

# 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. Marc Bell, O.Carm., Associate Pastor  
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.

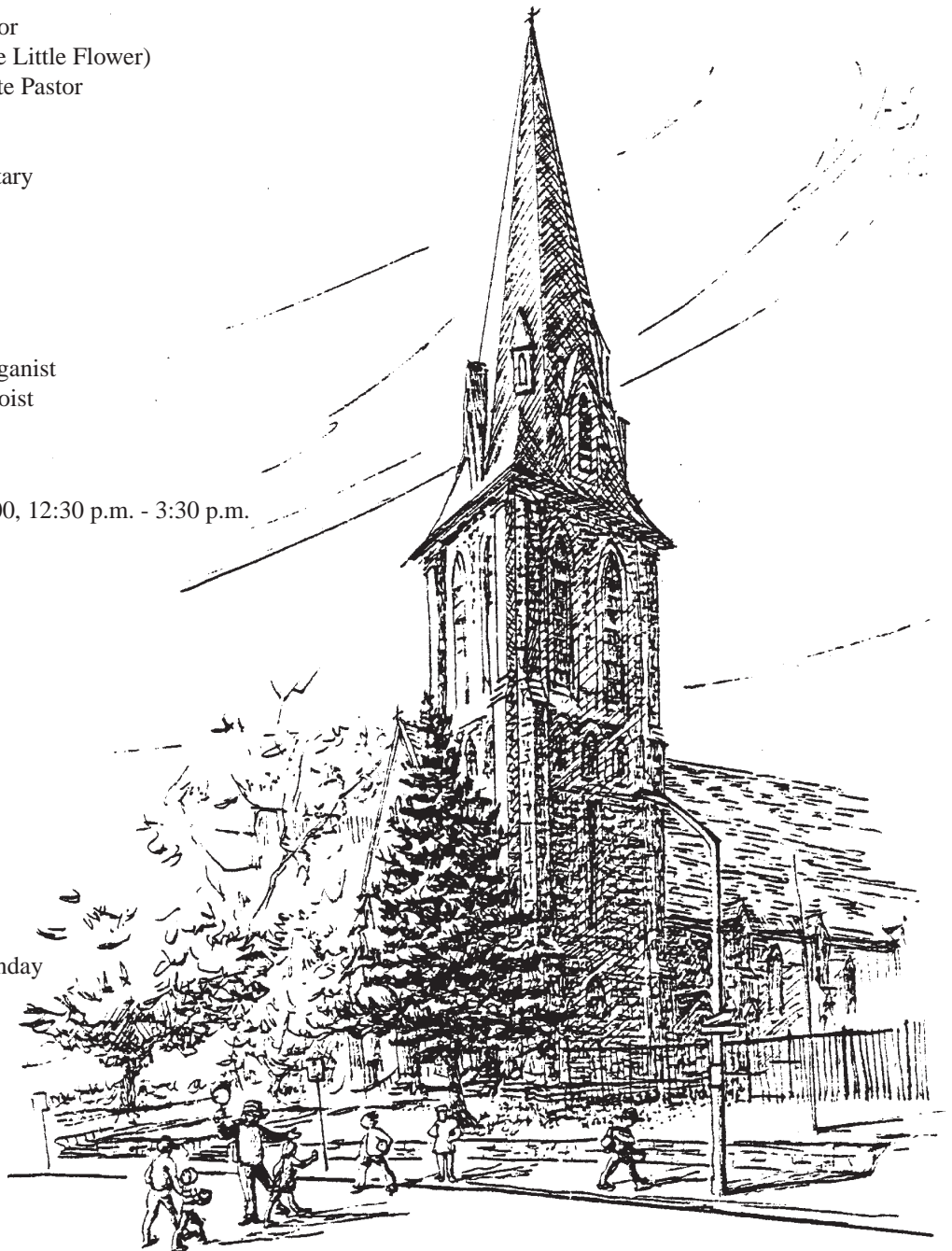
## Schools

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 ADVENT



### Saturday, December 9 San Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

**5:00** Cyndee Martel-Matvichuk *req by her Sisters*  
Leonarda Ulbinas *req by her Daughter*

### Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

**8:00** Bartolomeo Pietrangelo *req by his Wife & Family*  
Dec'd members of the Albert-Heacock & Liberty Families  
*req by Aileen & Bryce*

**9:30** Gino Pullano *req by the Family*  
Trevor Watson *req by the Family*

**11:30** People of the Parish

### Monday, December 11 St Damasus I

**8:00** Fr. Ben Hogan *req by Cliff & Teresa*  
Gertrude Doherty *req by her Daughters*

### Tuesday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

**8:00** Vilma Gallina *req by Anna & Cathy*  
Frank Mancuso *req by his Parents: Yolanda & Carmine Mancuso*  
**10:00am** St. Mary & St. Patrick School Mass

### Wednesday, December 13 St Lucy

**8:00** Lena Altomare *req by the Family*  
Jamie White *req by David & Dorothea*

### Thursday, December 14 St John of the Cross

**8:00** Willi Albert *req by Lori, Wendy & Bill Albert*  
Carole Finella *req by her Hsb: Joe*

### Friday, December 15

**8:00** Edwin Coney *req by Friends*  
Ethan Corey Dean *req by his Grandparents: William & Mary Beth Dean*

### Saturday, December 16

**5:00** Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req by the Family*  
Adua & Jean Pizzolato *req by Angela & David Dumele*

### Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent

**8:00** People of the Parish  
**9:30** Lena Altomare *req by the Family*  
Ria Van Noort *req by Carol & Bill Bruyere (Port Colborne)*  
**11:30** Leo Martin *req by Eda Martin & Family*  
Ody Argenta *req by Anthony & Paula Capacchino*

**CWL News...** Hello Ladies, your **CWL dues of \$40** is now **overdue** for the 2024 calendar year. Please hand it in as soon as possible. You may place your cash/cheque in an envelope and label it with your name and **CWL dues for 2024** and place it in the collection, or drop it off at the office, or call or text Maggie Scott at 905-246-6212 to arrange a drop off.

**Sacrament of Baptism...** Congratulations on the birth of your child! If you wish to have your child baptized, please register in the parish (if you haven't already done so). One of the parents must come into the parish office, meet with the pastor or his designate, so we can complete the proper forms, and gather the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a mandatory evening of preparation for parents and Godparents!

### TIRED OF LIVING ALONE?

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### 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!**

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

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

### Collections

December 3: \$7,338.00

Carmelite Missions: \$1,487.00 (to date)

Christmas Collection: \$2,115.00 (to date)

Many thanks for your generosity!

### Children Sacramental Dates 2024

**Confirmation:** Saturday, February 10, 2024 @ 5:00 PM

**Confirmation Commitment Ceremony:** Sunday, December 10, 2023 @ 11:30 AM Mass (all Candidates MUST attend)

**First Reconciliation:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024 @ 7:00 PM

**First Communion:** Sunday, April 28, 2024 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM  
(If you are a parishioner at St. Patrick Church, and have a child who does not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary Schools, and would like to celebrate their sacraments here, please contact the parish office for the registration forms.)

### Children's Liturgy

Our Children's Liturgy at the 9:30 AM Sunday Mass, is still in need of a few more volunteers. If you would like to be part of this wonderful ministry, please give your name to the parish office as soon as possible. Our children need you!!! 905-354-7451



**Congratulations and best wishes to  
Noah Vallena  
who was recently baptized**

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or a family member/friend is interested in becoming a Roman Catholic through a **Profession of Faith**, or desiring Baptism, or other Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist or Confirmation), please give your name to our Parish Office as soon as possible. Our first RCIA meeting was held on **December 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the church**. This is also a wonderful opportunity for anyone who wants to "refresh or renew" their faith and theology!



Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>



Dear Friends:

During Advent each year, we make an appeal for the Carmelite Missions, especially for our ministries in Peru, Mexico, Honduras and El Salvador, where our Province serves. The needs are great in our mission territories, and it is only through the generosity of parishes like St. Pat's, that make this outreach possible. We also assist Carmelites all over the world in their efforts to help the poor, feed the hungry, house the homeless, provide medical clinics, and educate the children. We also assist in the formation of seminarians, and Religious men and women in several countries! There's an envelope in your offertory boxes, and there's also envelopes at the doors of the church. God bless you for your kindness and generosity to our missions. And we thank Fr. Joe O'Brien, our former pastor, for his wonderful ministry as Director of our Missions!

Today is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent. Today's Gospel introduces us to the most prominent Advent figure, John the Baptist. He called the people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah by acknowledging their sins and asking for forgiveness. **John** appeared in the wilderness and proclaimed *repentance* and offered baptism as preparation for the coming of God among us.

Advent for us is not only about preparing for Christmas, it is also about the Second Coming. Our entire Christian lives are an Advent ... waiting in **JOYFUL HOPE**, or "blessed hope." But are we waiting in **blessed**

**hope**... or are we anxious? Maybe John the Baptist can speak to us. Is there something keeping me from God... from others? Do I need to repent of anything? Is it my sin that's causing me anxiety? Maybe I don't feel worthy to stand before God. Maybe it's the things I fail to do that bothers me, the sins of omission. This is a

great season to heed John the Baptist and avail ourselves of the grace-filled Sacrament of Reconciliation. Then we'll be ready and free, to greet the Lord when he comes! Then on Christmas morning this year... we will be able to celebrate the Birthday of Jesus with a new joy... a "blessed joy!" Happy preparing! **(Our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be held this coming Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 PM.)**

God bless you all.

Fr. Gerard



**Christmas Gift Campaign**

Thanks to everyone for signing out the Christmas Gift Tags! Once again we will spread our Christmas love and joy by providing gifts and food to some of our local needy children and families. We ask that you return your gifts with the tag attached by Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> or earlier if possible.



**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

As mentioned in last Sunday's Church Bulletin, our new Associate Pastor, who was supposed to arrive in October, will not be arriving until February. This year, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent is on Christmas Eve, so this makes for an extremely busy time. We will be celebrating a **Childrens-Family Mass** at 4:00 PM, with our Children's Choir, but we will not be having a Pageant this year. There will be no overflow Mass in the gym. **Here is the Christmas-New Year's Mass Schedule:**

**Christmas and New Year's Schedule 2023-2024**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

Saturday, December 23- 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 24- 8:00 AM / 9:30 AM /11:30 AM

**Christmas Eve- Sunday, December 24**

4:00 PM- (Children-Family Mass)

6:00 PM- Adult Choir Mass with Caroling

12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

**Christmas Day-Monday, December 25**

8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

Saturday December 30- 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 31- 8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Sunday, December 31- 5:00 PM (New Year's Eve)

Monday, January 1, 2024- 11:30 AM (New Year's Day)

**Advent Reconciliation Service**

Wednesday, December 13- 7:00 PM

**Decoration of Church**

Wednesday, December 20- 7:00 PM

**Damage Around the Property- New Lighting**

As mentioned in last Sunday's Bulletin, we have been experiencing some problems around the church property. This is happening mainly late at night. Just recently, we've had over \$700 damage to our sprinkler system, damage to wiring around the exterior of the church, thefts of our metal flower pots, and many other damages, mischief and thefts. This is heartbreaking, and sadly it is a sign of the times. We received a grant to install more lighting outside the church. This past week Peninsula Electric installed new photo-cell lighting on each side of the church. They also replaced some lights in our parking lot, and repaired damaged wiring on our church lamp posts.

**St. Patrick's Bingo**

A huge thank you to our St. Patrick Bingo Volunteers. This year at **Delta Bingo**, they have raised \$24,200 for St. Patrick Church.

God bless Mr. Leslie Khan and the teams for their serving spirit.

**Smile a While**

... Jesus is coming... Look busy!  
 ... Honk if you like peace and quiet.  
 ... The early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.



Project Share sends a HUGE thank you for our food donations! Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps!

*"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"*



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