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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
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 11 St Damasus I

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

Sunday, December 12 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 Larry & Lucy Kitney *req. by Evelyn Kemp*
Dec'd of the Albert, Heacock & Liberty Fam *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*

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

11:30 People of the Parish
Albina Tonet *req. by Alba & Ann Marie Rondinelli*

7:00 NO MASS

Monday, December 13 St Lucy

8:00 For the Healing of Gaetan Buteau *req. by his Family*
Vincent Bernardi *req. by Norma & Family*

Tuesday, December 14 St John of the Cross

8:00 Willi Albert *req. by Fern Albert*
Glenn Power & Fred Doody *req. by Elaine Doody*

Wednesday, December 15

8:00 Ethan Corey Dean *req. by Mary Beth & Bill Dean*
Maria Piva *req. by Family*

Thursday, December 16

8:00 Richie Robinson *req. by Yolande Butterill*
Lina Altomare *req. by the Family*

Friday, December 17

8:00 Leo Martin *req. by Eda Martin & Family*
Agostino & Concetta Panetta *req. by Jim & Rosemary Panetta*

Saturday, December 18

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

Sunday, December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 Bruno Pietrobon *req. by Gloria Pietrobon*
Ody Argenta *req. by the Family*

9:30 Rosina Paonessa *req. by Tony & Rosa DeAngelis*
Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski *req. by Komor & Janusz Families*

11:30 People of the Parish
Immacolata Luciano *req. by Alessandro Luciano & Family*
Rick Heximer *req. by the Family*

7:00 NO MASS



Congratulations and best wishes to
Henry Leo De La Rosa, Theodore Benson De La Rosa Roy &
Reilly Andrew Corman
who were recently baptized

Mass Intentions for 2022

One of the greatest honours we can do for our deceased loved ones is to pray for them, and have Masses offered for them. Our **Mass Intention Book for 2022 is now open**. We ask that you place your intentions and dates, your name and phone number, along with the \$10 stipend per Mass in a special envelope, marked "Mass Intentions 2022". You can put it in the collection or drop it off at the office. Please be flexible with your dates. Given the Covid-19 restrictions, we can only have **one person in the office at a time**. Your intentions will be written in the book according to date received.

2022 Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes 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.

Attention CWL new and existing members, your Membership Dues of \$25 for 2022 are now due. Please submit to the Church Office or drop in the Offertory as soon as possible. Thank you

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Gus Bagarozza, Peter Merritt and Bridget Jesso. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Andrea Fisher, Leon French, Guy Snyder, Charlene Shannon, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Tony Laslo, Patrick Macri, Sandra DeFoe, Nancy Waters, Christine Pritty, Natalie Speth, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Marcellina Mativo, Lena Loro, Rita Ross, Francis Patterson, Fern Albert, Estelle Critelli, Dr. Andy Fisher, Ron O'Neill, Andrea Fisher, Nancy Mathewson, Kelsey Liles, Angelina Greco, Rosanna Ricci, Betty Crete, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Joe Young, Judy, Gaetan Buteau, Ralph Davey, Rose MacDonald, Kathryn Kneller, Maureen Tustin, Mahmat, Maureen Kealey, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Andy Scotnicki, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Dennis Bowers, Bianca MacDonnell, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Corinne Journeau, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Mary Ann Quigley, Teresa Hebb, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Mary Frances Pye, Nancy Weiss, Julian Cassidy, Marney Broderick, Sister Rose, Kerrie Such, John Nicks, Gregory Roulston, 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, Charlene Shannon, 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, 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, Florrie Heimbigner, 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'Ammizio, Bob Marshall
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

December 5: \$9,228.00
Carmelite Missions: \$9,575.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Dates 2022

Confirmation: Saturday, April 30, 2022

First Communion: For 2021 & 2022 TBA

(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.)

Little Flower Society Cards

Did you know that St. Patrick 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 those cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs in several countries.

The Soup Kitchen, Niagara Falls Community Outreach...

*Needs your help: Cash donations are appreciated as they receive no government funding. ncommunityoutreach.org 905-354-1640
All donations can be dropped off at 4865 St. Lawrence Avenue*

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.

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





Dear Friends:

The Third Sunday of Advent is here already! Today is **Gaudete** Sunday. **Gaudete** means **to rejoice**. Our readings are filled with so much joy and hope. And God knows we need joy and hope, especially with so many unknowns with this pandemic, and the new variant. We pray more earnestly that this will end soon.



In the 1st Reading, the prophet Zephaniah says, **Sing aloud, O daughter, Zion! Our Psalm, Shout aloud and sing for joy! St. Paul, from prison writes, Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice!** And in the Gospel, the people whom John was baptizing were filled with expectation!

The Church calls for **joyful hearts** as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. Even without this pandemic, there are many people who do not find this time of year to be joyful. Our call is to be there to help them, to give them reason **to rejoice**. We remember especially those who have lost a loved one this year. The first Christmas without a family member is very difficult and painful. We cannot take away another's grief, but **we can** be a comforting presence! We must be there to support those who are experiencing family and marital problems, those who are lonely, those who are estranged from their family. We remember, and do what we can, to help those who are homeless and poor; those facing financial hardships. That's what John calls for in today's Gospel, **share with those who have no coat and no food**.

Our parish has always been a giving parish, filled with many joyful and cheerful givers! We will certainly have many joyful hearts because of our Children's Christmas Gift Campaign! We signed out over 200 tags this year for gifts and grocery cards for local needy families! This is heartwarming. Let's continue to put light where there's no light, joy where there's no joy, and hope where there's no hope. Let's give others reason **to rejoice!** And may all of us **rejoice** in what God has done for us... and will do for us. **Gaudete!** Have a blessed 3rd week of Advent!

Fr. Gerard



Helping Local Children at Christmas

Many thanks to all of you for signing out gift tags for our Christmas campaign for local needy children and families. Please remember to return your gift cards to the church no later than this **Sunday, December 12th**. If you wish to make a monetary donation to this project, please make cheques payable to St. Patrick Parish. We always get last minute calls when everything has been distributed.



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

National Day of Prayer

On 12 December, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Church in Canada celebrates the **National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples**. This project, with the approval of the Bishops of Canada, has been coordinated since 2002 by the Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council. This year, the reflection by the Council centers on the theme **We are called to Healing, Forgiveness, Reconciliation**. "We, the Body of Christ, are called to live in friendship and harmony with all peoples. We are brothers and sisters of our One Creator God. God gives everything to all of us. God creates and sustains the wonderful diversity of peoples, cultures, races and creeds." There is an insert in today's parish bulletin, which also contains a prayer. May we do everything we can to work toward **Healing, Forgiveness and Reconciliation**.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are **PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY!!!!** Every person **must** have a pew pass to attend. Please call the parish office to pre-register during the following hours only: **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday to Friday**. You can pick up your passes at the parish office, or in the ushers room at Mass. These will be numbered and colour-coded for each Mass. Six-Foot Distancing must be strictly followed at each Mass, and wearing a Mask is mandatory, unless for medical reasons. Pre-register early. By telephone only!!! Priority will be given to parishioners. **All Passes MUST be picked up by December 23rd!**

St. Patrick Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Schedule All Masses are pre-registration only

Christmas Eve- Friday, December 24th

4:00 PM
4:00 PM- Mass in Gymnasium
6:00 PM
8:00 PM
12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day- Saturday, December 25th

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

The **Third Sunday of Advent** is known as **Gaudete** Sunday because of the first word "Rejoice" in the entrance antiphon of Sunday's Liturgy. "Rejoice" is also repeated throughout the readings and prayers. The vestments worn by the priest can be the colour rose. The third candle of the Advent wreath is also rose. Both are reminders that Christ's coming is very soon; we are nearing the end of Advent, and we can hardly contain our joy. (Miller)

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 Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 7:00 PM in the church. The sessions will resume after Christmas. During Lent we will meet once a week. More information will be forthcoming.

Advent Reconciliation

There will be no Communal Reconciliation Service. In its place, on Saturday, **December 11th and December 18th**, priests will be available in the church between 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM. Please enter through the Main Doors of Church. Masks must be worn except for medical reasons, and 6-foot distance must be maintained. Reconciliation is also available any time by appointment.

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