

The Gospel according to St. Mark

The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, are always known as the synoptic gospels. Synoptic comes from two Greek words which mean to see together. In other words they can be set down in parallel columns and their common matter looked at together.

The Gospel of Mark is the earliest of all and therefore the first life of Jesus that as come down to us. Mark is also the shortest and more to the point.

Who then was this Mark who wrote the gospel?

Actually the New Testament tells us a good deal about him. He was the son of a well-to-do lady of Jerusalem whose name was Mary, and whose house was a meeting place of the early church (Acts 12:12). Mark was also the nephew of Barnabas, and when Paul and Barnabas set out on their first missionary journey they took young Mark with them (Acts 12:25).

When they were in Perga and Paul decided to move inland, for some reason, Mark left the expedition and went home (Acts 13:13).

On Paul's second missionary journey Barnabas wants Mark to come with them but Paul would hear none of it. So serious was the difference between them that Paul and Barnabas split company, and, so far as we know, never worked together again (Acts 15: 37-40).

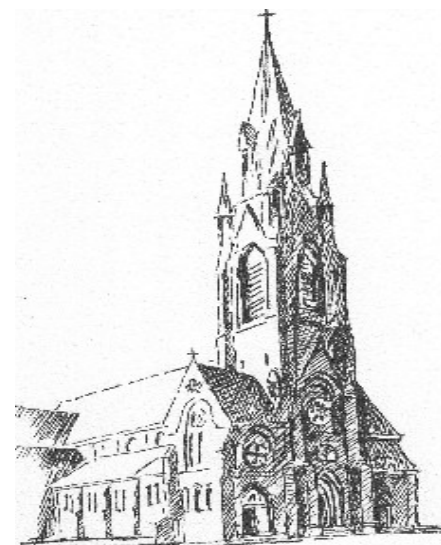
Tradition has it that Mark later went down to Egypt where he founded the Church of Alexandria. And, to our surprise, we discover that when Paul writes the letter to the Colossians, from prison in Rome, Mark is with him. Also, when Paul writes to Timothy he says, "Take Mark and bring him with you; for he is a most useful servant to me" (2 Timothy 4:11). The man Paul had dismissed as a quitter, we see that he was the one Paul wanted at the end near him.

Mark spent a lot of time with Peter and his gospel is based in all that he heard from Peter. One could say that it is the closest we can get to an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus.



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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

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of Every Month at 5:00 p.m.

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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
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ShareLife

Today we will be taking your offerings towards our third and final ShareLife collection for this year. Thank you for your generosity.

Summer Schedule

During the summer months our Mass schedule remains the same.

Farewell

On Saturday, June 13 at 6:00 p.m. (following the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass), parishioners are cordially invited to attend an open reception in the church hall in honour of Monsignor Fernando Couto on the occasion of his retirement and in recognition of his faithful service to his vocation, including 18 years served as Pastor of St. Mary's.



Most Holy Trinity

May 31, 2026

First Reading (Ex 34:4-6.8-9) God reveals himself to Moses on Mount Sinai as a God who is faithful to his promises and rich in tenderness and compassion.

Responsorial Psalm: Glory and praise for ever.

Second Reading (2 Cor 13:11-13) Paul encourages the Corinthians to live in peace and love. The reading contains a Trinitarian blessing which is used as a greeting at Mass.

Gospel (Jn 3:16-18) God has shown his love for us by sending his Son to save us all. All who believe in him will be saved.



All Creatures of Our God and King

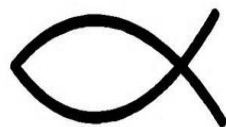
All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

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:



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.

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

The Living God

Sing praises to the living God, glory, hallelujah
Come, adore the living God, glory, hallelujah.
Though sun and moon may pass away,
His word will ever stay.
His power is forever more Glory, hallelujah.

Glory to the Trinity, the undivided Unity
The Father, Son and Spirit one,
From whom all life and goodness come.

To the living God we sing, Glory, hallelujah
Let our love and praises ring, glory, hallelujah
To each of us he always gives,
His mercy and his love.
Praise him now forever more, Glory, hallelujah.

To the God who cannot die, Glory hallelujah
To the living God we cry, Glory hallelujah
He promised to be with us and he lives in everyone
Love him now forever more, glory hallelujah.

O God Almighty Father

O God, almighty Father,
Creator of all things,
The heavens stand in wonder,
While Earth your glory sings.

O most holy Trinity,
Undivided unity,
Holy God, mighty God,
God immortal, be adored!
O Jesus, Word incarnate,
Redeemer most adored,
All glory, praise, and honor;
Be yours, O sov'reign Lord.

O God, the Holy Spirit,
Who lives within our soul,
Send forth your light and lead us
To our eternal goal.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Saturday, May 30

5:30 pm. José & Claudina Cruz, Eduarda Moniz & João Engenheiro—Fernando Gama Pinto

Sunday, May 31

8:30 am. Nelissa da Mota

10:00 am. Community — Santo Cristo Association—Tommy de Carvalho—José, Gabriel & Luis Teves—Cecilia Gonçalves—Marilene Fernandes de Castro, souls in purgatory—Adelina, José, Manuel & Gorete Pacheco—João Francisco Matos

11:30 am. Jesus Christ Vicar on Earth, intention of Iliohan family—Ana Carvalho—António Di Martino

1:00 pm.

Monday, June 1

9:00 am. Souls in purgatory

6:00 pm.

Tuesday, June 2

9:00 am.

6:00 pm. José Rebelo

Wednesday, June 3

9:00 am.

6:00 pm.

Thursday, June 4

9:00 am. Mario Gomes Ferreira, family intentions, world peace

6:00 pm. Jorge de Almeida & Maria da Paixão Sousa, Maria do Céu Chaves

Friday, June 5

9:00 am.

6:00 pm. Jordan Melo

Saturday, June 6

5:00 pm.