

# Saint Patrick's Church

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
(Director in Canada, Society of the Little Flower)  
Rev. Mr. David Scott, Deacon  
Debbie Herman, Secretary  
Alice Corfield, Bookkeeper Secretary  
Brian Kneller, Caretaker

## Music Ministry

Carol Martin - Director of Music  
Sandra DiCienzo - Organist  
Tim Marrie - Pianist and Soloist  
Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist  
Ashley Gallardi-Pietrangelo - Soloist

## Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Closed on Weekends & Holidays

## Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

## Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

## Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
or by appointment

## Baptism

Once monthly at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday  
Preparation for Parents  
and Godparents required.

## Marriage

Please contact the parish office  
at least six months in advance.  
Preparation weekend is required.

## Schools

St. Patrick School 905-354-6631  
St. Mary School 905-354-7744

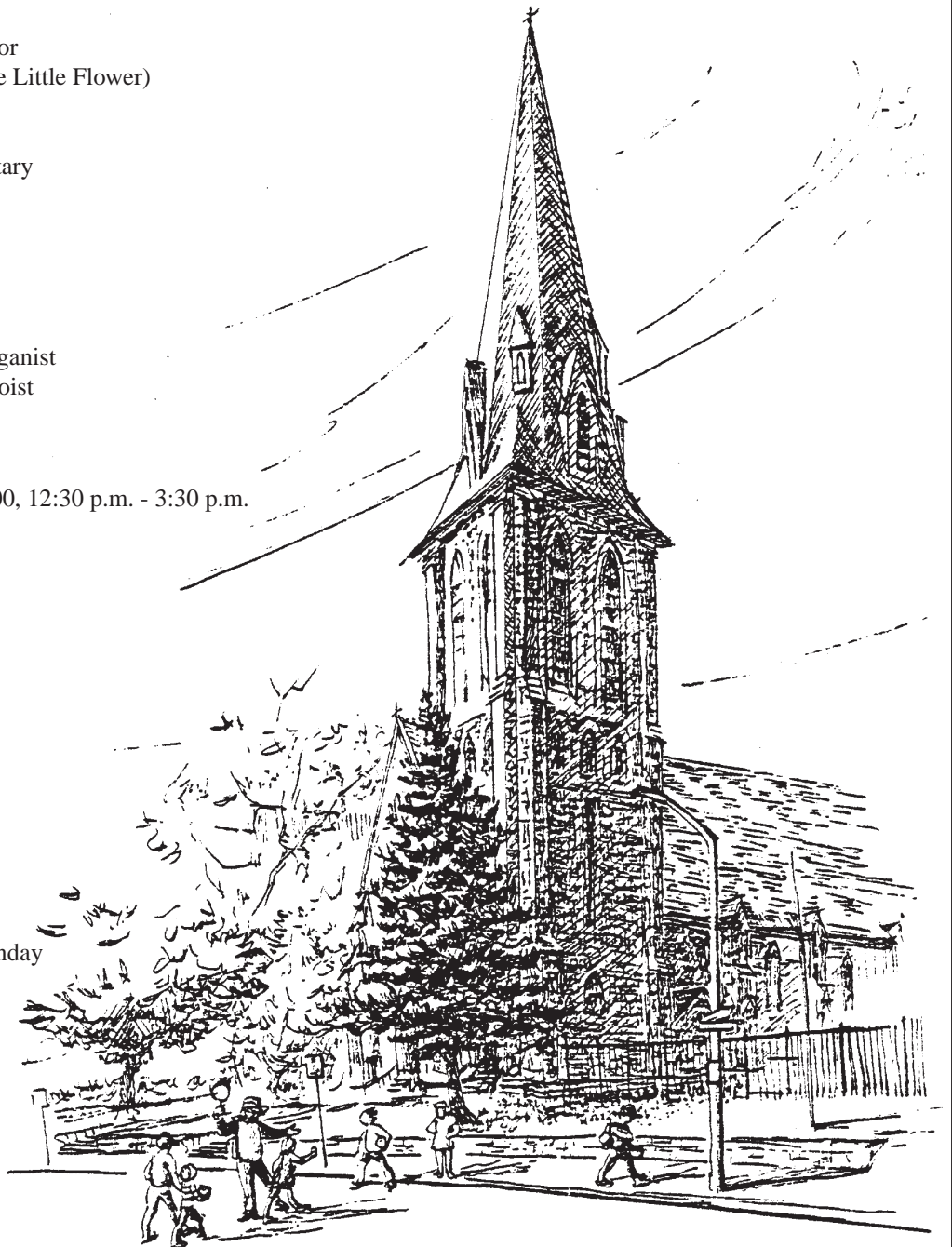
## Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop

Parish Established 1858

Church Dedicated 1895

**New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.**



## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)



### Saturday, April 6

**5:00** Frances Campaner req. by the Campaner Family  
Vincent & Ruby Crowley req. by the Family

### Sunday, April 7 Sunday of Divine Mercy

**8:00** People of the Parish

**9:30** Addison Kneller req. by Mom & Dad  
Leo Ruberto req. by Teresa Ruberto

**11:30** Immacolata Luciano req. by Children & Grandchildren

Maria & Clemente Della Marca req. by Enzo D & Joanne S & Families

### Monday, April 8 The Annunciation of the Lord

**8:00** Intentions of the Little Flower Society  
World Peace

### Tuesday, April 9

**8:00** Gerard & Aline Cormier req. by the Family  
Frances & Bob Comeau req. by the Friends

### Wednesday, April 10

**8:00** John Doherty req. by his Sisters  
Deceased Carmelites req. by the Parish

### Thursday, April 11 St Stanislaus

**8:00** Giovanna Maulucci req. by John Di Paul  
Melissa Brideau req. by the Family

### Friday, April 12

**8:00** Intentions of the Little Flower Society  
World Peace

### Saturday, April 13 St Martin I

**5:00** Adelino Marcon req. by Theresa Marcon  
Maria & Paul Di Paul req. by Paul Di Paul

### Sunday, April 14

**8:00** People of the Parish

**9:30** Carole Finella req. by her Hsb: Joe Finella  
Richard Glowacki req. by his Wife: Nicki Glowacki

**11:30** Anna & Palmiro Goegan req. by Louise Goegan  
Mark & Wanda Solomon req. by the Family

### 2024 Church Envelopes & 2023 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts as soon as possible. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. If you are here at Mass on the weekends, they are on the Radiator at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

**TRIVIA NIGHT...** Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, in the Hall. Doors open at 6pm, Trivia starts at 6:30pm. \$20 a person, includes Pizza. Maximum 8 people per table. To purchase tickets and/or table, please call the Church Office at 905-354-7451 or text/call Maggie at 905-246-6212. 50/50 draw, beer, wine, pop & water for sale.  
Deadline for tickets: April 14, 2024

**Prom Donations.....**We are looking for donations of gently used prom dresses (formal dresses), men's shirts, pants/suits and accessories to help out students at our local high schools. Anything is greatly appreciated. Donations are being collected until May 1<sup>st</sup>. For any questions call Mary at 905-359-2975 [mcsimplegirl@gmail.com](mailto:mcsimplegirl@gmail.com)  
Donations can be dropped off at Vincent's Store at 5970 Lundy's Lane (Tuesday-Saturday), or at St. Patrick Church any time.

### Knights of Columbus Hennepin Council 1652 Spaghetti Dinner...

on Friday, April 12, 2024 4:00 – 7:00pm

at the Columbus Club Hall, 6990 Stanley Ave.

**Menu:** Salad, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Dessert, Coffee & Tea

\$12 per Adult / \$6 12 yrs & under

### Upcoming Wedding at St. Patrick's in April

*Grace David & Samuel Seguin*

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Dianne Payne and Gerry Cormier. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

*Please pray for those who are ill. We are currently updating our sick list. This will be limited to parishioners and family members who are hospitalized or chronically ill. Please be advised that only an immediate family member can request a name to be added to this list.*

Mary Power, Laura Carroll, Norm Scott, Helen Korce, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Charlene Shannon, Jim Crowley, Toni Brideau, Sherry Wales, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Michael DelGrande, Leila Khan, John F, John Arnold, David Gallina, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, Antoinette Vescio, Nancy Waters, Victor Pizzolato, Jeanne S, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Isabell Frost, D.D., Jeannette Fabian, Missy Bilotta, Flori Heimbigner, Rita Ross, Anna Hunt, Leroy Collee, Leon French, Tony Cuvieello, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Judy, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, William JA DeFoe, Estelle Critelli, Betty Crete, Sister Prem, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Karen Bradley, Norma Zanus, Jadwiga Wozniak, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Bob Marshall, Arlene Collee, Danielle Barranca, John Calder, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Kerrie Szuch, Pasquale Abrunzo, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, Francesco Albanese, Mary Jo O'Kell, Maria Guerin, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Fran Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Walter Wallace, Vanessa Athoe, Faith Amadio, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Pepper Martin Jr, Marie Brooker, Brian Boudreau, Samuel Potapczyk

*Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.*

### Collections

Easter: \$17,213.00  
Giving Bowl (to date) \$10,535.40  
Holy Thursday: \$1,195.00  
Good Friday: \$2,005.00  
Easter Flowers: \$1,825.00  
Many thanks for your generosity!

### Children Sacramental Date 2024

First Communion: Sunday, April 28, 2024@ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

### Baptism Schedule for 2024

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday April 21, May 26, June 23, July 21, Aug 18, Sept 22, Oct 20 & Nov 24.** A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, April 16, May 14, June 11, July 9, Aug 13, Sept 10, Oct 8 & Nov 12** at 7:00 pm.

### The Giving Bowl Program

On behalf of The Giving Bowl, we would like to offer a sincere thanks to our parishioners for the generous donations to this program during the Lenten Season. We were able to raise \$10,535.40, through our Church envelopes and Church donation boxes. This will help feed many children in Eastern Uganda during this school year. The director, Isabel Bujor, who recently returned from Eastern Uganda, sent me a video and photos this past Tuesday. She says that the children know all about St. Patrick Parish and the generosity of the people. They send their love. Again, many thanks for your support!

### Today's Gospel is Doubting Thomas

"Jesus' willingness to accommodate Thomas' unbelief is a reminder that God can handle our doubt. And that the rationalist doesn't need to see, touch, or run a lab test in order to believe in the resurrected Christ. Jesus told him, "You believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who believe without seeing me" (Jn 20:29) This is not a plea to accept what goes against reason, but it is an invitation to discover a faith that goes beyond it. The example of Thomas is for the stubborn skeptic in us all."

**By doubting we are led to question,  
by questioning we arrive at the truth.**

*The Pastor's Pen*

Dear Friends,

There is a lot of excitement out there about the Total Solar Eclipse. We are expecting a million visitors to Niagara Falls for this event on Monday. National Geographic has declared that Niagara Falls is one of the best places to see it. We hope it is a nice clear day, and that everyone stays safe.



Last week we had wonderful Easter celebrations! Our church was filled to capacity at the Sunday morning Masses. A joyful spirit filled the church. Our little children's choir brought such joy on Easter morning! And our adult choir were simply spectacular!

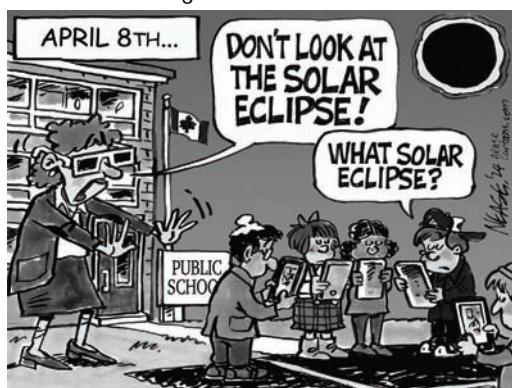
This is the 2nd Sunday of Easter, *Divine Mercy Sunday* (see below). We hear a glorious reading from *Acts of the Apostles*. It tells of the growth and spirit in the first Christian community. *The whole group of believers were of one heart and soul, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, because what they had "was distributed to each as any had need!"* What a wonderful beginning to Christianity. That same Spirit must be alive and active today, a Spirit that prompts us to reach out to others, and take care of the needs of those who are lacking. That's what Easter people do! Taking care of the needs of others.

If we look at the generosity of St. Patrick parishioners, we see that this Spirit is still alive and well. The past month we collected over 600 pounds of food for Project Share. They are so grateful, as the needs have increased. Our children in Eastern Uganda will continue to be fed through *The Giving Bowl*. We as a parish raised over \$10,000 this Lent. It was so joyful to see that our St. Pat's school children raised **\$460.20** for the Giving Bowl in their classrooms. They presented it to us at their school Mass this past week. St. Mary School has also been raising money throughout the year. God bless the hearts of our children. Children feeding children gives us hope for the future. St. Vincent De Paul is always so grateful for our contributions to the local needy! We must keep this generous Spirit alive!

As we continue along the 50 Days of Easter, may the Spirit of the Risen Christ reign in our hearts and homes and prompt us to keep moving beyond ourselves! Have a blessed week... and many thanks for all you do, for the praise and glory of God!

Fr. Gerard

Sign of the Times



**Eclipse Funnies- Couldn't Resist**

- How does the man in the moon cut his hair? Eclipse it.
- What do you call it when you fall in love on April 8, 2024?  
A total eclipse of the heart.
- What do you call road-tripping to the eclipse?  
Going where the sun don't shine.
- Boy: Dad, can you tell me what an eclipse is? Dad: No sun.

*Thanks*

Sincere thanks to the many parishioners who made our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies such a prayerful and spiritual experience. Thanks to Deacon David for his wonderful ministry. Thanks to **Carol, Sandra, our Adult Choir, and cantors** for their tireless efforts in enhancing our liturgies with beautiful music. Thanks to our **Children's Choir** for their great energy and enthusiasm! To our faithful parishioners who came out to **decorate the church** on Good Friday night, you did a fantastic job! To all who **donated toward the Easter Flowers**, your generosity is gratefully appreciated. To our **Eucharistic ministers, lectors, commentators, ushers, and servers**, thanks for your wonderful ministry during the High Holy Days of our Church. And finally **thanks to you, our faithful parishioners** for your ongoing support, dedication and generosity to your parish of St. Pat's!



**Today is Divine Mercy Sunday**

In 1905, a young Polish girl (Faustina Kowalska) was born into a poor but devout family. As a teenager, she entered the *Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy* in Warsaw. Because she was uneducated, Faustina was assigned the most menial tasks. Yet while cooking, baking, gardening, and housekeeping, Faustina underwent many mystical experiences during which Our Lord asked her to become both His apostle and His secretary, to announce anew to all people the Gospel of God's mercy. She died in 1938. In one of Christ's messages to her, He said: ***Humankind will not have peace until it turns with trust to My mercy.*** Faustina was told that the Church should celebrate a feast in honour of the divine mercy on the **Sunday after Easter**. Not by accident does the Church, on that day, read the Gospel text that recounts Christ's institution of the Sacrament of Penance, which is the surest and clearest sign of the divine mercy. Faustina wrote down two prayers dictated to her by the Font of Mercy Himself. The first: ***Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for my sins and those of the whole world.*** The second: ***For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on me and on the whole world.*** On April 30, 2000 (Divine Mercy Sunday) [Pope John Paul II canonized](#) St. Faustina and designated the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday (*Dominica II Paschae seu de divina misericordia*). Pope John Paul II died during the [vigil](#) of the Divine Mercy Sunday 2005.

***Annunciation of the Lord***

March 25<sup>th</sup> was the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord (9 months before Christmas Day). Because it fell on Monday of Holy Week, it is being celebrated on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. We celebrate the angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary ([Luke 1:26-38](#)), his announcement that the Blessed Virgin had been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord, and Mary's *fiat*—her willing acceptance of God's holy plan.

*Let us pray, that we may become more like Christ, who chose to become one of us...*

Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
You have revealed the beauty of your power  
by exalting the lowly virgin of Nazareth  
and making her the mother of our Saviour.

May the prayers of this woman  
bring Jesus to the waiting world  
and fill the void of incompleteness  
with the presence of her child,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit  
one God forever and ever. Amen

***Weekday Rosary***

*Every morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church. Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!*

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