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*Father, You revealed Your Son to the nations
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to
Your Glory in Heaven by the Light of Faith.*

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



Saturday, January 6

5:00 Tony Laslo req by Anna & Cathy
Gerry Paolin req by Steve & Debbie Zelic & Family

Sunday, January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 Giuseppina Canali req by Anne & John Condotta
Marie-Ange & Clarence Adams req by Aileen & Bryce

9:30 Theresa Fisher req by the Family
Jozef Brzozowski req by his Dtr: Jean

11:30 People of the Parish

Monday, January 8 The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 Anthony Spadafora req by Fernando Spadafora
Randy Power req by the Power Family

Tuesday, January 9

8:00 Frances & Bob Comeau req by Friends
Marie & Jack Cadman req by the Family

Wednesday, January 10

8:00 Maureen & John Kealey req by Friends
John & Helen MacDonnell req by Friends

Thursday, January 11

8:00 Assunta & Giuseppe De Mizio req by the De Mizio Family
John Buckner req by the Parish

Friday, January 12 St Marguerite Bourgeoys

8:00 Gertrude Doherty req by her Daughters
Fr. Bruce Taggart, O.Carm. req by the Carmelites

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

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. **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.

Health Alert

Please remember that the Flu Season is upon us, 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!

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!

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Pasquale Falco, Randy Power & Garth Tustin. 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, Helen Buckley, 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 Cuviallo, 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

December 17: \$6,817.17
Christmas Collection: \$31,624.49
Christmas Flowers: \$1,400.00
December 31: \$6,177.00
January 1: \$4,592.63
Carmelite Missions: \$5,638.00
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
Noah Vallena
who was recently baptized

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



Dear Friends:

The Christmas season will officially end on Monday, January 8th with the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus. We must allow the Christmas spirit to remain alive in our hearts all during the year. We were blessed this year with the weather. More people were able to get out to Mass. We had wonderful celebrations.

Today is the **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord** (*Little Christmas*). **Epiphany** means **manifestation** [*to show; make known; to reveal*]. This



feast celebrates not only that God came to us, but more of humanity entered into the movement. These wise men, (magi-astrologers) representing all nations, followed the star and came to God! They are our

symbolic pioneers. **Epiphany** is the feast of the pilgrim who seeks God on the journey. The call for us is to make our lives a continuous movement *toward* God, putting our lives in tune with God, bringing **Christ's light and hope** to others. Dispelling all darkness! And God knows there's lots of darkness and fear out there.

Someone once wrote: "*And so, we journey to the Lord. Where exactly are we going to find Him? We really don't know. He may be in marriage. He may be in the priesthood or religious life. He may be in the life of the single, determined to spread Christianity. He may be in children and teens. He may be in a career. He may be in our caring for a sick spouse or relative. He may be in the outcast who reach out for us. He is in all these and countless more places. If we are wise, we will spend our lives seeking Him out, wherever He is.*" We must go out there and see the face of Christ in others! Keep Christ in 2024! God bless you all!

Fr. Gerard



I think the real Epiphany call is:
When the star in the sky is gone;
when the Magi are back in their homeland;
when the shepherds are once more with their flocks;
then the real work of Christmas begins:
To manifest God by the way we live and act toward each other.
We always hear, *Keep Christ in Christmas*, but we should also never forget to *Keep Christ in Christian*.



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.

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!

Prayer for the Victims of War

Lord God,
no one is a stranger to you;
no one is ever far from your loving care.



In your kindness, watch over all refugees and victims of war,
those separated from their loved ones,
those grieving the loss of family members,
people who are held hostage,
children who are scattered and afraid,

those who have left their homes or fled their countries.
Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be.
Send the power of your Holy Spirit across the world,
and into the hearts of all world leaders and dictators and terrorists.
May peace reign in Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Russia and Ukraine.
Amen.

DID YOU KNOW? For those of you who have Celiac Disease or are allergic to wheat products, our parish has special approved **Gluten-Free hosts** available. The onus is on you to let the presiding priest know before each Mass. He will ensure that he has it in his ciborium for you.



We have a few parishioners who struggle with perfume allergies!
Please keep this in mind as you prepare yourself for Sunday Mass.
Just a little dab'll do!

Little Flower Society Cards



St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards in stock from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society? We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using those cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs in several countries.



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