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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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Saturday, April 23

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family*
Vince Audibert *req. by Fred & Betty Audibert*

Sunday, April 24 Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Luigi Marcon *req. by the Family*
Linda & Achille Paolin *req. by the Paolin Family*

11:30 Angela Catone *req. by Vince Catone*
Dec'd mem. of the Senese & Shugg Fam. *req. by Cecilia Shugg*

Monday, April 25 St Mark

8:00 Arnel Yap *req. by the Grace & Gratitude Pilgrims*
Amelia & Virgilio Inocencio *req. by the Family*

Tuesday, April 26 Our Lady of Good Counsel

8:00 Ann & Louis Gallardi *req. by the Family*
For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau *req. by his Family*

Wednesday, April 27

8:00 Fr. David Blanchard, O.Carm. *req. by the Carmelites*
In thanksgiving for the Canonization of Bl. Titus Brandsma
req. by the Carmelites

Thursday, April 28 St Peter Chanel & St Louis Grignon de Montfort

8:00 Jack & Marie Cadman *req. by the Family*
Leo Martin *req. by Eda Martin*

Friday, April 29 St Catherine of Siena

8:00 John William Chilton *req. by Sharon Rose Chilton*
Charles & Nora Daley *req. by the Family*

Saturday, April 30 St Marie de L'Incarnation

5:00 Fred Girardo Jr. *req. by Jeanne Lea*
Lucrezia Rizzo *req. by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families*

Sunday, May 1 International Workers' Day

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Fred Girardo Jr. *req. by Maureen & John Young*
Felice & Maria Renda *req. by Roseanne & Family*

11:30 Benito Giustini *req. by the Giustini Family*
Barbara Rondinelli & Carmella DeNisi *req. by Jim & Dora & Fam.*

2022 Church Envelopes & 2021 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. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, if you are here at Mass on the weekends. Many thanks.

Banns for Ordination

David Scott is to be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate for the Diocese of St. Catharines on June 18, 2022 at St. Catherine of Alexandria Cathedral.

Please remember him in your prayers.

Canon Law obliges Catholics to reveal any impediments to sacred orders to the Bishop or Pastor

Help Needed- Parish Bingo

Our St. Pat's Bingo Committee is looking for a few more volunteers to assist at Delta Bingo Hall. We currently have 6 members, so a few more would be great. We are required to have 2 people at Delta, 2-3 times a month for two hours. So you may only have to do one or two sessions a month. You will be trained on site. Mr. Leslie Khan is retiring, so we need someone to volunteer to be the coordinator of the scheduling. We thank Mr. Khan for his wonderful ministry. And we thank the Bingo Committee for their dedication.

Is God calling You?

If you feel called to serve as an Altar Server, Funeral Server or Lector, please call the parish office, 905-354-7451.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

George Mc Evoy, Mary Lawrence

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Tony Laslo, Patrick Macri, Nancy Waters, Christine Priddy, Jerry Slak, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Natalie Speth, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, Justin Vaillancourt, Betty Calzonetti, Marcellina Mativo, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Rita Ross, Ron O'Neill, Francis Patterson, Fern Albert, Estelle Critelli, Leon French, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Dr. Andy Fisher, Andrea Fisher, Kelsey Liles, Angelina Greco, Maureen Tustin, Betty Crete, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Joe Young, Judy, Gaetan Buteau, Ralph Davey, Rose MacDonald, Kathryn Kneller, Mahmat, Maureen Kealey, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Dennis Bowers, Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, Carmine Astorino, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Mary Ann Quigley, Teresa Hebb, Mary Frances Pye, Nancy Weiss, Julian Cassidy, Marney Broderick, Gregory Roulston, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanus, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Jeanne Lea, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nicolina Compare, Nancy Jean Rose, Anna Vergalito, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Donna Bradley, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Michelle Price, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Drago Bicanic, Margaret Waghorn, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Jeanne S, Francesco Albanese, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Jeannette Fabian, 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, Francois Chayer, Baby Victoria, Vital & Anna Chayer, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, D.D., Alessia Commisso, Mary Jo O'Kell, Pepper Martin Jr., Trina Washington, Jackie, Cheryl D'Amizzio, Bob Marshall

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

Collections

Easter: \$11,598.97
Holy Thursday: \$1,137.00
Good Friday: \$2,195.00
The Giving Bowl: \$9,592.95 (to date)
Ukraine Relief: \$7,351.00 (to date)
Development & Peace: \$1,390.00
Easter Flowers: \$1,237.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2022

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, May 29, June 26, July 24 & August 21.** A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, May 17, June 14, July 12 & Aug 9 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!*

Children Sacramental Dates 2022

Confirmation: Saturday, April 30, 2022 @ 7:00pm
First Communion: Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 1:30pm for St. Mary & St. Patrick Schools (9:30am-Children in other schools)
(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.)

Upcoming Weddings at St. Patrick's in May

Adriana Pantusa & Lucas Leone
Jennifer Pierson & Luca Damiano



Dear Friends!

It was great to see so many people coming out for our Palm Sunday and Easter celebrations. It feels great to be getting back to some normalcy after two years of utter chaos. As always, we ask that if you are not feeling well, please remain at home. We have placed Holy Water back at our church entrances. Sanitizers will remain in place and you are encouraged to use it when you enter the church. Masks are not required, but certainly recommended.

On this Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday), the disciples are locked in the upper room out of fear of the authorities. They thought the same fate that Jesus met, would be theirs also! The Risen Christ appeared through locked doors, and his first words were: **Peace be with you.** That greeting of **PEACE** was enough for these broken disciples, who were filled with fear! Then the Risen Christ breathed the Spirit on them and told them to **forgive the sins of others.** *Imagine, the first thing Jesus did after he rose from the dead was send his disciples out to forgive sins.* In the midst of their fear, anxiety and shame, Jesus restored them with the gifts of his *peace* and told them to carry on his ministry of **reconciliation.** Of course Thomas comes to faith a week later when he declares, "My Lord and my God!"

This Gospel message is still pertinent today! We receive the same commission to be about the **ministry of forgiving**, the ministry of unlocking the door to our heart, and the door to other's hearts so they too can experience the freedom and healing of God's love. We are called to set people free by pouring out on them **the same forgiveness** we have received from God. There's no better time than Easter, no better time than **Divine Mercy Sunday**, to put that **God-Given Forgiveness** into practice. We are reminded in the **Our Father** prayer, that we are only forgiven to the extent that we forgive others. Now is the day! Now is the hour, for the **real work** of Easter... for the real ministry of forgiveness. May the peace of the Risen Christ reign in our hearts and homes!

Fr. Gerard



To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you. *C.S. Lewis*

The sign of sincere love is to forgive wrongs done to us. It was with such love that the Lord loved the world. *St. Mark the Ascetic*

Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes to our Candidates and Catechumens who celebrated Sacraments of Initiation at our Easter Vigil!

David Corman, Ruby Wells and Maylen Escobar.

May God bless them on their faith journey.

We hold them in pray and offer them our fullest support.

A New Carmelite Saint



Blessed Titus Brandsma, O. Carm., will be canonized on Sunday, May 15th in St Peter's Square. 80 years after his death and 37 years after his beatification, Fr. Titus can be venerated as a saint by the entire Catholic Church. The Carmelite Order, the Church in The Netherlands, as well as the entire Carmelite Family joyfully welcome this much awaited news.



Sincere thanks to all of you who made our Holy Week and Easter Liturgies such a joyful experience. Thanks to **Carol, Sandra and our Adult Choir** for your tireless efforts in enhancing our liturgies with beautiful music. To **John Arnold and Anthony Scaringi** for sharing your gifts with us! To **Erin and Gemma** for cantoring. To our faithful parishioners who came out to **decorate the church** on Good Friday night! You did a fantastic job! To all who **donated toward the Easter Flowers** in memory of your loved one, your generosity is gratefully appreciated. To our **Eucharistic ministers, lectors, commentators, ushers and servers** for your wonderful ministry during the High Holy Days of our Church. And finally **thanks to you, our faithful parishioners** for your ongoing support and dedication to St. Pat's!

Fr. Gerard and Fr. Marc



On the Second Sunday of Easter of the Jubilee Year 2000, at the Mass for the Canonization of St. Faustina Kowalska, Pope John Paul II proclaimed to the world that "from now on throughout the Church" this Sunday will be called "Divine Mercy Sunday." During his homily, he made clear that the Image of **The Divine Mercy** that St. Faustina saw, which is to be venerated on Divine Mercy Sunday, represents the Risen Christ bringing mercy to the world. Pope John Paul II said: **"Jesus shows His hands and His side to the Apostles. He points to the wounds of the Passion, especially the wound in His Heart, the source from which flows the great wave of mercy poured out on humanity."** Divine Mercy Sunday is the Octave Day of Easter, a day that celebrates the merciful love of God shining through the whole Easter Triduum and the whole Easter mystery. It is a day of declaration of reparation for all sin, thus the Day of Atonement.

Dispensation from Sunday Mass Obligation

Passion/Palm Sunday marked the end of the general dispensation from the obligation to participate in the Sunday Mass granted by Bishop Bergie. Catholics are obliged to participate in the Eucharist on days of obligation, unless excused for a serious reason. Those excused for serious reason would include those who are homebound; those who are ill or have compromised health; caregivers of infants, or sick, elderly or homebound persons. Please speak with your pastor if you have questions about your personal circumstances.

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!

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

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