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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-Pietrangelo - 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 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.

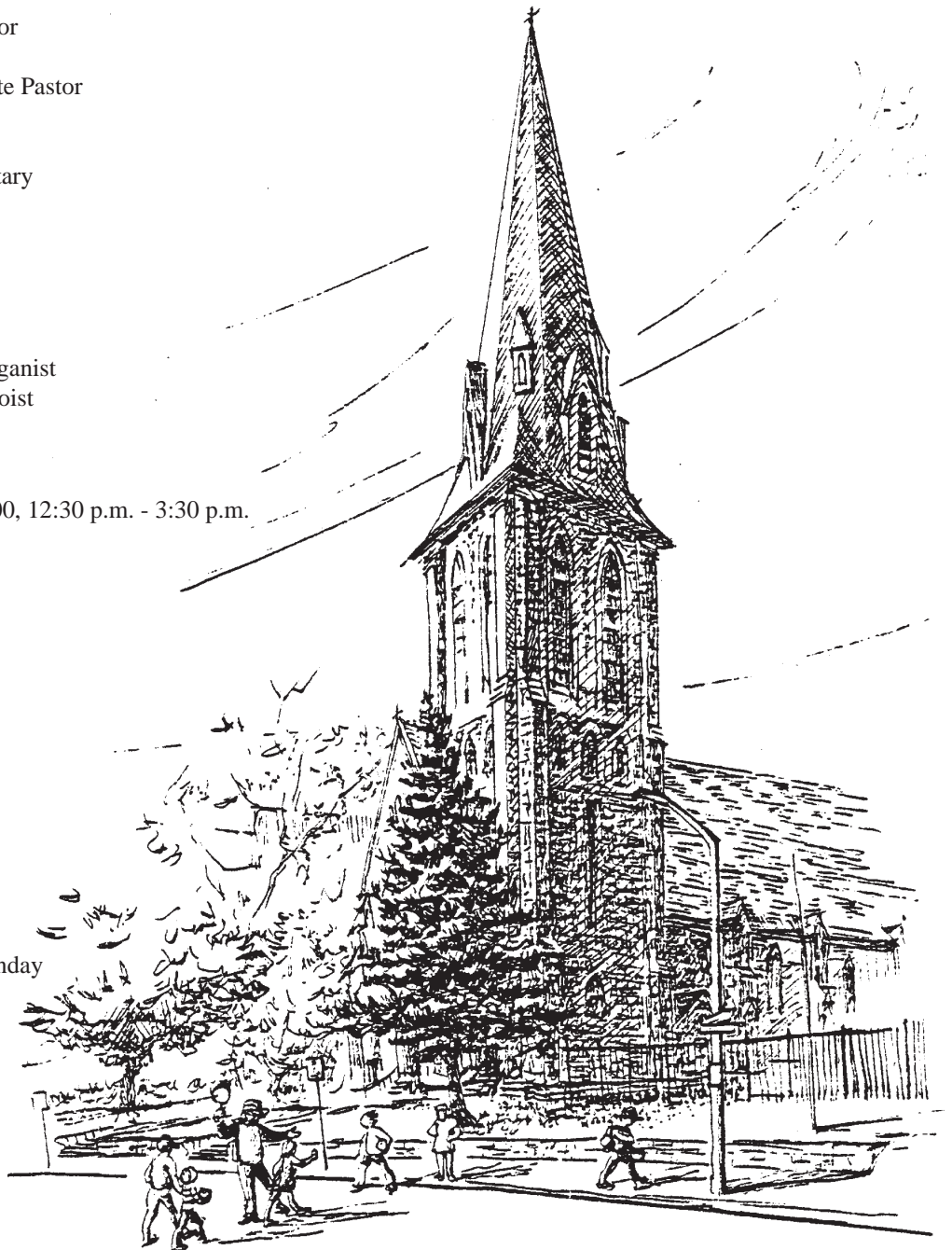
Schools

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 10 Our Lady of Loreto

5:00 Adua & Jean Pizzolato *req. by Angela & David Dumele*
Victor Lea *req. by Jeanne & Family*

Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 Fr. Ben Hogan *req. by Cliff & Teresa Sexton*
Ody Argenta *req. by the Family*

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

11:30 People of the Parish

Monday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 Kathryn Kneller *req. by Belle Liberty*
Bartolomeo Pietrangelo *req. by Carmela & Family*

Tuesday, December 13 St Lucy

8:00 Francine Littlewood *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*
Elizabeth Viscusi *req. by Connie Bertoia & Teresa Talarico*

Wednesday, December 14 St John of the Cross

8:00 Willi Albert *req. by the Family*
Luigi Coletti *req. by Nieces & Nephews*

Thursday, December 15

8:00 Ethan Corey Dean *req. by Bill & MaryBeth Dean*
Cecil Amadio *req. by Debbie & Steve Zelic & Family*

Friday, December 16

8:00 Leo Martin *req. by Eda Martin & Family*
Lina Altomare *req. by the Family*

Saturday, December 17

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family*
Deacon Pat O'Brien *req. by Dave & Maggie Scott*

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Luigi Marcon *req. by Louise Marcon & Family*
Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski *req. by their Dtr: Jean Janusz*
11:30 Rick Heximer *req. by the Family*
Albina Tonet *req. by Alba & Ann Marie*

Ministries... If you would like to serve as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Usher, Funeral Server, Altar Server or Children's Liturgy please let the parish office know and with great joy we will provide the necessary training!
Please call the office at 905-354-7451 if interested.

Communion ministers needed for Eventide Home

One of the ministries of Saint Patrick parish is to the residents of the RH Lawson Eventide home on Jepson Street. Communion is distributed in a service weekly, Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.. We are in need of more volunteers to help lead this weekly communion service. [Instruction will be provided.] If you feel you may be called to this important ministry, please contact the parish at 905-354-7451

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.

CWL News... Hello Ladies... Please note that your *CWL dues of \$40* are now past due for the 2023 calendar year ... as soon as possible please place your money / cheque in an envelope and label it with your name and *CWL dues for 2023* and place it in the collection ... or drop it off at the office or contact Maggie Scott at msscott@bhncdsb.ca or 905-246-6212 if you need to deliver it in a different way!!

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!*

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>
and watch Mass on our Facebook page

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Cole Farnham, Robert Power, Tony Laslo, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, David Gallina, Nancy Waters, Leila Khan, Natalie Speth, Cecilia Shugg, Jerry Slak, Jeanne S, John & Laura Giampa, Christine Pritty, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, Toni Brideau, Robert Morningstar, Leon French, Elaine Pampena, Tony Cuvillo, Rita Ross, Karen Watt, Ron O'Neill, Maureen Kealey, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Francis Patterson, Justin Vaillancourt, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, William JA De Foe, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Judy, D.D., Estelle Critelli, Bernadette Moore, Andrea Fisher, Sister Prem, Leroy Collee, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Joe Young, Angelina Greco, Maureen Tustin, Betty Crete, Jeannette Fabian, Teresa Hebb, Gaetan Buteau, Rose MacDonald, Edward Brzozowski, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Joe Power, Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, Tom Hilton, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Nancy Weiss, Marney Broderick, Mark Pepple, Anna Hunt, Bob Marshall, Brian Smith, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Pasquale Abrunzo, Samuel Potapczyk, John Calder, Todd Reid, Anna Chayer, Patricia Williams, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Jeanne Lea, Norma Zanus, Nancy Huber, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Nicolina Compare, Denise Colalillo, Carmella Modenti, Donna Bradley, Elizabeth Stachura, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Michelle Price, Vito Fuccillo, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Drago Bicanic, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Evelyn Rose Baker, Francesco Albanese, Gloria Smelko, Conner Hawkswell, Jackie, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Mary Jo O'Kell, Robert & Maria Melchiorre, Mary Brennan, Faith Amadio, Cheryl Granton, Alessia Commisso, Maria Guerin, Trina Washington, Isabell Frost, Jadwiga Wozniak, John O'Leary, Baby Victoria, Patrick Kealey, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Pepper Martin Jr., Cheryl D'Ammizio
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

December 4: \$6,570.40
Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2023

Confirmation: Saturday, February 4, 2023 @ 5:00 PM
Confirmation Commitment Ceremony: *Sunday, December 11, 2022 @ 11:30am Mass (all Candidates MUST attend)*
First Reconciliation: Tuesday, February 28, 2023 @ 7:00 PM
First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 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.)

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 _____



Dear Friends:

The Entrance Antiphon for today's Mass is, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near." We begin the 3rd Week of Advent! Today is **Gaudete** Sunday!

Rejoice

Gaudete means *rejoice*. The altar is dressed in the colour rose, the vestments are rose, the third Advent candle is rose. Rose emphasizes the joy that Christmas

is drawing near! Joy should fill our hearts as we prepare for the **birthday of our Savior**. We do our best to stay focused on the reason for Advent! Watching, waiting, preparing.

With that said, we know very well, that not everyone feels joy this time of year. We need to give extra love and attention to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one; those who are alone; those struggling to make ends meet; those battling depression; those who are homeless; those who are unemployed; and those who have deep chasms in their families.

The gradual progression of light on our Advent wreath should lead us to open ourselves more and more to the warmth of God's presence, to God's light in our darkness. God is with us through it all. Let's do everything we can to bring warmth and joy to those we meet! Be more attentive to those who are struggling. That's Advent! God bless you on this sacred journey to the Manger!

Fr. Gerard



"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made flesh." *Pope Francis*

"Advent is the spiritual season of hope par excellence, and in this season, the whole Church is called to be hope, for itself and for the world." *Pope Benedict XVI*

Sign up For Christmas Masses

There are sign-up sheets at the main entrance of the church for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers. Please make sure that every Christmas Mass is covered.

Christmas Children's Pageant

This year, we will once again have our Children's Christmas Pageant! If you would like your child to be part of the Pageant, our first rehearsal and role assignment is on **Saturday, December 10th at 7:00 PM!!!!** If you sign your child up, your child **MUST** be at the rehearsals. The format will be a little different this year.

Dates to Remember

Saturday, Dec. 10th 7:00 PM- First Pageant Rehearsal
Monday, Dec 19th 7:00 PM- Advent Reconciliation
Wednesday, Dec 21st 6:30 PM- Decorating of Church

Christmas Mass Schedule 2022

Christmas Eve- Saturday, Dec. 24th

4:00 PM -Children's Mass with Pageant (Church)
4:00 PM - Mass in Gymnasium
6:00 PM -Choir Mass (Caroling at 5:30 PM)
12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day- Sunday, Dec. 25th

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM



Christmas Gift Campaign

Please remember that your Christmas Gifts for local families must be returned this weekend.



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 **December 14th at 7:00 PM.**

Please meet at the parish office. 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!

There are two ways of waking up in the morning. One is to say, 'Good morning, Lord,' and the other is to say, 'Good Lord, morning!'
— *Fulton J. Sheen*

Little Flower Society Cards

Our parish office has Mass Cards in stock from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society. We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using these cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Vocation Efforts, and our Formation Programs in several countries.

St. Vincent de Paul

This past Saturday our St. Patrick Church SVDP Conference worked with Project Share staff to distribute toys and food gift cards for their Christmas effort. Through the efforts of our Bingo Team to raise money, and time spent by our parishioners volunteering to distribute aid with Project Share staff, our Parish and Conference are a significant partner in the effort to serve the poor and lessen the stigma of poverty. Our parish has also received \$20,000 during the year through our volunteer efforts at Delta Bingo. Many thanks to all! And many blessings!



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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