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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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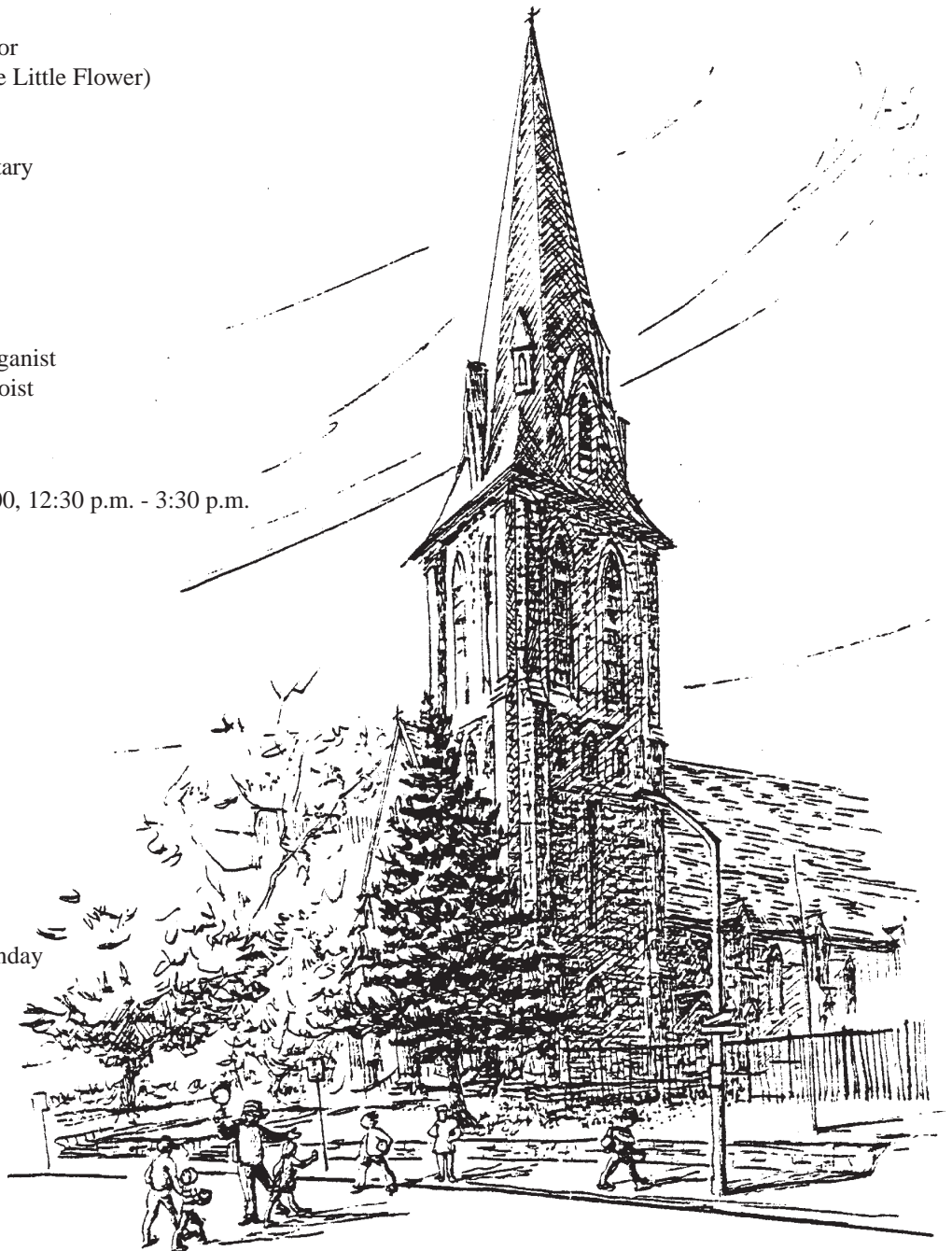
Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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

Parish Established 1858

Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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 First Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, February 19

8:00 Luke & Imelda Ketterer & Family *req by Jean Yazaroglu*

Tuesday, February 20

8:00 Frances Campaner *req by the Campaner Family*
Vito Rinaldi *req by The Family*

Wednesday, February 21 St Peter Damian

8:00 Unborn Children *req by James Faiella*

Thursday, February 22 Chair of St Peter

8:00 For the Healing of Will, Angela & Jean *req by J. Yazaroglu*

Friday, February 23 St Polycarp

8:00 Lucia De Lucia *req by Pasqualina De Mizio & Family*
Enrique Saquing Dayag *req by the Family*

Saturday, February 24

5:00 Thresiamma Joseph *req by Son: Soji Joseph*
Valentina Merigliano *req by James Faiella*

Sunday, February 25 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Pacifico Sacco *req by the Family*
Marian & Janina Brzozowski & Family *req by Nancy Brzozowski*
11:30 Domenic Rondinelli *req by Jim & Dora*
Dec'd of the Family Lot *req by the Pozzebon 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 Radiators at the back of the Church. Many thanks.

TRIVIA NIGHT... Saturday, April 20th, 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!

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!*

REMINDER: The Office will be CLOSED this Monday, February 19 for **Family Day**

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of George Hofmann, Carmela Marrara, Shirley Collee, Efsia Orsini and Michael Rossi. 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, Barbara Conidi, Charlene Shannon, Jim Crowley, Toni Brideau, Lindsey Luby, 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, Flori Heimbigner, Rita Ross, Isabell Frost, Anna Hunt, Leroy Collee, Leon French, Tony CuvIELLO, 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 Barrauca, 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 11: \$5,693.75
Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2024

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!

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*





Dear Friends:

Last Saturday we had a wonderful celebration of Confirmation for our young adults. Bishop Bergie called the candidates (and all of us) to use wisely the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives. They are gifts given to be used. He also highlighted the importance of the family, school and parish working together as one. May God bless our young adults on their faith journey. We keep them in prayer.

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This is the 1st Sunday in the Season of Lent. Lent is referred to as the *spring-time' of the soul*. In the Gospel we hear that, *After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit drove him out into the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan*. Jesus made it through those 40 days, as Angels waited on him.

We are now on this 40-Day journey of Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Holy Thursday (Sundays excluded). Every Sunday is a "Little Easter". Our 40 days commemorates the time Jesus spent in the desert prior to beginning his public ministry in Galilee. It prepares us for the Crucifixion of Jesus and his Resurrection on the Great Solemnity of Easter. So what do we do with this time?

Well, this is a sacred time when we are encouraged to take on the three-fold mission of **fasting, almsgiving, and prayer**. [There is an article on **fasting** in this bulletin.] **Almsgiving** is making the needs of others our own, especially the poor, hungry and homeless in our community and in our world. We have many opportunities in our parish for reaching out to the poor. St. Augustine described fasting and almsgiving as "the two wings of prayer," because they are signs of humility and charity.

Prayer helps us grow in our relationship with God and to deepen our commitment to a way of life, rooted in our baptism. Lent is a great time to read scripture, to be more faithful to Mass, to spend quiet time with God, to meditate, to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to pray the Stations of the Cross. Prayer also provides us with the necessary opportunity to reflect on our shortcomings and sins. We all need to pray more earnestly, and even experience sorrow for the things we failed to do.

May we allow God to help us grow in this *spring-time' of the soul!!!* We pray for each other along this Lenten journey! Blessings on your Lent!

Fr. Gerard



Thoughts for Lent

"The Lord measures out perfection neither by the multitude nor the magnitude of our deeds, but by the manner in which we perform them."
- St. John of the Cross

"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could." - St. Gregory Nazianzen

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy." -Pope Francis

Thank You

Many thanks to all who made our Confirmation such a beautiful celebration. Special thanks to Bishop Bergie and Deacon David; to Debra Herman for her great organizational skills [she kept us all in line]; to Carol Martin, Anthony Scaringi, John Arnold, and our Adult Choir for the beautiful music; to our servers, lectors, to our parents, sponsors, teachers, principals! Thanks to all who baked homemade goods and for our CWL for organizing the reception in the parish hall! God bless you all, and God bless our newly Confirmed and their families!

What is fasting and abstinence?

The penitential days and times in the universal Church are every Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent. Abstinence from eating meat is to be observed on every Friday of the year unless a Friday occurs on a solemnity. **Abstinence and fasting** are to be observed on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. Fasting is the limitation of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. The law of abstinence binds those who are 14 years of age and older. The law of fasting, however, binds all those from age 18-59. Nevertheless, pastors of souls and parents are to take care that minors not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are also educated in a genuine sense of penance. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops decrees that the days of fast and abstinence in Canada are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fridays are days of abstinence but Catholics may substitute special acts of charity or piety on this day.

**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!

Lent Humour

... Lent was invented so that Catholics could take another shot at their New Year's resolutions.
... Lent is the best time of the year to run a marathon. Because that's when you fast.
... I was going to give up lunch meat for Lent, but I just couldn't quit cold turkey.

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