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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, 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.

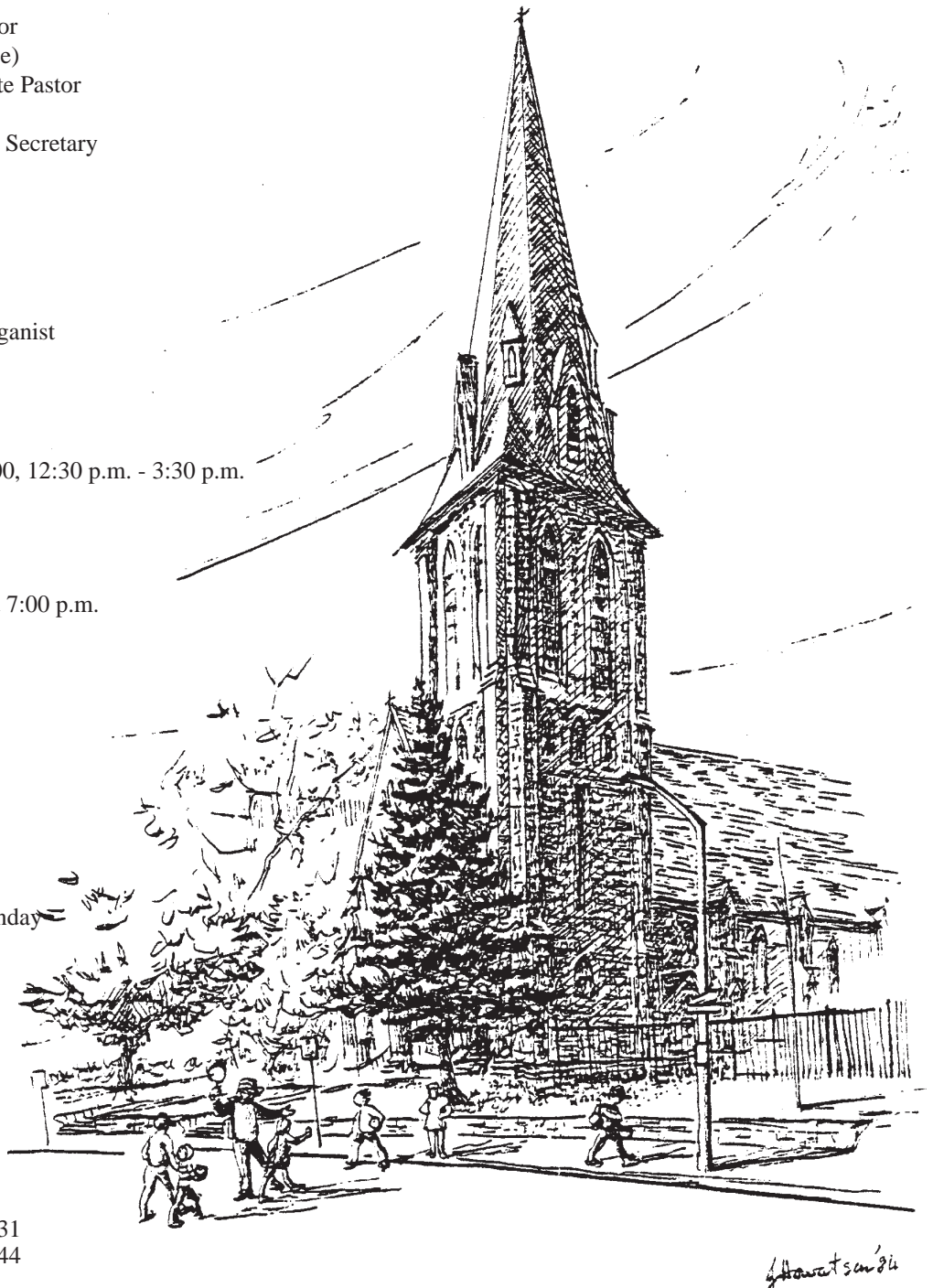
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Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)

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.

FOURTH, FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT & PALM SUNDAY



Saturday, March 21

5:00 Bernard Kennedy req. by the Kennedy Family
Benoit Tessier req. by Karen & Brian Kennedy

Sunday, March 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Antonietta Radice req. by Francesca, Luca & Alicia Azzano
Giuseppina, Giulio & Albert Canali req. by Giancarlo & Anne Condotta & Family
9:30 Fred Girardo Sr. req. by Bryce & Aileen Adams
Dino & Gnesa Giacomini req. by Domenic & Carmela & Family
11:30 Peter Viet req. by the Nguyen Family
Anthony Hung Nguyen & Grandparents Le & Truong req. by the Family
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, March 23

8:00 Carmela Petrella req. by the Petrella Family
Anita Archambault req. by Charlene Shannon

Tuesday, March 24

8:00 Francesco Mastropiero req. by the Family
Ivon & Robbie Loro req. by the Family

Wednesday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00 Maria Felicita Piccolo req. by Carmela Wright

Thursday, March 26

8:00 Sergio Simonetti req. by John & Lucy Sills

Friday, March 27

8:00 Scott Balford req. by Mom & Dad

Saturday, March 28 Development & Peace

5:00 Mark McAvoy req. by the Family
Lawrence & Lucy Kitney req. by Evelyn Kemp

Sunday, March 29 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 James & Clare McFadden req. by Bruce & Rosaline Bennett
Battista 'Bob' Sacco req. by Raffaella Villella
9:30 Leo Ruberto req. by Teresa Ruberto
Fred Girardo Sr. req. by the Family
11:30 Pauline Daly req. by John & Marnie Broderick
Nevitt Davidson Maybee req. by Veronica Badowski
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, March 30

8:00 Victims & Families of the Coronavirus

Tuesday, March 31

8:00 People of Italy

Wednesday, April 1

8:00 Alice Masur req. by the Masur Family
7:00 Sergio Simonetti req. by John & Lucy Sills

Thursday, April 2 St Francis of Paola

8:00 Hugh, Felicitas & William Hockton req. by the Family

Friday, April 3

8:00 Peppino Paonessa req. by the Family

Saturday, April 4

5:00 Philippine Bateau req. by the Family
M/M Lawrence Murray & Mike Sinodinos req. by Fred & Judy Murray

Sunday, April 5 Palm Sunday World Day of Youth

8:00 Bruno Pietrobon req. by the Family
All medical personnel during this crisis
9:30 Pasquale Macri req. by Augusta Macri
Feliksa & Jozef Brzozowski req. by Komor & Janusz Families
11:30 Gordon & Betty Gowers req. by A. Luciano & Family
Herman & Mayer Families req. by the Family
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, April 6

8:00 Frances Campaner req. by M/M Vincent Campaner & Family
Anita Archambault req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi

Tuesday, April 7

8:00 Maria Felicita Piccolo req. by the Family

Wednesday, April 8

8:00 Rosa Simon req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams
Dec'd mem of the Persia Family req. by the Persia Family
7:00 Harold Mancini req. by the Family

Thursday, April 9 Holy Thursday The Lord's Supper

7:00 Wisdom for Government Leaders

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Ada Gonzalez Rumbo and Jean Poityz. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Leroy Collee

Please pray for those who are ill

Baby M, Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Francis Patterson, John Corfield, Rosanna Ricci, Carmine Astorino, Andy Scotnicki, Corinne Journeau, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Teresa Hebb, Jarod Hickey, Julian Cassidy, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Gus Bagarozza, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Kelly Power, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, John Calder, Wilf Manuel, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Fern Albert, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, John Cox, Leo Martin, Nicolina Compare, Dr. Andy Fisher, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Nancy Jean Rose, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Rose MacDonald, Elizabeth Stachura, Brian Smith, Charlene Shannon, John Kealey, Margaret Smith, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Jeanne Lea Rebecca Evans, Denise Colalillo, Samuel Potapczyk, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Emily Hanover, Donna Cormier, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Donna Bradley, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Francesco Albanese, Todd Reid, Jeannette Fabian, Conner Hawkswell, George Teibert, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Frank Sica, Jill Leronowich, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Faith Amadio, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Florrie Heimbigner, Francois Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Mary Brennan, Marie Massolin, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Maria Guerin, Patrick McCarthy, Alessia Commisso, Trina Washington, Mary Jo O'Kell, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Shirley Machulla, Baby Nicholas, Baby Victoria, Pepper Martin Jr., Eric Corcoran
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

March 15: \$2,523.00

Cathedral Appeal (to date): \$16,935.00

Ryan's Bowl: \$7,019.65 (to date)

Many thanks for your generosity!

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in April

Olivia D'Annunzio & Michael White

Elizabeth DiEmanuele & Taylor Boyes

Spiritual Communion

For those times you cannot attend Mass, such as during this coronavirus pandemic, you can still reach out to Christ by making a Spiritual Communion in prayer! This is strongly encouraged. If we watch Mass on TV during this crisis, make a Spiritual Communion! It's a powerful act of devotion!

St. Thomas Aquinas defined a Spiritual Communion as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament [in Communion at Mass] and in lovingly embracing Him as if we had actually received Him." You can make a Spiritual Communion anywhere the Spirit moves you.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Or

Oh Jesus, I turn toward the Holy Tabernacle where You live hidden for love of me. I love you, O my God. I cannot receive you in Holy Communion. Come, nevertheless, and visit me with Your grace. Come spiritually into my heart. Purify it. Sanctify it. Render it like unto Your own. Amen.
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

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.



Dear Friends!

It's Wednesday night, March 18th! It's the day after St. Patrick's Day and the day before St. Joseph's Day! May all the Saints of God intercede for us. It's hard to feel calm and peace when we are caught up in a worldwide storm of health crisis. There are so many unknowns with this corona virus (Covid-19). It will do us good to pause and reflect on what the Angel said to Mary, "Do not be afraid". How often God spoke to others through an Angel, with the same words. Of course we feel afraid. That's normal and natural. But we can't let it paralyze us or overwhelm us. So many changes, restrictions and precautions have had to be made in the past week or so, in how we live our daily lives. The best thing we can do is to refrain from panicking, use our common sense, and plug into our faith. Prayer is a powerful weapon. Now we really have to use it. Pray that this will end. Pray for all the victims and families, and for all who are working on the front lines, doctors, nurses, scientists.

As you are aware by now, all public Masses and liturgies have been cancelled until at least April 18th. This is unprecedented in our time. There will be no Holy Week Liturgies or Easter Sunday Masses. But it's something that has to be done for the safety of God's people. During this time we know that you have requested that Masses be celebrated each day for your loved ones intentions. This will not change. Myself and Fr. Marc will still be celebrating a private Daily Mass to fulfill your requests and intentions. Be assured of that. In this special bulletin we have included the Daily Mass Intentions for the next three weeks. I just came in from the church (9:00 PM), having celebrated a private Mass for Ana Skrbinek and Sergio Simonetti. And this will be done every day until this crisis is over. We promise you that.

So now we have an entire month or perhaps more without public Mass. But we don't have an entire month without prayer. Your family is the Church, don't forget. The Church is the **People of God**. And that is me and you! Watch Mass on TV. Make a Spiritual Communion (prayer included in this bulletin)! Take out your Bibles, pray a Psalm. Read a passage, and then reflect on the images in that passage. Pray a Rosary with your family. Pray the Stations of the Cross with your children. Close your eyes, and picture Jesus and those he encounters on each step of that journey. See ourselves in there. Bring the shape and colours of the Stations of the Cross from our church into your mind. Maybe put a little white cloth on the end of your dining room table, light a candle and place a crucifix on it. Pray we must.

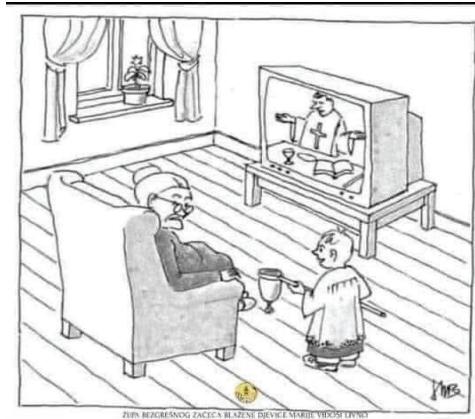
I encourage you to keep informed by visiting our parish website, <http://www.stpatricknf.ca> and our diocesan website, <http://www.saintcd.com>. All updates have been posted for your convenience. Please reach out to your family or other parishioners who are not online and share the updates. Our parish office will remain open for telephone business only. We ask that you **not** come to the office. Call ahead and we will gladly place things in the mailbox for you, or you can call ahead and then drop things off in the mailbox for us. If we cut back on office hours, we will not cut back on our staff pay. I promised them that. We all have to do our part to ease the burden on everyone. If you know of anyone who needs anything, let me know, and trust me, I'll get the help for them. **The church will be open on Sunday mornings from 10 AM until 12 Noon for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, and also Monday to Friday from 12 Noon to 1PM. Please use Main front door only. Wheelchair access will be available as needed. Remember, you must sit at least 3 feet from another person. Instructions will be on all doors.**

May God bless and protect all of us during this time of crisis.
Fr. Gerard



This is Laetare Sunday?

Although we cannot gather for Mass, **Laetare Sunday** is the popular name for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. The name comes from the first word of the entrance antiphon of today's Mass: In Latin, (Isaiah 66:10-11) begins "**Laetare, Jerusalem**" ("Rejoice, Jerusalem"). Since there are six Sundays in Lent, Laetare Sunday falls just past the midpoint of Lent. For that reason, Laetare Sunday has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened; the organ is played, flowers are allowed on the altar, and the purple vestments of Lent, signifying penance, are set aside and, as on Gaudete Sunday in Advent, rose ones are used instead.



Many of you have asked what you can do with your Church envelopes. If you wish you may drop them off at the Parish Office during office hours. We will greet you at the door. You may also wish to keep your Sunday envelopes and bring them when the crisis is over. The final option is to give your Offertory donations to the parish through "Canada Helps" via the Diocesan website <http://www.saintcd.com>



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"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"



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