

# 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.

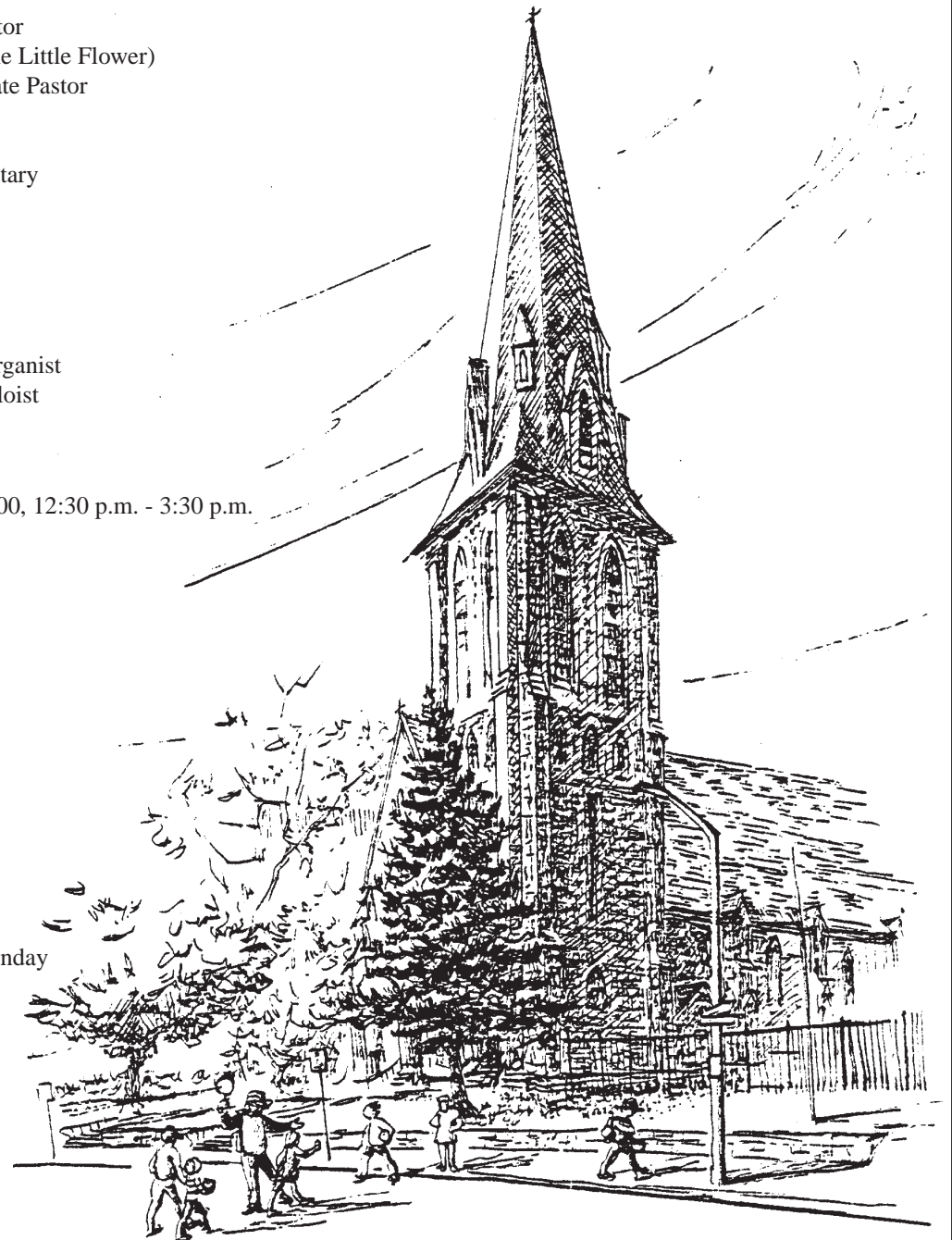
## Schools

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.**



# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Saturday, December 2

**5:00** Assunta Maiuri req by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri  
John Audibert req by Fred & Betty

## Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent

**8:00** People of the Parish  
**9:30** Giustino 'Gus' Bagarozza req by Kathy Bagarozza  
Dec'd mem of the Pizzicarola Family (Franca, Teresa,  
Benny & Marisa) req by Joe & Olga Grcevic & Family  
**11:30** Maria & Mario D'Amario req by The Family  
Immacolata Luciano req by Alessandro Luciano & Family

## Monday, December 4 St John Damascene

**8:00** Sophie Potapczyk req by Les & Peggy  
Gaetan Buteau req by the Family

## Tuesday, December 5

**8:00** Pam Jones req by Lillian Winslow  
Carole Finella req by Lillian Winslow

## Wednesday, December 6 St Nicholas

**8:00** Tony Laslo req by Lillian Winslow  
Tim Foster req by Josephine Bussani

## Thursday, December 7 St Ambrose

**8:00** Michael & Corinne Scollard req by Mike & Family  
Franciszek 'Frank' Rebisz req by Stella & Family

## Friday, Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**8:00** Antonetta Picca req by John, Lucy & Family  
Remedios Talosig, Norman Landsberg and Pacita & Allan  
Inocencio req by Minerva

## Saturday, December 9 San Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

**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

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!*

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Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Frank Rebisz and Fr. Charles Moser. 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, Michelle Camillo, Barbara Conidi, Cecilia Shugg, Toni Brideau, 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 Cuvielli, 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, John O'Leary, Arlene Collee, Danielle Barrauca, 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, Mary Brennan, Faith Amadio, Jadwiga Wozniak, Francois Chayer, Walter Wallace, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Pepper Martin Jr, Marie Brooker, Vanessa Athoe, Brian Boudreau, Samuel Potapczyk

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

### Collections

November 26: \$6,331.00  
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  
Abigail Beaton, William Beaton, Maximus Buchan,  
Eleanor Fischer, Kai Gool, Hendrick Jarvis, Benjamin  
Mateyk, Autumn McLeod & Lily McLeod  
who were 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 will be 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!

### 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!



Dear Friends:



Happy New Church Year! We are still working out our Christmas Mass Schedule. We just learned last week that our new Associate Pastor will not be arriving until February. This year, the 4th Sunday of Advent is on Christmas Eve, so this makes for a busy time. We will not be having an overflow Mass in the gym this year. We are doing the best we can to get some assistance. Pray for Vocations!

Welcome to the Season of Advent! Our church will be dressed in purple for the next four weeks! Jesus' words in today's Gospel sets the theme for Advent... and for our Christian lives, "Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come... and what I say to you, I say to all, keep awake!" The first candle will be lit on our Advent Wreath, and it sets us on a four week journey toward Christmas! This is a season of waiting, watching and preparing, not only to celebrate the Birth of Christ on Christmas Day, but ultimately to prepare ourselves for the Lord's Second Coming.

Advent takes place during the darkest days of the year when there is the least sunlight. It reminds us that the Light of Christ will triumph over all darkness. And God knows there's much darkness out there this year. Our work is to bring Christ's light to where there's darkness. Of course, we begin with ourselves by ridding any darkness from our own lives. Then share that light with the needy among us, the hungry, the thirsty, the poor, the homeless, the lonely, the grieving. St. Paul says in the 2nd reading, May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all... be blameless before God.

May this be a season of hope and grace... and also a time of change for each of us. Perhaps a good year to do more to KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!!! Each of us can begin with a fresh clean slate. That's Advent! Then on Christmas morning, we can greet the Christ-Child with joyful hearts. And when the Lord comes in his glory and power... he'll find us joyful and ready! May this be a time of transformation for each of us, and a time to focus on the most important things in our lives, family, faith, charity. Christ's Light and Blessings to all!

Fr. Gerard

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Funnies

...When life gives you melons, you might be dyslexic.
...Just burned 2,000 calories. That's the last time I leave brownies in the oven while I nap.
...Maybe if we start telling people their brain is an app, they'll want to use it.

Damage Around the Property

The past few months we have been experiencing some problems around the church property. This is happening mainly late at night. If you're driving around at night, keep an eye out, and if you see anything unusual, call the police non-emergency line, or call the parish office. 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 stolen items. This is heartbreaking, and sadly it is a sign of the times. We did receive a grant to install more lighting outside the church, and to add some extra cameras in places that are not currently covered.

Christmas Gift Campaign



This weekend we will begin our Annual Christmas Gift Campaign. We will have gift tags available for children of different ages in our two schools, and around the neighbourhood. We will be using Gift Cards again this year. And the parents will shop for their children. Grocery cards for each family will be

included with the gifts again this year. We will also have tags for stocking stuffers! Many thanks for your ongoing generosity to the local needy. It has been a rough year for many, but we do the best we can. Tags are available for sign-out in the ushers room. All gifts must be returned before Sunday, December 17th.

Annual Carmelite Mission Appeal

Next weekend, on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, we will make an appeal for our Carmelite Missions. Envelopes are in your church Offertory Boxes. The needs are great, resources are low, so we do the best we can. God bless you for anything you can do to help our missions. Our men and women are doing some incredible ministries around the world. And this is made possible through the generosity of the people in our pews. This year in areas of Indonesia, India, Honduras and Africa, Carmelite missionaries need extra help from our Carmelite Parishes around the world! Let's make ADVENT happen for our brothers and sisters who are waiting for Good News!



2024 Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks.

Dates To Remember

Advent Reconciliation Service
Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 PM

Church Decorating Evening
Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00 PM

St. Patrick's Bingo

Many thanks to our Bingo Volunteers! This year at Delta Bingo, they have raised \$24,200.00 for St. Patrick Church. God bless you for your serving spirit!

Thank You - Memorial Donations

Many thanks to those who made memorial donations to St. Patrick Church in Memory of Carole Finella (\$1015) and William "Bill" Amadio (\$2300). May Bill and Carole rest in Christ's gentle peace.



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