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Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
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## Music Ministry

Carol Martin - Director of Music  
Sandra DiCienzo - Organist  
Tim Marrie - Pianist and Soloist  
Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist  
Ashley Gallardi - 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, 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.

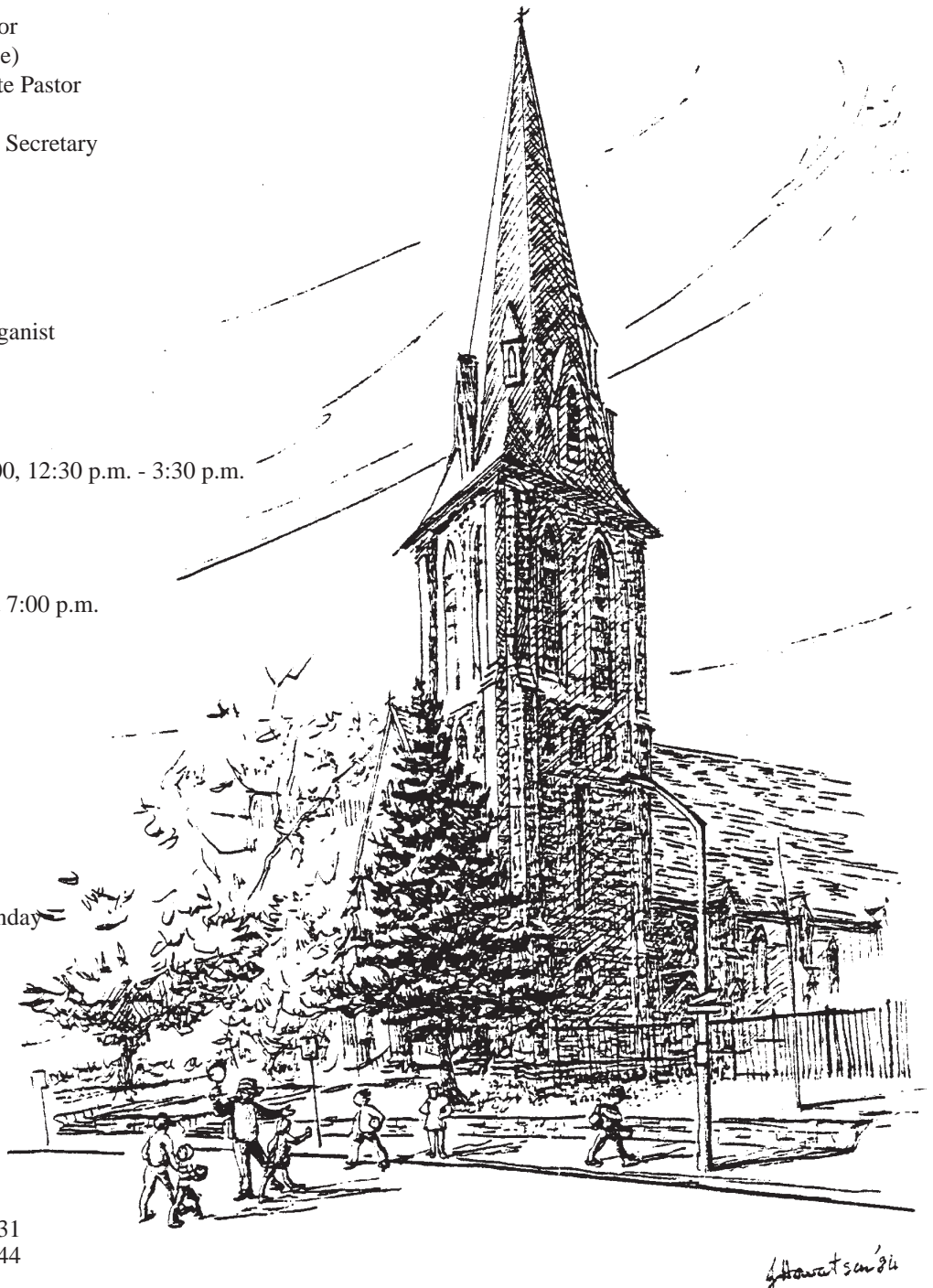
## Schools

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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.**

# THIRD & FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



**Saturday, March 6**

**5:00** For unborn Children *req. by Peter & Stefanie Maiuri*  
 Mary Bongers *req. by Justin & Tina Vaillancourt*

**Sunday, March 7 Third Sunday of Lent**

**8:00** Piotr Bosek & Nick Lukach *req. by Danuta Lukach*  
 Linda Proulx *req. by Friends*

**9:30** Joe Bombicino *req. by the Herman Family*  
 Anne & Gary Herman *req. by Family*

**11:30** Domenic Rondinelli *req. by Jim & Dora Spencer*  
 Irena Belder & Angela Asner *req. by Elizabeth & Family*

**7:00** People of the Parish

**Monday, March 8 St John of God**

**8:00** Concetta & Pasquale Maulucci *req. by Paul DiPaul*  
 For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau *req. by his Family*

**Tuesday, March 9 St Frances of Rome**

**8:00** Liz Piatkowski *req. by the Ross Family*  
 Estelle Cartwright *req. by Friends*

**Wednesday, March 10**

**8:00** James Sweeney *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*  
 Jack Mannella *req. by Friends*

**Thursday, March 11**

**8:00** Charles Ogilvie *req. by Deb Ogilvie & Family*  
 Hugh, Felicitas & William Hockton *req. by Family*

**Friday, March 12**

**8:00** Cyndee Matvichuk *req. by Christine St. Angelo*  
 Frances Mary Murray *req. by Friends*

**Saturday, March 13**

**5:00** In Honour of Brian Power *req. by Maureen Carr*  
 Bryan & Michael Brazeau *req. by Friends*

**Sunday, March 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**8:00** People of the Parish

**9:30** Richie Robinson *req. by Allan & Darlene Dobbins*  
 Louis Zanus *req. by Friends*

**11:30** Peter Viet *req. by the Nguyen Family*  
 Ody Argenta *req. by Diana Argenta*

**7:00** Cecilia Milani *req. by Friends*  
 Patricia 'Pat' Patterson *req. by Friends*

**Monday, March 15**

**8:00** Marie Massolin *req. by St. Patrick's Church Catholic Womens League*  
 For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau *req. by his Family*

**Tuesday, March 16**

**8:00** Pat O'Brien *req. by Ethel O'Brien*  
 Maria Rina Kosanovich *req. by Friends*

**Wednesday, March 17 St Patrick**

**8:00** Robert Lelievre *req. by Aileen Lelievre-Adams*  
 Maureen O'Rourke *req. by the Downes Family*

**Thursday, March 18 St Cyril of Jerusalem**

**8:00** James Ogilvie *req. by the St. Angelo & Ogilvie Families*  
 George Joseph Starrs *req. by Friends*

**Friday, March 19 Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**8:00** Rosaleen O'Brien *req. by the Family*  
 Joe Bombicino *req. by the Family*

**Saturday, March 20**

**5:00** Philomena Shepherd *req. by Debbie Jane Shepherd*  
 David Kealey *req. by John & Maureen & Family*

**Sunday, March 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**8:00** Linda & Mario Cardinal *req. by the Family*  
 Luke & Imelda Ketterer & Aunt Monica *req. by Jean Yazaroglu*

**9:30** Bernard Kennedy *req. by the Kennedy Family*  
 Sam DiCarlo *req. by Mary & Family*

**11:30** People of the Parish

**7:00** Lucy & Larry Kitney *req. by Evelyn Kemp*  
 Doreen Perry *req. by Friends*

*Please pray for those who are hospitalized:*

Andrea Fisher

*Please pray for those who are ill*

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Missy Bilotta, Rita Ross, Fern Albert, Ron O'Neill, Andrea Fisher, Guy Snyder, Anne Diodati, Francis Patterson, Bettie Anne Buck, Rosanna Ricci, Betty Crete, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Gaetan Buteau, Ralph Davey, Rose MacDonald, Kathryn Kneller, Maureen Tustin, Sean Sandel, Mahmat, Maureen Kealey, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Dr. Andy Fisher, Andy Scotnicki, Bianca MacDonnell, Gus Bagarozza, Judy, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Jarod Hickey, Carmine Astorino, Corinne Journeau, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Teresa Hebb, Mary Ann Quigley, Maria Nobile, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Carole Ann Ogilvie, Julian Cassidy, Mary Frances Pye, Nancy Weiss, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Toni & Guy Brideau, Jeanne Lea, John Cox, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, Nicolina Compare, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Nancy Jean Rose, Charlene Shannon, Eric Corcoran, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Anna Vergalito, Donna Bradley, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Donna Cormier, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Jeannette Fabian, Francesco Albanese, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, Faith Amadio, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Florie Heimbigner, Francois Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, D.D., Alessia Commisso, Baby Victoria, Mary Jo O'Kell, Pepper Martin Jr., Trina Washington, Cheryl D'Amizio, Bob Marshall

*Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.*

!!!! Development and Peace: Share Lent !!!!

On March 21st, a collection will be taken up in all Catholic churches in Canada for Development and Peace, envelopes are in your Offering boxes.

**Mass Intentions**

We have openings in our *Daily Mass Intention Book* for weekdays in 2021. The greatest gift we can give to our deceased loved ones is to have them remembered at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. A Mass intention is \$10 and can be dropped off at the Parish Office, or called in. A Mass can also be offered for a Living Intention or for a particular cause.

**2021 Church Envelopes & 2020 Tax Receipts**

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes and Tax Receipts as soon as possible. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, if you are here at Mass on the weekends. Many thanks.

Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share!



Every item helps!

*"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"*

**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** \_\_\_\_\_

**Collections**

February 21: \$2,002.00

February 28: \$3,582.00

Ryan's Bowl (Giving Bowl): \$1,063.00

Many thanks for your generosity!



**Congratulations and best wishes to**

Emersyn Susie Marie Condon  
 who was recently baptized

**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!*



Dear Friends:

I hope everyone is staying well. It has been a difficult winter. I am still in Newfoundland, in lockdown. Hopefully, I will get back to Niagara around St. Patrick's Day. I managed to see my mother for a few days after my quarantine. I am hoping and praying that I will be able to visit her before I leave. I am spending my time in the woods, rabbit hunting, cutting wood and ice fishing. And also reading and painting. With the spread of the Covid variant here, it has been impossible to see many of my siblings. We continue to take life one day at a time, hoping this pandemic will go away for good.

Blessings,  
Fr. Gerard

**3rd Sunday of Lent- March 7th**

In today's Gospel, Jesus came into the Temple area and overturned the tables of the buyers and sellers. The merchants and money changers were performing a legitimate service at Passover time. Pilgrims traveled great distances for the feast. Instead of bringing an animal with them, they could purchase one at the Temple. Money changers were needed because pilgrims had to exchange their foreign coins, [they had images on them, thus forbidden in the Temple.] So, what was the issue?

In earlier times, this buying and selling took place further away, near the Mount of Olives. Jesus clearly encounters *creeping commercialism*. *Animal sacrifices* were a part of the feast but the secular was edging its way into the sacred. God's mercy was being **merchandised!** Jesus' anger suggests that **the merchants were cheating their customers, the devout who came to worship, and also the poor.** Jesus revealed the righteous anger that God feels when what is good, gets infiltrated by human greed. While mercy is always available to those who seek it, we cannot forget Jesus' indignation when he encounters injustice and any restrictions on those seeking God. Jesus also wanted to show the people that **HE is the New Temple!** "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up!" He refers to the temple of his body, and his Resurrection.

What about us? Jesus cleansed the Temple because sinful activities interfered with worship. Do I need to cleanse my heart of attitudes or actions that are coming between me and God? What area of my life would Jesus have to use a "whip of cords?" What is "un-sacred" in my life? What am I doing that is offensive to God? Or what am I **not** doing, any sins of omission? If we reflect deeply, we can see that Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a prophetic sign of what he wants to do with each of us. He seeks to cleanse us and make us **living temples** of his Holy Spirit. If we still have work to do, which I'm sure all of us do, then Lent is a great time for that spiritual house cleaning!  
Have a cleansing week

**4th Sunday of Lent- March 14**

Today marks the halfway point of Lent, *Laetare Sunday*. This Sunday has a joyful tone, a day of hope! Easter is within sight. The Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances, and Covid-19 struggles. Rejoice! Easter is coming near.

How are we doing with our Lent this year? For the past few weeks we've had the opportunity to look deeper at our lives. Maybe our patience is not up to par, so we take steps to improve it; maybe our prayer life is out of kilter, so we try harder to deepen it; maybe we've been turning a blind eye to the needs of the poor, so we take steps to alleviate other's poverty and suffering; maybe there's things in our lives or behaviours that are contrary to the Gospel, so we take steps to weed them out; maybe our conscience is laden with guilt, so we take the sacred time to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation! This is what Lent is all about! It's like an annual check-up!

Where do we get our hope and joy? Well, this Sunday we hear one of the most popular verses in the entire Bible, **John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life."** Those words are addressed to us! You and I are part of that "loved world." And may we never forget it. Look what he did for you and me? And what is my response to him?

My prayer is that first, we will allow God to restore his created beauty in each of us. We can best do that through the grace of the Sacraments, especially Eucharist and Reconciliation. Then we should all call upon God to restore beauty to his world. God showed us what true love is when His only Son stretched out his arms on the Cross, and gave up **His All** for us. We must be resolved to continue Christ's work, by putting love where there's no love, bringing peace where there is chaos, bringing light where there is darkness, doing good in the face of evil! That's our role as Christians. May we each do some good deed this week.

As for March 1, we are once again able to hold Mass up to 30% capacity. The pandemic continues so please keep up physical distancing, hand hygiene and wearing masks in church. Thank you to our parishioners for your patience and co-operation during the shutdown and 10-person limit. A special thanks to those who on a few occasions gave up a place in order to allow another person to attend.

**Children Sacramental Dates 2021**

**Confirmation:** Saturday, April 17, 2021 @ TBA  
**First Reconciliation:** TBA  
**First Communion:** Sunday, May 2, 2021 @ 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.)

**CWL Ladies...** please note that your CWL 2021 Annual Dues of \$25.00 are now past due. Please send by mail or bring to the Parish Office as soon as possible. If you have any questions please call Maggie at 905-246-6212

**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.



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