

Questions on Marriage

I am catholic but my fiancé is not. Does he have to convert before we can get married in the Catholic Church?

No. If the only reason for one to convert is that he or she can have a “nice church wedding” the answer is no. People should only convert when they intend to practice their Catholic faith all the time.

A practicing roman Catholic can marry a non Catholic in the church providing that both are free to marry, know each other well, have the intention that it be for life and that the non Catholic respects the right of the catholic spouse to want to baptize their children.

If a Catholic marries another Christian (Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, etc.) permission is to be obtained from the Archdiocese and it is called a “Mixed Marriage”.

If a Catholic wants to marry a Jew, a Buddhist, a Muslim or a person of no-religion the permission requested in this case is for a marriage with “Disparity of Cult”.

In both previous cases the wedding is celebrated without Mass. The same applies for Catholics that don't practice their faith or have no understanding of the Eucharist.

Can a priest celebrate a wedding outside of a church, let's say in a park, a banquet hall or someone's house?

No. The general rule is that Catholic weddings are to be celebrated in a church. However, there are exceptions, like when one is very sick and cannot make it to the church.

How soon should I contact my church in order to book my wedding?

One year. First, talk to the parish priest, then look for a banquet hall.

What documents do I need?

A recent copy of the baptism certificate, a confirmation certificate and proof of having taken a marriage preparation course. In some cases other documents may be required. Contact the church where your wedding will take place and the priest will guide you.

Santo Cristo Festival

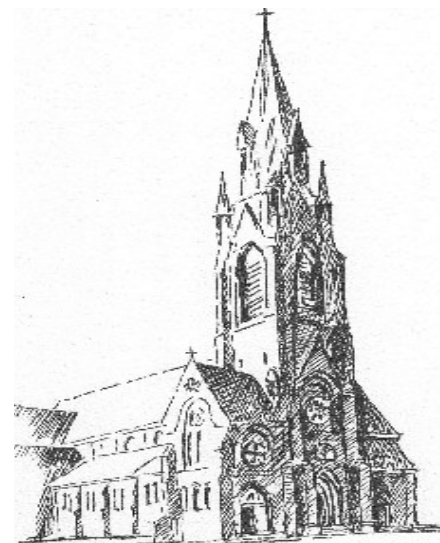
Last weekend thousands of people came to our church for the feast of the “Ecce Homo” (Senhor Santo Cristo dos Milagres).

A special thank you to all the volunteers whom donated their time and hard work, also to everyone that participated in our beautiful procession in praise of Jesus, our King.

This Sunday, at the 1:00 p.m. Mass, the members of the Fraternity of the Holy Spirit will receive their blessings with the use of the symbolic crowns of the Holy Spirit.

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

Santo Cristo Band (Hall)

Marco Lima (President) 416-703-2231
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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



Ascension of the Lord

May 17, 2026

First Reading (Acts 1:1-11) This describes the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and his promise to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples.

Responsorial Psalm: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Second Reading (Eph 1:17-23) Here Paul describes the meaning of the Ascension: God raised Jesus above all earthly powers, and made him Head of the Church and Lord of creation.

Gospel (Mt 28:16-20) Jesus commissions the apostles to preach the Gospel to all nations, and promises to remain with them always. The ascension of Jesus is the climax of his victory over sin and death. It is a day of joy and hope. Jesus wants us to share in his victory. It's important to realize that he hasn't left us, but is still with us, helping us in our struggles.

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

**O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Thou rushing winds that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice.

Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.

Alleluia Sing to Jesus

Alleluia, sing to Jesus
His the sceptre, His the throne!
Alleluia, His the triumph
His the victory alone.
Hark the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
Has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia, not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now.
Alleluia, He is near us
Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received Him
When the forty days were o'er
Shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore,"

Shout To the Lord

My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord there is none like you.
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am
never cease to worship you!

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King!
Mountains bow down,
and the seas will roar
At the sound of your name!
I sing for joy at the work of your hands,
Forever I'll love you forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have with you.**

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,

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 16

5:30 pm. Mariano Machado & in-laws—Miguel Medeiros, parents, in-laws, siblings & family members—Martin Peter Lobo—Fernando Gama Pinto—Joaquin Marella

Sunday, May 17

8:30 am. Olivia, Joao & Fernando Machado — José Horácio Furtado

10:00 am. Community—Manuel Cordeiro—Manuel do Couto Vieira — Parents & deceased family members of David & Candida Campos—50th Anniversary of David Seara Campos & Candida Campos — Adelino Cordeiro, intention of the Mordomos all volunteers living and deceased of the Holy Spirit Fraternity — Humberto Casimiro—Olivia & Ernesto Costa

11:30 am. Arlindo, Ilda & Richard Vicente — Brendan Joseph & Molly McGuirk—Maria Luisa & family, Lizete Pinheiro & family

1:00 pm.

Monday, May 18

9:00 am. Liberal Paul Silva

6:00 pm. *No Mass—Victoria Day*

Tuesday, May 19

9:00 am. Intention of Isabel Gomes

6:00 pm. Manuel e Maria Couto e familiares

Wednesday, May 20

9:00 am. Nancy, Ricardo & Horacio Costa, souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Intention of Claire Virginia

Thursday, May 21

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm. Intention of Carlos Arruda

Friday, May 22

9:00 am. Intention of Carlos Arruda

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

Saturday, May 23

5:00 pm. Odilia & Michael Correia—Manuel & António Faria—Angelo Aguiar—Jamie Rodrigues Rego—Ermelinda Cordeiro Furtado