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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.

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
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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 9

5:00 Maria & Mario D'Amario req. by the Family
Peter Creamer req. by Mary & Family

Sunday, December 10 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Elisea Pietrobon req. by Ody & Diana Argenta
Frances Comeau req. by Fred & Lisa Persia

9:30 Trevor Watson req. by the Family
Gino Pullano req. by the Family

11:30 Bert Roy req. by Valerie & Family
Rick Heximer req. by the Family

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, December 11 St Damasus I

8:00 Maria Nhan & Anna In req. by Duy's Family
Josep Thuat & Anna Van req. by Duy's Family

Tuesday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo req. by Lidia Bonaldo
Christopher O'Shea req. by Colleen & Mary

9:15 St. Mary's & St. Patrick's School Mass

Wednesday, December 13 St Lucy

8:00 Pietro Pizzolato req. by the Family
Lucietta Marchese req. by her Children

Thursday, December 14 St John of the Cross

8:00 Willi Albert req. by Fern Albert
Lida Ermacore req. by the Family

Friday, December 15

8:00 Ethan Dean req. by Bill & Mary Beth Dean
Lena Altomara req. by the Family

Saturday, December 16

5:00 Victor Lea req. by Jeanne Lea & Family
Vincent & Ruby Crowley req. by the Family

Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski req. by Janusz & Komor Fam.
Luigi & Domenico Marcon req. by D&D Argenta & Girls

11:30 Anthony Hung Nguyen & Paul Le Su req. by the Family
Josephine & Frank Manella req. by the Family

7:00 Ray Sexton req. by Deb Speth & Family
Anthony & Lena Girardo req. by the Family

Sacramental Dates for 2017-2018

First Reconciliation- February 7, 2018 @ 7pm

Confirmation- April 14, 2018 @ 5pm

First Communion- May 6, 2018 @ 9:30 & 1:30



(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.)

Breakfast Program Volunteers needed... Please call Debbie at the Office for more info or if interested, 905-354-7451

Church Envelopes 2018

Offertory Envelopes are available in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, please pick yours up today. Many thanks.

Carmelite Mission Appeal December 9 - 10

This weekend, December 9 - 10, we will have our annual Carmelite Missions Appeal. Envelopes are at the doors of the Church today! So many people in our Carmelite Missions around the world, depend on our generosity year after year.



This is a wonderful opportunity, once again, to spring the Gospel into action! **Lord, when did we see you hungry?** Please be generous!!! We will be taking up a second collection immediately following the regular collection.



Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of John Buckner & Emilio Zannuti. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Jack Horth, Marie Cadman

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, John Nicks, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, Leon Dopke, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Helen Lelievre, Samuel Potapczyk, Adua Pizzolato, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Nancy Weiss, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrati, Wendy & John Calder, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonell, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Trudy Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Danielle Barranca, Iole Mancini, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Stan Manning, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Dettlor, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Dr. Andy Fisher, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Jill Leronowich, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Muriel Pivarnyk, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, Mary Brennan, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S, Dr. Andy Fisher, Carlo Trasmundi, Frank Sica

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

Collections

December 2 & 3 : \$7,027.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2017 & 2018

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Dec 17, January 21, February 11, April 15, May 13, June 17, July 15 & August 19** A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Dec 5, Jan & Feb meeting is together on January 16, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3 & August 7 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 all the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a special evening of preparation for parents and Godparents! Many blessings!

CWL News... Our annual Christmas Cookie Drive for those members of the parish who are no longer able to join us at church will take place on **Friday, December 15**. If you know someone who would enjoy a little Christmas Cheer, please put their name in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket, or call the Church office, 905-354-7451.

Is God calling You?

If you feel called to serve as **Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server, or Funeral Server**, please call the parish office. We will gladly arrange for a training sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or a family member/friend is interested in becoming a Catholic through a **Profession of Faith**, or desiring Baptism, or other Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist or Confirmation), please give your name to our Parish Office as soon as possible. Our first RCIA meeting will be held on **Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 PM** in the church. The sessions will resume after Christmas. During Lent we will meet once a week. This is also a wonderful opportunity for anyone who wants to "refresh or renew" their faith and theology!



Dear Friends:

This weekend we will be making an appeal for the Carmelite Missions, especially for our ministries in Peru, Mexico and El Salvador, where our Province serves. The needs are great in our mission territories, and it is only through the generosity of parishes like St. Pat's, that make this outreach possible. We also assist Carmelites all over the world in their efforts to help the poor, feed the hungry, house the homeless, and educate the children. We also assist in the formation of seminarians, and Religious men and women in several countries!



Today we begin the 2nd Week of Advent, and our Gospel introduces us to one of the most prominent Advent figures, John the Baptist! He invited people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah by acknowledging their sins and asking for forgiveness. **John** appeared in the wilderness and proclaimed **repentance** and offered baptism as preparation for the coming of God among us. And he did indeed come among us, as one of us, for 33 years! And he is still among us through his Spirit!

For us, Advent is also about the Second Coming. Our Christian life is an Advent... **waiting** in **JOYFUL HOPE**, or "**blessed hope**." But are we waiting in **blessed hope**... or are we anxious? Maybe we can let John



the Baptist speak to us. Is there something keeping me from God... from others? Do I need to repent of anything? Maybe it's my sin that's causing me anxiety? Maybe I don't feel worthy to stand before God. Maybe it's the things I fail to do that bothers me, the sins of omission. If so, this is a great season to heed John the

Baptist and avail ourselves of the grace-filled Sacrament of Reconciliation. Then we'll be ready and free, to greet the Lord when he comes! Then on Christmas morning this year... we will be able to celebrate the birthday of Jesus with a new joy... a "blessed joy!" Happy preparing! (Our Parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be held this coming Tuesday, December 12th at 7:00 PM.) God bless you all,

Fr. Gerard



Christmas Gift Campaign

Once again we will be helping spread our Christmas love and joy by providing gifts to some of our local needy children. Gift tags will be available at the main entrance of the Church again this weekend. We ask that you return your gifts with the tag attached by **Sunday, December 17th**! Please make this a family effort. Get the children involved.



Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>

Funeral for Mr. John Roy Buckner (1942-2017)



It was with great sadness that we announced last weekend, the passing of **Mr. John Buckner**, one of our faithful parishioners and lectors! Because John has no immediate family, the parish is overseeing his funeral arrangements. This **Monday, December 11th from 5:00-7:00 PM**, there will be a visitation in St. Patrick Church. This will be followed by a **Funeral Mass at 7:00 PM**. Interment will be private. Many thanks to all of you who have volunteered to sing, play, read and serve! Please come out and help give John a good send off! We are his family! He is our brother! Donations in John's memory may be made to **St. Patrick Breakfast Program**, or the **Carmelite Missions**, two of John's favourite charities to which he donated so often! May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Children's Christmas Pageant!

If you would like your child to play a role in this year's Christmas Pageant at the 4:30 PM Children's Mass in the church, please call the Parish Office as soon as possible. Role assignment and first rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 16th at 6:30 PM in the church. ***It is mandatory that you attend.***

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Christmas and New Year's Schedule 2017-2018

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23- 5:00 PM
Sunday, December 24- 8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM

Christmas Eve- Sunday, December 24

4:30 PM- (Children's Mass with Pageant)
4:30 PM- Gymnasium - Overflow Mass
6:30 PM- Adult Choir with Caroling
12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day-Monday, December 25

8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM... (No Evening Mass)

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday December 30- 5:00 PM
Sunday, December 31- 8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31- 5:00 PM (New Year's Eve)
Monday, January 1, 2018- 11:30 AM (New Year's Day)

Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 12- 7:00 PM

Decoration of Church

Wednesday, December 20- 7:00 PM



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps!
"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

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