

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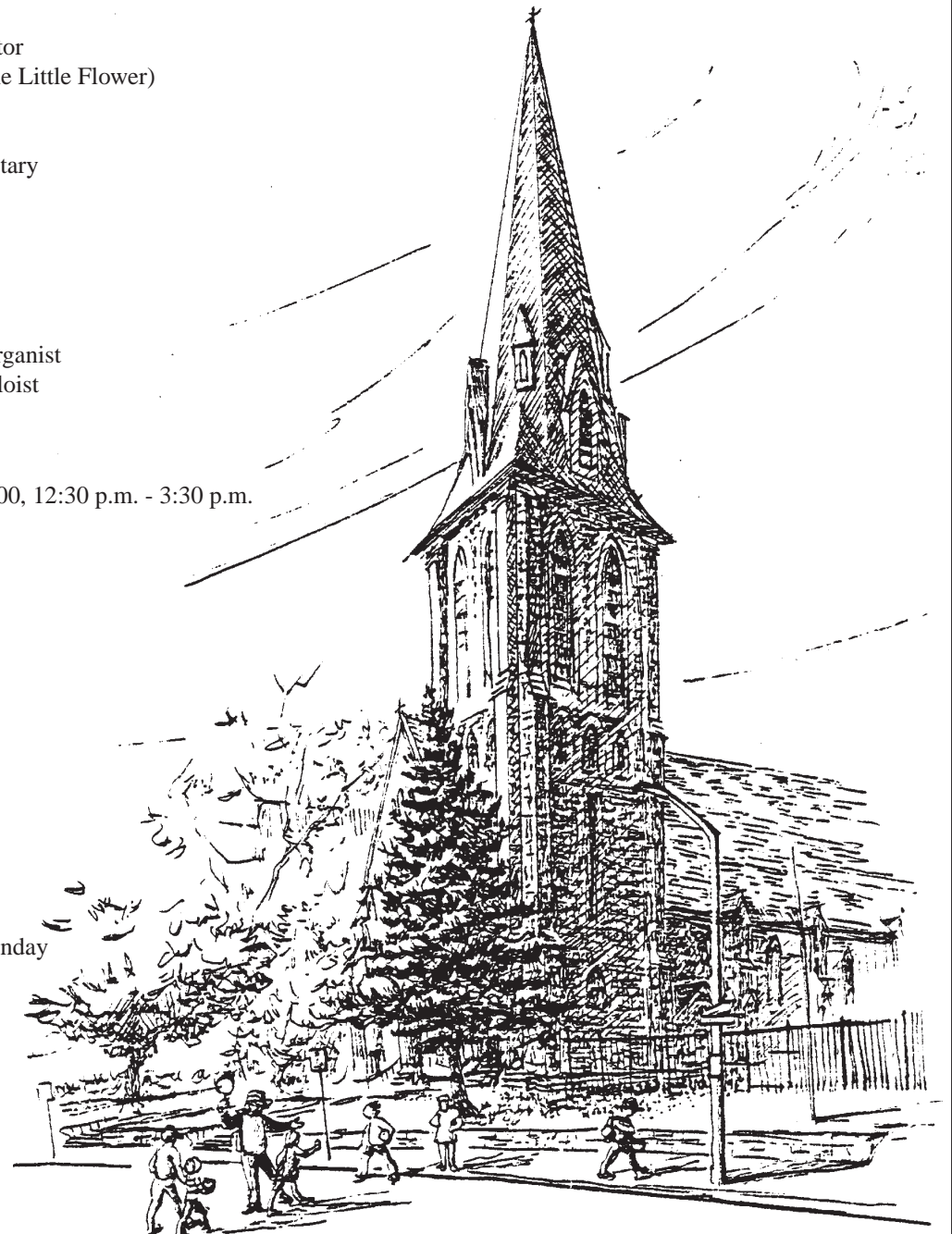
## Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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

Parish Established 1858

Church Dedicated 1895

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



## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Saturday, February 10 St Scholastica

5:00 Anne & Mark Thomas req by John & Helen Olsiak  
Gus & Zorka Wach req by Friends

### Sunday, February 11 World Day of the Sick

8:00 Mary & William Fassett req by Aileen & Bryce  
Concetta Canal req by Angelo & Annina Pizzi  
9:30 Ovidio & Madeline Rosati req by the Grandchildren  
Fred Girardo Jr. req by the Girardo Family  
11:30 People of the Parish

### Monday, February 12

8:00 Intentions of the Little Flower Society  
Betty Corkery req by the Family

### Tuesday, February 13

8:00 Lorena Stramare req by Anna Bortolin  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

### Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

8:00 Cecilia Shugg req by Aileen Bryce  
Carol Ewart req by Kathy & Rick Woram  
12Noon Helen & Tadeusz Chrzanowski req by Elizabeth & Family  
Ogostino, Catherina, Anthony J. & Sarafina Strangis & the Corby  
Family req by Helen Rotella  
7pm Peter Ross req by the Family  
Francesco Bongiovanni req by Terrence & Teresa Sottile

### Thursday, February 15

8:00 World Peace

### Friday, February 16

8:00 Emily & Lindo Marcheson req by John DiPaul  
Deceased Carmelites req by the Parish  
Saturday, February 17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order  
5:00 Irene Smatana req by the Family  
John Corfield req by a Friend

### Sunday, February 18

8:00 Peter Mong req by the Nguyen Family  
Bruna Forte req by Anna Bortolin  
9:30 People of the Parish  
11:30 Monika Bauer req by Rosemary Girardo  
Lucy Jenssen, Michael DeGuida, Lucy DeMizio & Anna DeMizio  
req by the Luciano Family & Cousins

### 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 Radiators 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 is April 14, 2024

**Housekeeper...** St. Patrick Parish is looking to hire a housekeeper for 6-8 hours a week. Duties include laundry and cleaning. If interested, please call the parish office or drop off a resume. [If and when the new assistant priest arrives, we will be looking for a cook for 4 evenings a week.]

### Student Employment

St. Patrick Parish is looking to hire a student to work on Saturdays from 10 AM to 4 PM. Duties will include clearing snow from sidewalks, and also sweeping and mopping in hall, gym and church. If interested, please call the parish office. This could lead into a summer job!

*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, Charlene Shannon, Jim Crowley, Toni Brideau, Lindsey Luby, Shery 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, Flori Heimbigner, Rita Ross, Isabell Frost, Anna Hunt, Leroy Collee, Leon French, Tony Cuiello, 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, 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,  
*Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.*

### Collections

February 4: \$6,438.08  
Many thanks for your generosity!

### Children Sacramental Dates 2024

Confirmation: Saturday, February 10, 2024 @ 5:00 PM  
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.)

### Baptism Schedule for 2024

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday February 25 (Infants ONLY), April 21.**  
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, February 20 & April 16 at 7:00 pm.**

**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!



Please take time to look at the back of our Parish Bulletin! These local advertisers pay for the printing/publishing of our bulletin. Let's do everything we can to **patronize them**, and let them know that you saw their AD here! If there's other family businesses within the parish that would like to advertise, call the company listed on the back of the Bulletin!

### Church Humour

... Some people don't realize that the Ten Commandments are not Ten Suggestions.  
... One thing about a church, you're never too bad to come in and you're never too good to stay out



**Dear Friends:**

This Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00 PM Mass, we welcome Bishop Bergie to our parish, as 28 young adults celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Many thanks to Bishop Bergie, and many blessings to our young adults.

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Today, February 11th, is **World Day of the Sick!** This was instituted in 1992 by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. Pope Francis wrote the following, "Jesus bestowed upon the Church his healing power. The Church's mission is a response to Jesus' gift, for she knows that she must bring to the sick the Lord's own gaze, full of tenderness and compassion." We each have a role to play in caring for those who are ill. Every Mass at St. Pat's, we remember those who have asked



for our prayers. We pray for all who are hospitalized. We can never underestimate the power of prayer for those who are ill.

In today's Gospel Jesus heals a man with leprosy. In the 1st Reading from **Leviticus**, we hear the rules for the community to protect itself from this disease. Leprosy was believed to be incurable and contagious, and it included many skin disorders. Lepers were ostracized by their families and neighbours, and forced to live on the outskirts of villages. They were referred to as the **Living Dead**, had to wear torn clothes and let their hair go uncombed and uncut. They had to shout, "**Unclean**" if others came near. Anyone who came into contact with a leper was rendered unclean also.

With this background, we can see why Jesus' actions were so powerful! What did he do? **Moved with pity**, Jesus stretched out his hand, **touched** the leper, and cured him! Jesus rendered himself ritually unclean in the eyes of the onlookers. Jesus didn't care! That's what love does. He looked beyond the law, saw a human soul in misery, and healed him with his loving **touch**. In the 2nd reading, Paul calls us to imitate Christ by being instruments of His healing power.

How do I approach the untouchables and outcasts, and those whom I find difficult to love? Whom do I render unclean? Or judge unfit? Or ostracize? We are to touch and support not just the physically sick, but all those whose lives are hurting and need healing in any way. Feeling pity, and showing mercy and compassion are Christian qualities of **great minds and large hearts**. May we never forget that God is always ready to show us his mercy and to free us from whatever makes us unwell. Have a healing week!

Fr. Gerard



Please refer to the Bulletin Boards at the back and side entrances of the Church for many important notices and events.



**Ash Wednesday Masses**

8:00 AM  
12:00 Noon  
7:00 PM

**Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent**

Monday- Friday: 8:00 AM

**Stations of the Cross**

Friday 7:00 PM followed by **Benediction** and **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**



**Lent Begins**

This week we begin the Season of Lent. We will go into the spiritual desert for 40 days, and spend some personal time working on ourselves. Soul-searching, soul-making, naval-gazing. We are encouraged to celebrate this season with **fasting, almsgiving and prayer**. One thing we are all encouraged to do in preparation for Easter is to celebrate the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. We all need God's healing power, and his special grace in the Sacrament. We are all sinners. Sin can exercise such force over us that we can feel numbed. Our self worth can be so torn down, that we feel incapable of approaching healing. Lent is a season of grace if **we give ourselves to it**. So, in these days before Lent, we need to prepare our hearts, by realizing how much we want to grow in freedom, how much we need to lighten our spirits and experience some real joy, and how much some parts of our lives really need changing. Have a grace-filled season of Lent!

**The Giving Bowl**

**"A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!**

Once again this Lent, we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist **The Giving Bowl**, which feeds up to 1100 children at local Catholic Schools in Eastern Uganda. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! They also assist with medical issues, uniforms and tuition. Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! This is a Registered Charity under the CRA, and they issue their own receipts for Income Tax Purposes. Approximately 80% of their funds go directly to the Food Program. The other 20% is used for school fees for the most desperate, a school uniform to replace the most tattered, also notebooks and pencils, medical supplies, and in dire cases, to purchase a goat for very needy families. **If you use the parish offertory envelopes**, you must make the cheque payable to **St. Patrick Parish**. We issue a cheque to **The Giving Bowl** at the end of each month.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES- From our Accountant**

Once again we wish to remind our Envelope users, that if you use the **St. Vincent de Paul** or **The Giving Bowl** Church envelopes, found in your boxes, **please make cheques payable to St. Patrick Parish**. The parish issues a cheque to each organization at the end of every month, and also issues a parish tax receipt. If you wish to make a donation directly to the organization, **then please use an envelope other than the Official Church Envelopes**. The parish cannot issue a receipt for a cheque made payable to another entity or organization! Thanks for your cooperation!

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