

# Saint Patrick's Church

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Carol Martin - Director of Music  
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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

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.**

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Saturday, December 10

**5:00** Maria Quiquero *req. by Flaviano & Family*  
 Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family*

### Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

**8:00** Edna McDonough *req. by Shirley & Cathy*  
 Albert, Liberty & Heacock Families *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*

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

**11:30** Bert Roy *req. by Valerie & Family*  
 Immacolata Luciano *req. by Alessandro Luciano & Family*

**7:00** People of the Parish

### Monday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

**8:00** Roland Primeau *req. by Jeanne Lea & Family*  
 Msgr. Robert Martineau *req. by Maureen, John & David Kealey*

### Tuesday, December 13 St Lucy

**8:00** Rose Vukmanich *req. by the Catholic Womens League*  
 Adelina Sica *req. by Frank Sica*  
 Frank, Kay, Tim & Tom Hoday *req. by St. Angelo & Ogilvie Fam*

### Wednesday, December 14 St John of the Cross

**8:00** Glenn Power & Fred Doody *req. by Mary Power*  
 John Simon *req. by Ray & Suzanne Dietz*

### Thursday, December 15

**8:00** Rick Heximer *req. by Elizabeth Heximer & Family*  
 Ethan Corey Dean *req. by Bill & Mary Beth Dean*

### Friday, December 16

**8:00** Dec'd of the Bonaldo Family *req. by Gianni Bonaldo & Family*  
 Bridie McCann *req. by Mum & Dad*

### Saturday, December 17

**5:00** Victor Lea *req. by Jeanne & Family*  
 Lucy Atkinson *req. by Diane & Bob & Family*  
 Domenico, Flaviano & Filomena Quiquero *req. by Anna Quiquero & Fam*

### Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

**8:00** Agostino Compare *req. by his Wife & Children*  
 Sam Fisher *req. by the Family*

**9:30** Frank Ruberto *req. by Teresa Ruberto*  
 Lucy Atkinson *req. by Tim & Family*  
 Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski *req. by the Komor & Janusz Families*

**11:30** Gimino Cardamone *req. by Fiorina Cardamone & Family*  
 Giuseppe Elia *req. by Angelo & Theresa Elia*

**7:00** People of the Parish

### Children's Sacramental Dates 2017

Confirmation: Saturday, February 25, 2017 @ 5:00 PM.  
 First Reconciliation: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 @ 7:00 PM  
 First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2017 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

### RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

For the parents of children in St. Patrick parish who do not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary elementary schools.

If you wish your child to make their Sacraments here, would you give your name and your child's name to the parish office as soon as possible. We want to be able to keep in touch with you, keep you up to date and meet with you and your child to help you prepare for these important sacraments.

### Christmas Gift Campaign

Once again we will be helping spread our Christmas love and joy by providing gifts to some 150 local needy children. We ask that you return your gifts with the tag attached by Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>! Please make this a family effort. Get the children involved.



### Children's Christmas Pageant!

If you would like your child to play a role in this year's Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 PM Children's Mass, please call the Parish Office as soon as possible. Rehearsal times are in today's bulletin. Both Rehearsals are mandatory.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Anne Gallant. May she rest in peace. Please remember her family in your prayers.

### *Please pray for those who are hospitalized:*

Marcy Mallett, Darlene Wancha, Jean Lundy, Michael Brazeau, Phil Huntington

### *Please pray for those who are ill*

Mary Power, Patsy Power, Carmela Fruci, Emily Hanover, Drago Bicanic, Nancy Weiss, Wendy & John Calder, Jean Lundy, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Pat Ferro, Pauline Miner, Manfred Hawlitzky, Edna McDonnell, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gianni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Mary O'Shea, Dr. Andy Fisher, Dorothy Simon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Jill Leronowich, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Guiseppina Paonessa, Phyllis Higgins, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Todd Reid, Muriel Pivarnyik, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Patricia Desrosiers, Helen Rotella, Darlene Wancha, Brian Smith, Maria Benevento, Jeanne S, Gerry Keenan, Armando Alcaraz, Michelle Price

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

### Collections

December 3 & 4: \$6,181.00  
 St. Vincent de Paul: \$852.00  
 Many thanks for your generosity!

### Baptism Schedule for 2017

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, January 22, February 26, NO Baptisms in March or April**  
 A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **January 10 & Monday, February 13** 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!*

### 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 Monday, December 12 at 7:00 PM with Fr. Gerard, Fr. Marc and Mrs. Maureen Young, our catechist. 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! More information will be forthcoming.

Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps!

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





Dear Friends:

We have begun the 3rd Week of Advent! We're half way through this joyful season. Today is called **Gaudete** Sunday! **Gaudete** means **rejoice**. Rose vestments are worn to emphasize the joy that Christmas is coming. We will light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. As Christmas draws closer, the Church emphasizes the joy which should be in our hearts over the birth of our Savior. The ultimate joy for us Christians is to see the day when the Lord comes again in His glory to lead us into his Kingdom. The gradual progression of lights on our Advent wreath should lead us to open ourselves more and more to the warmth of God's presence. We keep in prayer all those who struggle this time of year, the grieving, the homeless, the poor, the lonely, those away from home, the unemployed! May they feel the warmth of God's presence!

*Rejoice*



This weekend, we are making an appeal for our **Carmelite Missions**. I can't help but think of all our Carmelite men and women scattered throughout the world bringing the Good News to so many people. What is the Prophet Isaiah or John the Baptist saying to those in our mission territories? Maybe they're saying, "There's so many who still need the valleys of hunger and thirst filled in their lives; so many who need

mountains of injustice and oppression made low; so many who still need to see the salvation of God."

My dear friends, may we never underestimate what we can do to help spread the Gospel in our Mission territories. We have so many Carmelite schools, orphanages, food kitchens, clinics and formation houses around the world. And they rely solely on Carmelite Parishes in North America and across Europe to help them. Let's bring them the Good News of God's Love through our Christian charity and stewardship! Let's increase the Advent Light in their lives! Come Lord Jesus! **Gaudete! Rejoice!**

Fr. Gerard

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"Your heart is filled with the joy of Christmas, so I'm scheduling you for angioplasty after the holidays."

### December 2016 Dates

Sun, December 10-11: Carmelite Mission Appeal  
Mon, December 12: 7:00 PM RCIA Meeting (Mandatory)  
**\*Tues, December 13: 7:00 PM Advent Reconciliation Service**  
Sat, December 17: 7:00 PM Christmas Pageant 1st Rehearsal  
Thurs, December 22: 7:00 PM Christmas Decorating Evening  
Friday, December 23: 7:00 PM Final Pageant Rehearsal

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

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier." *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### Saturday Dec. 24th Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Children's Mass with Pageant in Church  
4:00 PM Overflow Mass in Parish Gymnasium  
6:00 PM Mass with Adult Choir and Caroling  
7:30 PM Syro-Malabar Mass (Malayalam language)  
12:00 AM Midnight Mass

#### Sunday Dec. 25th Christmas Day

8:00 AM; 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM (No Evening Mass)

#### Update on our Second Refugee Family.

We are still awaiting the arrival of our second refugee family. Nine (9) other parishes in the diocese are still waiting for their first family. I was at a meeting with the diocese last Thursday night. The process is very slow. I've exhausted every form of contact with the authorities... and basically, we have to wait! There's not enough staff at the Canadian Embassy in Lebanon to process the applications. The staff were sent home after the "quota" was met last February. It's sad and shocking that we have a place for them to stay, and there's been very little movement. I communicate every week with the dad, Bassem. His wife Alma, and children, Celena and Alexandr are having a difficult time in Lebanon. First, because they are Christian, and second, because they are Syrian. It's so sad. They are really in an ADVENT, as they wait in hope for good things to come. In his correspondence last week Bassem wrote, "*Hi Dad, thanks for everything and we pray every day to go to Canada and tell my kids that there is a beautiful House, schools and friends waiting for you and we promise them always with beautiful days in Canada. See you soon. Thank you dad and thanks to everyone who helps us.*" Clearly the word "Father" doesn't translate well into English! Our first family, the Kraits, will be spreading their Canadian wings in February, as they become fully independent. Both mom and dad have jobs, Stephanie has settled in very well in school, they have saved enough money to buy a used car, so we will be hunting for a 2-bedroom apartment for them after Christmas! God bless our parishioners for making this ministry possible. To Team Members, we will have another Refugee Team Meeting as soon as we receive word about our Second Family!



Children are more than welcome, and absolutely and strongly encouraged to come and celebrate at St. Patrick's with their parents. We had an unfortunate episode recently whereby some unknown woman, scolded a young mother after the 9:30 Sunday Mass

about her children. The mother had 4 children with her. She was yelled at, and lectured in a rather demeaning fashion... "***If you're going to have that many children, you have to learn to control them first!***" The mother left our church in tears, with her 4 little children in tow! That's not what St. Pat's is all about. The children are our future. Please! We all need to be patient and tolerant. If a child is having a bad day, and is disrupting the entire congregation (which I have yet to see happen), parents can simply take the child to the foyer of the church, and have the ushers close the doors. A speaker has been installed in the foyer for that purpose. "***Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them!***" God bless our young parents! And welcome to all our little children. My deepest apologies to the mother and children involved.



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