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Ashley Gallardi - 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, 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.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
Most Rev. John A. O'Mara, D.D., Bishop-Emeritus

Parish Established 1858
Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 5

5:00 Maria Quiquero *req. by Flaviano & Family*
Peter Creamer *req. by Mary & Family*
Mary Watson *req. by the Family*

Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Dorothy Kennedy *req. by Carolyn*
Albert-Heacock & Liberty Families *req. by Bryce & Aileen Adams*
9:30 Luigi Marcon *req. by D & D Argenta & girls*
Frank Ruberto *req. by Teresa Ruberto*
11:30 Edo & Jeannine Vendramin *req. by the Family*
Elisea Pietrobbon *req. by Ody & Diana Argenta*
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, December 7 St Ambrose

8:00 Nick Wall *req. by Colleen*
Charlie Ogilvie *req. by Lillian Winslow*

Tues, Dec 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Helen MacDonnell *req. by Gianni & Lydia Bonaldo*
Aline Cormier *req. by Gerard Cormier*

9:15 St Patrick School Mass

Wednesday, December 9 St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

8:00 Henry Di Cienzo & Helen Furman *req. by the Family*
Bert Roy *req. by Valerie & Family*

Thursday, December 10

8:00 Mary & Pat Visentin *req. by Charlene Shannon*
Dorothy Kennedy & Dolores Hlady *req. by Charlene Shannon*

Friday, December 11 St Damasus I

8:00 Gino Pullano *req. by the Family*
Tony Strangis *req. by Gina, Adriana & Iolanda Corbi*

Saturday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family*
Irene & Robert Boyd Lavelle & Raymond Weaver & Sara
Grant-Weaver *req. by Joyce & Family*

Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 Adelina Sica *req. by Frank Sica*
Lucietta Marchese *req. by her Children*
9:30 Mary Brodie *req. by Bob & Eleanor Adams*
Willie Albert *req. by Fern Albert*
11:30 Trevor Watson *req. by the Family*
Immacolata Luciano *req. by Alessandro Luciano & Family*
7:00 People of the Parish

Sacramental Dates for 2016

First Reconciliation

(All Grade 2 Students)

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM

First Communion

St. Patrick and St. Mary Schools

Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 1:30 PM

Other Grade 2 Parishioners

Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 9:30 AM

Confirmation

Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 5:00 PM

Christmas Bazaar...Sacred Heart Parish CWL, Chippawa

Sunday, December 6, 10am - 1:00pm Bring the Family

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The members of the SSVp again seek your generosity in helping to make this Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate in our city. This year we are anticipating a significant increase in those requiring our help and we would appreciate your financial assistance.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Angelo Butera, Gary Dougan and Fern Cormier. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos

Please pray for those who are ill

Lucy Atkinson, Edward Power, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Melchiorre, Jeannette Fabian, Cleo Gagno, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Msgr Vincent Ferrando, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gianni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Doreen Fletcher, Rosalyn Dagleish, Susan & Rick Rogers, Kitty Decicco, Patricia Desrosiers, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Mary O'Shea, Dr. Andy Fisher, Dorothy Simon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson Jill Leronowich, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Guiseppina Paonessa, Phyllis Higgins, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Todd Reid, Muriel Pivarnyik, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Maria Colalillo, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Rita Bruneau, Orlando Garofalo, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Bruno Maiolo, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, BabyHope, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kell, Mary Jo O'Kell, Wanda Winslow, Baby Sebastian, Mae MacLean, Dorothy Doyle, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Chester Mottola, Shirley Machulla, Gerry Laffradi, Lorraine Spence

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

Collections

November 28 & 29: \$7,196.00

Refugee Sponsorship: \$60,500.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2015 & 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:

Sunday, Dec 27, Jan 24, Feb 28 (infants only), **no Mar Baptisms, April 17**
A **mandatory** meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, Dec 15, Jan 12, Feb 16, Monday Apr 4** at 7:00 pm.

CWL News...

- This year's **CWL Christmas Party** will be held at 11:30am on **Sunday December 6** at the Mandarin. Everyone is welcome. Please call Theresa Marcon for details and reservations at: **905-358-9332**. Our annual **Christmas Cookie Drive** for those members of the parish who are no longer able to join us at church will take place on **Friday, December 18**. If you know someone who would enjoy a little Christmas Cheer, please put their name in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or a family member/friend is interested in becoming a 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 **Tuesday December 15** at 7pm in the Church Sacristy with Fr.

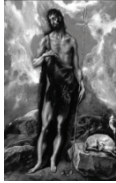
Gerard, Fr. Marc and Maureen Young, our catechist. The sessions will resume after Christmas. During Lent we will meet once a week. This is also a wonderful opportunity for anyone who wants to "refresh or renew" their faith and theology! **If you are interested please contact the Parish Office at 905-354-7451.**





Dear Friends,

We have begun the 2nd Week of Advent! The main Advent character, **John the Baptist**, appears in today's Gospel. John is in the wilderness, and goes to the region of the Jordan, where he prophetically announces the coming of *the salvation of God*.



John speaks of valleys being filled in; mountains and hills made low; paths made straight; rough ways made smooth! He preaches a baptism of *repentance* for the forgiveness of sins. Baptism itself is a purification ritual and what John does, is invite the people to be purified from anything unholy in their lives. Basically, **let go of your old self**.

Prepare for the God who is coming among us, *Emmanuel*.

Two Thousand years later, we are also called to repentance, to change, to be transformed, and to be embraced by our ever-loving and faithful God. On that note, we will have our **Parish Advent Reconciliation Service** on Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 pm.

Now, as for the world? What would John the Baptist see if he were to walk across the world today? What would he say? I'm sure he would condemn all those causing chaos in the world! He would see so many people who still need the valleys of hunger and thirst filled in; so many who need mountains of injustice and oppression made low; so many who still need a safe home to live, a safe school to attend; a safe environment in which to raise their children.

May we never underestimate what we can do as individuals and as a community to help spread the Gospel in the world. We have so many opportunities to serve, both locally and globally. It's amazing what we can do when we put our hands to the plough! There will be two families taken from the chaos of Lebanese Camps and brought safely to Niagara Falls, because of you. There will be over 150 little children with presents under their tree on Christmas morning, because of you! There will be so many who will have food for Christmas, because of you! That's putting flesh on the Gospel. That's what John the Baptist called for. That's what Jesus calls for. Let's continue to bring the Good News of God's Love through our Christian charity and stewardship! Come Lord Jesus! Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard

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ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 PM

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.

Is God calling You?

If you feel called to serve as **Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server, or Funeral Server**, please call the parish office. We will have provide training sessions.

Carmelite Missions Appeal



Next weekend, December 12-13, we will have a visiting Carmelite, **Fr. Jose**, to preach on the Carmelite Missions. Envelopes are available at the doors of the church today. Your assistance and generosity will be much appreciated by our Carmelite men and women serving in our missions throughout the world.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Children's Mass with Pageant in Church

4:00 PM Mass in Parish Gymnasium

6:00 PM Mass with Adult Choir and Caroling

12:00 AM Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

8:00 AM; 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM (No Evening Mass)

Children's Christmas Pageant!

If you would like your child to play a role in this year's Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 PM Children's Mass, please call the Parish Office as soon as possible. Role assignment and first rehearsal will be held next Saturday evening, December 12 at 7:00 PM. You **must** be at this rehearsal in order to have a role in the pageant. No exceptions.

Christmas Church Decorating will take place on
Monday December 21 at 7:00pm.

Refugee Sponsorship

We have surpassed our \$30,000 goal of sponsoring a refugee family, so now we can actually sponsor two families. Our campaign has reached over \$60,500! Thank you so much for your generosity! We are still waiting for the date when our first family will arrive. In preparation, we are getting ready to rent our first apartment. Furniture calls are coming in every day. We have sofas, dining sets and coffee-end tables. **We need more beds and dressers. We also will need household items for the two apartments: utensils, cutlery, dishes, glassware, lamps, pots and pans, linens, etc.** These items can be dropped off to the parish from Monday to Friday, 8:30-3:30. As soon as we know the sizes of the children and parents, we will put word out to the parish. God bless you for your generosity, in responding to this Gospel call! St. Pat's has always gone above and beyond! We are the first parish in our Diocese who have reached their goal, and made application! Our next **REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP MEETING WILL BE THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 7th AT 7:00 PM.**



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps!

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

The Celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be held at the Cathedral on December 8 at 7pm. This Mass will mark the beginning of the Jubilee Year of Mercy and the blessing and opening of the Holy Door at the Cathedral. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall.

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