

Dear parishioners and friends at St. Mary's

After eighteen years of serving you, on the 24th of June I will be leaving St. Mary's and start my retirement. On that day, Father Carlos Macatangga, a priest from the Society of the Divine Word (SDV), will take over the leadership of St. Mary's Parish.

It is not easy to say goodbye to a parish to which I have dedicated the last eighteen years of my life. I was ordained a deacon in 1977, a priest in 1979, and served as an associate pastor at Transfiguration of Our Lord, St. Helen's, All Saints and St. Matthew's, after that I was pastor at St. Sebastian's, St. Helen's and St. Mary's. Now the time has come for me to retire. God willing, I will help when called upon.

I give thanks to God for His calling to the priesthood and I thank you all for your support during these past eighteen years.

I will always remember you in my prayers and I thank God for each and every one of you.

With gratitude and love,

Fr. Fernando Couto

First Communion

Today we will have the second group of children receiving their First Communion.

Congratulations to all the children and their families. May God Bless and guide them.

Confirmation

Today, at 4:00 p.m. we will have the rehearsal for all the young adults receiving their Confirmation next weekend.

ShareLife

We will have our second ShareLife collection next weekend, April 25/26.

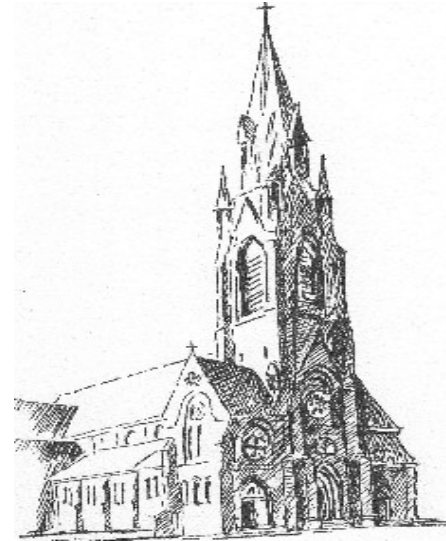
The third and final ShareLife collection for this year, will be on the weekend of May 30/31.

Thank you all for your continuous support towards ShareLife.



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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 Easter

April 19, 2026

First Reading (Acts 2:14-22-28) On the feast of Pentecost, Peter preaches to the Jews about the resurrection of Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, you will show me the path of life.

Second Reading (1 Pet 1:17-21) The benefits we enjoy as Christians were won by Christ through the shedding of his blood. Our response should be a life of holiness.

Gospel (Lk 24:13-35) By the time Luke wrote his Gospel half a century had gone by since the Lord's death and resurrection. So his readers might look back with envy at the people who were fortunate enough to have seen the risen Lord with their own eyes. But in this story Luke makes the point that those who were in that enviable position did not truly know Jesus until the Scriptures were expounded and the bread was broken. The Christians of Luke's time had those same means of recognizing the Lord—the Scriptures and the breaking of the bread. And so have Christians ever since, for the Scriptures and the Eucharist are the essential components of our Sunday service. In the matter of encountering Jesus with faith, a past generation is no more privileged than the present one.

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who set us free,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

For You Are My God

**For you are my God; you alone are my joy.
Defend me, O Lord.**

You are my portion and cup;
It is You that I claim for my prize.
Your heritage is my delight,
the lot you have given to me.

Glad are my heart and my soul
Securely my body will rest
For you will not leave me for dead
Nor lead your beloved astray

No Greater Love

**There is no greater love, says the Lord,
than to lay down your life for a friend;
there is no greater love, no greater love,
than to lay down your life for a friend.**

As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you. Live on in my love.
You will live in my love
if you keep my commands,
even as I have kept my Father's.

All this I tell you that my joy may be yours
and your joy may be complete.
Love one another as I have loved you:
This is my command.

You are my friends if you keep my commands;
no longer slaves but friends to me.
All I heard from my Father,
I have made known to you:
Now I call you friends.

It was not you who chose me,
it was I who chose you,
chose you to go forth and bear fruit.
Your fruit must endure, so you will receive
all you ask the Father in my name.

Sing A New Song

Sing a new song unto the Lord
Let your song be sung from mountains high
Sing a new song unto the Lord
Singing alleluia!
Yahweh's people dance for joy
O' come before the Lord
And play for Him on glad tambourines
And let your trumpet sound!

Rise, o' children, from your sleep
Your Savior now has come
He has turned your sorrow to joy
And filled your soul with song!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 18

5:00 pm. Mariano Machado & in-laws—Humberta Pacheco & João Correia—Paul Krainz—Olivia Maria de Brito Porto

Sunday, April 19

8:30am.

10:00am. Community—Maria de Fátima Tavares Melo—Maria Oliveira—José Farias—Altino & Maria Angelina Senra & José do Rego—Marilene Fernandes de Castro & souls in purgatory—Manuel Rodrigues Gaspar—Adelino Cordeiro, intention of the Mordomos, for all volunteers living and deceased of the Holy Spirit Fraternity—Siblings Manuel & Maria Gomes Ferreira—João Amaral, Adelino & Trindade Reis, Angelina & José de Melo

11:30am. Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente

1:00 pm.

Monday, April 20

9:00 am. Liberal Paul Silva

6:00 pm. Intention of Claire Virginia

Tuesday, April 21

9:00 am. José Ribeiro & family

6:00 pm. Giuseppe Farinaccio

Wednesday, April 22

9:00 am. António Correia

6:00 pm. Francelina Reis Silva

Thursday, April 23

9:00 am. Family of Carlos & Ermelinda Arruda

6:00 pm. Romeo Castro Fajanel

Friday, April 24

9:00 am. Victor & Fátima Arruda

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

Saturday, April 25

5:00 pm. Odilia & Michael Correia—Manuel & António Faria—Angelo Aguiar—Benjamim Travassos & António Oliveira