

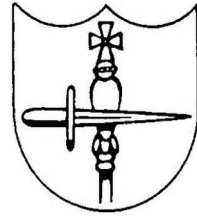
## First Martyrs of the Church in Rome (64 A.D.)

There were Christians in Rome within a dozen or so years after the death of Jesus, though they were not the converts of the “Apostle of the Gentiles” (see Romans 15:20). Paul had not yet visited them at the time he wrote his great letter in A.D. 57-58.

There was a large Jewish community in Rome. Probably as a result of controversy between Jews and Jewish Christians, the Emperor Claudius expelled all Jews from Rome in A.D. 49-50. Suetonius the historian says that the expulsion was due to disturbances in the city “caused by the certain Chrestus” (Christ). Perhaps many came back after Claudius’s death in A.D. 54. Paul’s letter was addressed to a church with members from Jewish and gentile backgrounds.

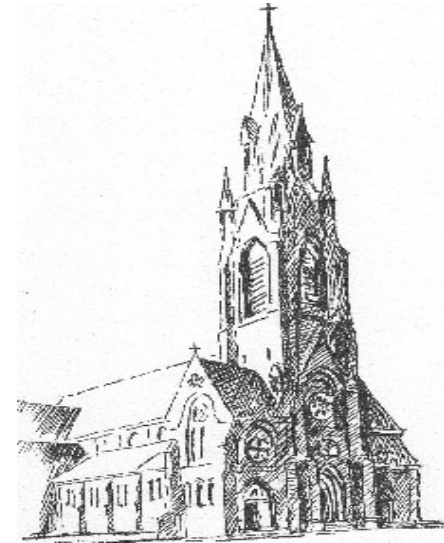
In July of 64 A.D., more than half of Rome was destroyed by fire. Rumour blamed the tragedy on Nero, who wanted to enlarge his palace. He shifted the blame by accusing the Christians. According to the historian Tacitus, a “great multitude” of Christians was put to death because of their “hatred of the human race”. Peter and Paul were probably among the victims. Threatened by an army revolt and condemned to death by the senate, Nero committed suicide in 68 A.D. at the age of thirty one.

*Quote:* From Pope Clement I, third successor of Saint Peter: “It was through envy and jealousy that the greatest and most upright pillars of the church were persecuted and struggled unto death... First of all, Peter, who became of unreasonable jealousy suffered not merely once or twice but many times, and, having thus given his witness, went to the place of glory that he deserved. It was through jealousy and conflict that Paul showed the way to the prize for perseverance. He was put in chains seven times, sent into exile, and stoned; a herald both in the east and the west, he achieved a noble fame by his faith...”



# 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) 416-818-5462

### 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

### Holiday

Wednesday, July 1st, is the holiday for Canada Day, for this reason we will not have the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

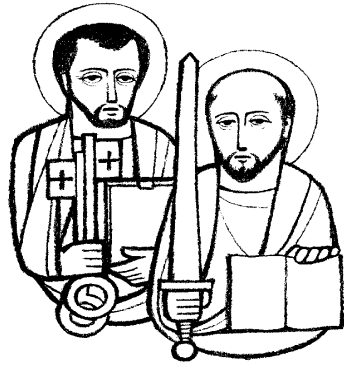
### Santo Cristo Festival

From the Santo Cristo Festival, we received the following amount **\$24,207.97**, to be used towards the maintenance and expenses of our church.

We would like to thank all our faithful volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

### Holy Spirit Festival

From the Holy Spirit Festival we generously received a total of **\$61,055.00**, for the maintenance of our beautiful church. To the stewards Kevin and Christina Cordeiro, and all the volunteers that contributed with hard work and dedication we would like to express our gratitude. Thank you and God bless.



### XIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 28, 2026

The First Reading (2 Kings 4.8-12a, 14-16)

*Psalm: Forever I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord.*

The Second Reading (Romans 6.3-4,8-11)

Gospel (Matthew 10.37-42)

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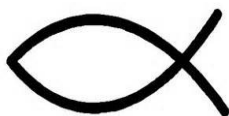
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*The mercy of God has no limits if one turns to Him with a sincere and contrite heart.*

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*We are all sinners. But God heals us with an abundance of grace, mercy and tenderness.*



### All the Ends of the Earth

**All the ends of the earth,  
all you creatures of the sea,  
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.  
For the Lord of the earth,  
the master of the sea,  
has come with justice for the world.**

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,  
the wonders God has done in ev'ry age.

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might  
ev'ry heart ev'ry nation call him Lord.



### Whatever You Do

**Whatever you do to the least of my people  
That you do unto me.**

When I was hungry, you gave me to eat;  
When I was thirsty you gave me to drink.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.

When I was homeless, you opened your door;  
When I was naked, you gave me your coat.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.

When I was weary, you helped me find rest;  
When I was anxious, you calmed all my fears.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.

### Take Up Your Cross

Take up your cross, the Savior said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
take up your cross with willing heart,  
and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight  
fill your weak spirit with alarm;  
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up  
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame,  
and let your foolish pride be still;  
the Lord for you accepted death  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength,  
and calmly every danger brave:  
it guides you to abundant life  
and leads to victory o'er the grave.

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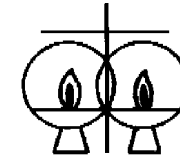
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### City of God

Awake from your slumber  
arise from your sleep  
a new day is dawning  
for all those who weep  
The people in darkness  
have seen a great light  
The Lord of our longing  
Has conquered the night.

**Let us build the city of God  
May our tears be turned into dancing  
For the Lord, our light and our love  
Has turned the night into day.**

We are sons of the morning  
We are daughters of day  
The One who has loved us  
Has brightened our way  
The Lord of all kindness  
Has called us to be  
A light for all people  
To set their hearts free.



# MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, June 27**

**5:00 pm.** Manuel & António Faria

**Sunday, June 28**

**8:30 am.** Agostinho & Beatriz da Mota & children

**10:00 am.** Community—Santo Cristo Association—  
Marilene Fernandes de Castro, souls in purgatory

**11:30 am.** José & Angelo Medeiros—Ana Carvalho—  
António Di Martino

**1:00 pm.**

**Monday, June 29**

**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.** Ronces Beleno

**Tuesday, June 30**

**9:00 am.** Souls in purgatory

**6:00 pm.**

**Wednesday, July 1**

**9:00 am.**

**6:00 pm.** No Mass (Canada Day)

**Thursday, July 2**

**9:00 am.** António Filipe & family

**6:00 pm.** Alfredo & Maria da Conceição Garcia

**Friday, July 3**

**9:00 am.** José Jacinto Medeiros

**6:00 pm.** Souls in purgatory

**Saturday, July 4**

**5:00 pm.**