

God Calls us to His Family

None of us become Christians on our own; we owe our relationship with God to so many others who passed on the faith, who brought us for Baptism, who taught us to pray and showed us the beauty of the Christian life: our parents and grandparents, our priests, religious and teachers.

But we are Christians not only because of others, but together with others.

Our relationship with Christ is personal but not private; it is born of, and enriched by, the communion of the Church. Our shared pilgrimage is not always easy: at times we encounter human weaknesses, limitations and even scandal in the life of the Church.

Yet, God has called us to know Him and to love Him precisely by loving our brothers and sisters, by persevering in the fellowship of the Church and by seeking in all things to grow in faith and holiness as members of the one body of Christ.

Text from Pope Francis' general audience at the Vatican, June 25, 2014

Vocations

Jesus said "*As the Father has sent me, so I send you*".

Will you respond to God's call to be a priest, a deacon, a sister of a brother?

If you think God is calling you, contact Fr. Matt McCart, Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997.

Email: vocations@archtoronto.org or www.vocationstoronto.ca

Confirmation

Congratulations to all the young adults that received their Confirmation this weekend. May God Bless and guide them.

ShareLife

Today, we will have our second ShareLife collection. Our third and final collection, will be held on June 4th. We thank you in advance for your generosity.



Santo Cristo Festival

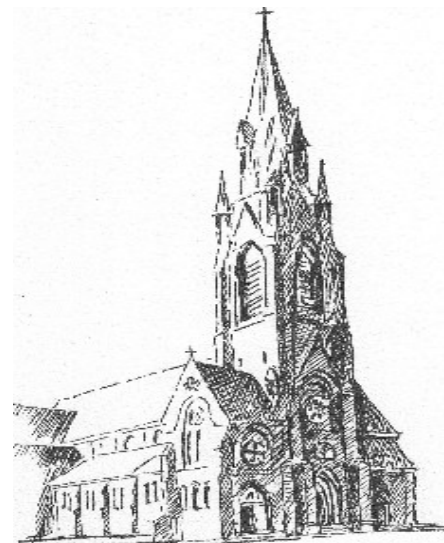
The Santo Cristo Festival this year will take place on the weekend of May 9/10.

Saturday, May 9th: Procession starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by Mass.

Sunday, May 10th: Mass at 1:00 p.m. followed by the Procession at 3:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Church

Rev. Msgr. Fernando Couto (Pastor)
Rev. Fr. Benny Joseph (Associate 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) 416-703-2231
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

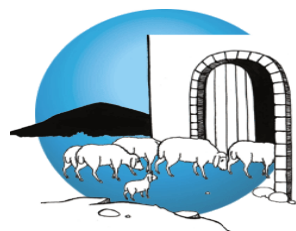
Please contact the priest **12 months** in advance

Confessions

Every day **before** Mass, except on Sunday

School

St. Mary Elementary 416-393-5205
Bishop Macdonell 416-393-5462



IV Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

First Reading (Acts 2:14.36-41) Here Peter proclaims Jesus as the risen Lord, and urges his hearers to repent and accept baptism.

Responsorial Psalm: *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

Second Reading (1 Pet 2:20-25)

Addressing slaves, Peter urges them to bear their unjust sufferings with patience as Christ, the Good Shepherd, bore his sufferings for love for us. Compassion is not learned without suffering. Unless we have suffered and wept, we really don't understand what compassion is, nor can we comfort someone who is suffering. Unless we have walked in darkness, we can't help wanderers to find their way. And it is by reaching out to others that we ourselves are healed.

Jesus bore the marks of our violent world on his body. Those wounds were the proof of his love. They were the mortal wounds the Good Shepherd picked up in caring for his sheep. By his wounds we are healed.

Gospel (Jn 10:1-10) Jesus compares his love for his disciples to the love of a shepherd for his sheep.

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.

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us be glad and rejoice.
He has turned all death to life,
Sing to the glory of God.



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 is risen again!

Like A Shepherd

**Like a shepherd He feeds His flock
And gathers the lambs in His arms
Holding them carefully close to His heart
Leading them home**

Say to the cities of Judah
"Prepare the way of the Lord"
Go to the mountain top, lift your voice
"Jerusalem, here is your God"

I myself will shepherd them
For others have led them astray
The lost I will rescue and heal their wounds
And pasture them, giving them rest

Come unto me
If you are heavily burdened
And take my yoke upon your shoulders
I will give you rest

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 died for thee,
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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, April 25

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

Sunday, April 26

8:30am. Nelissa da Mota

10:00am. Community—Santo Cristo Association—João & Angelina Rodrigues — Tommy de Carvalho — Adelino Cordeiro, intention of the Mordomos, all volunteers living and deceased of the Holy Spirit Fraternity—Amadeu Pacheco—Manuel Bolarinho

11:30am. José Soares, parents & in-laws

1:00 pm.

Monday, April 27

9:00 am. José Medeiros & parents

6:00 pm. Josip Kosic, Blessed Osanna of Cattaro

Tuesday, April 28

9:00 am.

6:00 pm. Ana Carvalho

Wednesday, April 29

9:00 am.

6:00 pm.

Thursday, April 30

9:00 am.

6:00 pm.

Friday, May 1

9:00 am. Praise to St. Joseph the Worker

6:00 pm.

Saturday, May 2

5:00 pm. Francelina Reis Silva