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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.

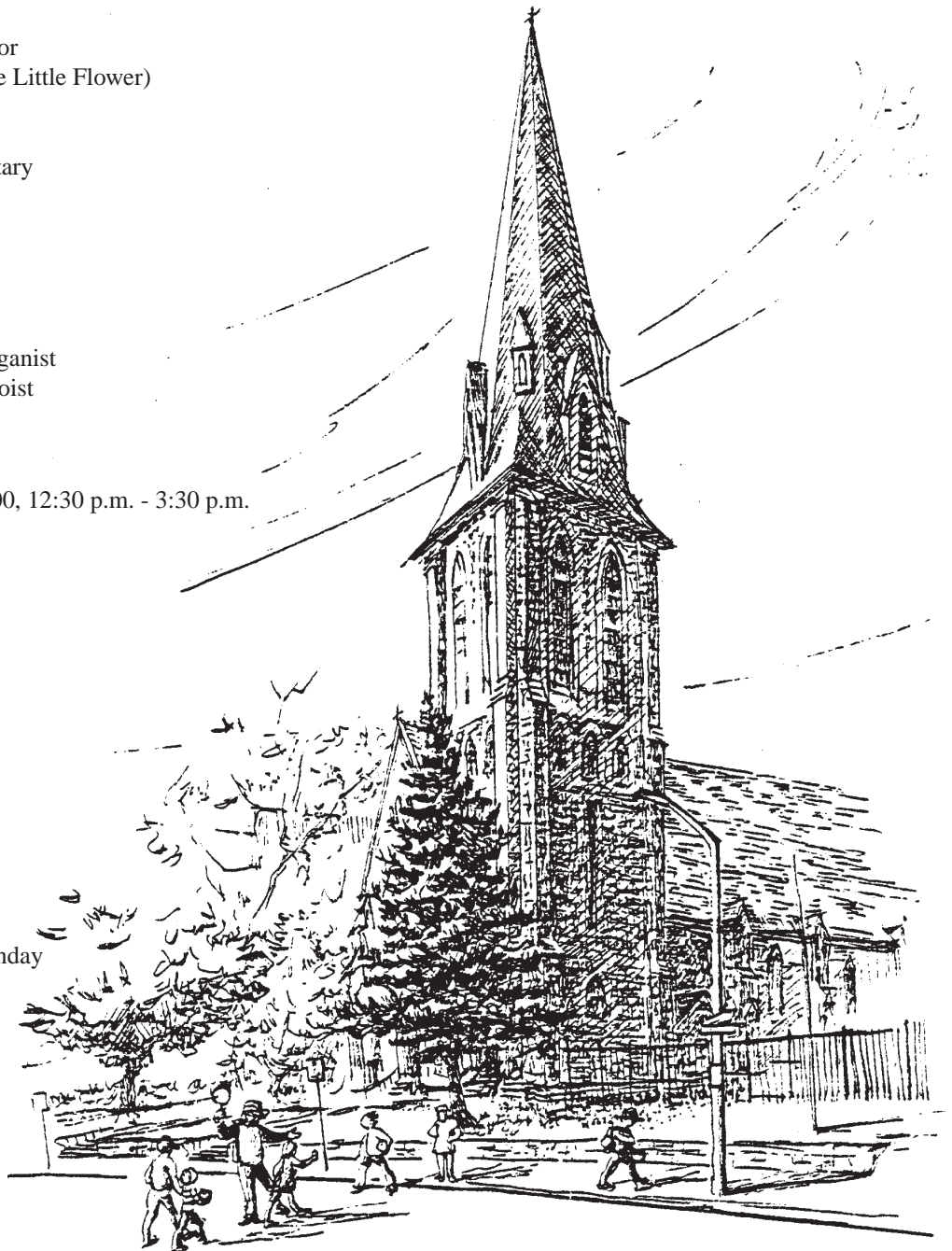
Schools

St. Patrick School 905-354-6631
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 IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, January 13 St Hilary

5:00 Arduino Maiuri req by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri

Dec'd of the O'Brien & Scott Families req by Dave & Maggie Scott

Sunday, January 14

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Carole Finella req by her Hsb: Joe Finella

Bill Woods req by his Wife: Linda & Family

11:30 Mike Rotundo req by Jim & Dora

Thomas Rondinelli req by Alba & Ann Marie Rondinelli

Monday, January 15

8:00 John Doherty req by his Sisters

Ronald Cormier req by Leonard Horth

Tuesday, January 16

8:00 Joan Lake req by the Family

Ivon & Robert Loro & Carlo & Maria Piva req by Lina Loro & Fam.

10:00am St. Mary & St. Patrick School Mass

Wednesday, January 17 St Anthony

8:00 Randy Power req by Yvette & Rob

Tracy Bungay req by the Family

Thursday, January 18

8:00 Ron & Betty Forristall req by the Family

Mary & Peter Nelson req by the Family

Friday, January 19

8:00 John & Mary Ruzyllo req by the Family

Helen Buckley req by her Friends

Saturday, January 20 St Fabian & St Sebastian

5:00 Victor Smatana req by the Family

Chiara Marcon req by the Milani Family

Sunday, January 21 Sunday of the Word of God

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Joe Bombicino req by his Dtr: Clara

Maria & Clemente Della Marca req by Joanne S & Enzo D

11:30 Vilma Gallina req by St. Patrick's Choir

Monika Bauer req by St. Patrick's Choir

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

TRIVIA NIGHT...Saturday, April 20th, in the Hall. Mark the date on your calendar. Get a team of 8 together and sign up early to enjoy the fun.

More details to follow.

The next CWL meeting will be held on, Wednesday, February 7th at 6:30pm in the Hall.

Health Alert

Please remember, we are in Flu Season, and there's also an increase in upper respiratory illnesses. If you are feeling ill, it is best to stay home. It is always safest to sneeze or cough into your arm (not your hand), or use a tissue. We ask that you use the hand sanitizer at the doors of the church. Let's do our part to keep everyone safe and healthy.

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.



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!

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Garth Tustin, Helen Buckley, Joan Lake and Concetta Canal. 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, Cecilia Shugg, Jim Crowley, 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 Cuvillo, 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

January 7: \$5,911.07

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 January 21, February 25 (Infants ONLY), April 21.** A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, Jan 16, Feb 20 & Apr 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!



Congratulations and best wishes to
Aria Haylor
who was recently baptized

Catholic Marriage Tribunal...If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or tribunal@saintcd.com.

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



Dear Friends:

We are back in Ordinary Time. Christmas officially ended this past Monday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today is the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time! There is nothing 'ordinary' if we keep the message and spirit of Christmas alive all year!

The readings for this Sunday have to do with God's calling! God calls Samuel in the First Reading, and we get Samuel's response, "**Speak Lord for your servant is listening.**" Our Psalm proclaims, "**Here I am Lord; I come to do your will!**" The Gospel is a beautiful scene where two men ask Jesus "**where are you staying?**" And Jesus answers, "**Come and see!**" Simon and Andrew follow Jesus, and their lives are changed forever!

Two thousand years later Jesus calls each of us. What is your calling? What is my calling? The answer is simple: **we are called to serve God.** The answer is a mystery, the mystery of our lives. We pray for the grace and courage to be attentive to God's call. We pray for the courage to follow Him, so that when He calls we will freely respond, "**Speak Lord, your servant is listening.**"

John Cardinal Newman once wrote, "*God has created me for some definite service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have a mission. I have a part in a great work. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for nothing. I shall do good. I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, even if I do not realize what I am doing. But, if I keep His commandments, I will serve Him in my calling.*"

What is one thing God is calling me to do? What can I do to keep his mission and ministry alive... today, tomorrow... this week... next week? Have a blessed week of following, and keeping the spirit of Christmas alive!

Fr. Gerard



... Here is a test to find whether your mission on earth is finished: If you are alive, it isn't.
 ...God can and will use you in mighty ways through your day to day normal routine.
 ... Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you. -Mother Teresa

THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish, a big **thank you** to everyone who made our Christmas celebrations so joyful. To Brian and our many faithful volunteers who came out to decorate the church, thanks for such a beautiful display! To those who donated toward the Christmas Flowers in memory of your loved ones, many thanks for your kindness (A list is provided at the doors of the church). May our loved ones sleep in Heavenly Peace. To our **Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Altar Servers**, many thanks for sharing your gifts with the community.

To our musicians and cantors, thanks for adding to the sacredness and beauty of the liturgies! To **Carol, Sandra, and our Adult Choir**, thanks for all your hard work, and for sharing your heavenly voices and music with so many people! To **Anthony, Ashley, Robert and Sonny**, thanks so much for your wonderful ministry! BIG THANKS to the hundreds of parishioners who donated so generously to the Christmas Gift Campaign, for local needy children, and the Grocery Card Campaign! You helped so many people this year! Many little faces lit up with smiles on Christmas morning because of you! Many families were fed! Thanks to Fr. Michael and Fr. Craig for assisting us during Christmas. And finally, to you, **our faithful parishioners**, many thanks for your generosity to me, and to your parish at Christmas. It has been a tough year for many people. We hope and pray for a better year ahead! May God bless you all!

Pope John Paul II's Prayer for Peace

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, "Peace to you," grant us peace. Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice, and love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace.

Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.

May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters.

May longed for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. - *Pope John Paul II*

2024 Calendars... Many thanks to Patterson Funeral Home for providing our parishioners with 2024 Religious Calendars. May God bless them for their generosity.

Parish Registration

Please help keep our records up to date! You may bring this form to the parish office or place it in the collection.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Telephone: _____

I am new in the parish and wish to register _____

I wish to use contribution envelopes _____

I have recently moved _____

I have changed my phone number _____

We have married & wish to update our information _____

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