pains which he endured; alleluia,
our salvation have procured; alleluia,
now above the sky he's King; alleluia,
where the angels ever sing: alleluia!

Mass Intentions For The Week

Holy Saturday

8:00 pm. Easter Vigil Mass (English-Portuguese)

Easter Sunday, April 5

8:30am. Parents & in-laws of José & Margarida Silva, souls in purgatory

10:00am. Community—José Luis & Maria Teresa Branco — Maria Armandina da Silva — Ermelinda Arruda—John Rebelo—António Correia — Marilene Fernandes de Castro, souls in purgatory—José Ferreira & spouse

11:30am. Jesus Christ Vicar on earth, intention of Iliohan family

1:00 pm.

Monday, April 6

9:00 am. José Calmeira & family

6:00 pm. No Mass

Tuesday, April 7

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Intention of Claire Virginia

Wednesday, April 8

9:00 am. Parents, godparents & family of António & Olimpia Mota

6:00 pm. Cousins of Rosa Mota

Thursday, April 9

9:00 am. Intention of Andy, Elayna, Maria & Fátima Medeiros

6:00 pm. Ildeberto Camara

Friday, April 10

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Ildeberto Camara

Saturday, April 11

5:00 pm. Francelina Reis Silva—Luis Raposo—Rosa Picão