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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.

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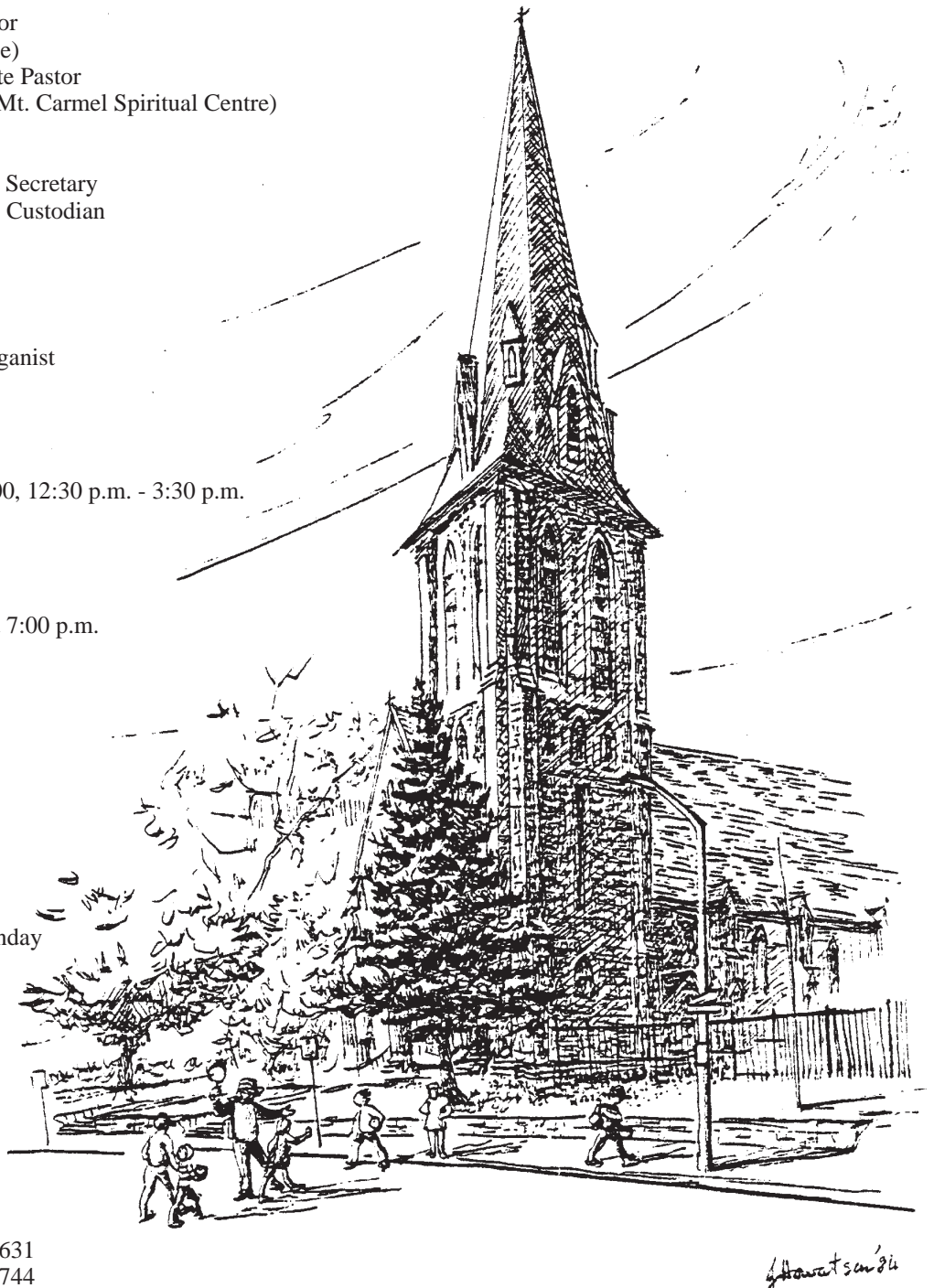
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Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop
Most Rev. John A. O'Mara, D.D., Bishop-Emeritus

Parish Established 1858
Church Dedicated 1895

New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family*
Irene & Robert Boyd Lavelle & Raymond Weaver & Sara Grant-Weaver *req. by Joyce & Family*

Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 Adelina Sica *req. by Frank Sica*
Lucietta Marchese *req. by her Children*
9:30 Mary Brodie *req. by Bob & Eleanor Adams*
Willie Albert *req. by Fern Albert*
11:30 Trevor Watson *req. by the Family*
Immacolata Luciano *req. by Alessandro Luciano & Family*
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, December 14 St John of the Cross

8:00 Fred Doody & Glenn Power *req. by the Doody Family*
Louie Merante *req. by Bologna & Rampado Families*

Tuesday, December 15

8:00 Rick Heximer *req. by the Family*
Ethan Cory Dean *req. by Mary Beth & Bill Dean*
9:15 St Mary School Mass

Wednesday, December 16

8:00 Adriana Biamonte *req. by Felice Antonio Biamonte & Family*
Lena Altomare *req. by the Family*

Thursday, December 17

8:00 Charlie Ogilvie *req. by John MacDonnell & Family*
Louis & Frances Campaner *req. by Vince & Carol Campaner & Fam*

Friday, December 18

8:00 Fern Cormier *req. by Belle Liberty*
Tony Strangis *req. by Zia Giannina Pullia*

Saturday, December 19

5:00 Victor Lea *req. by Jeanne & Family*
Domenico, Flaviano & Filomena Quiquero *req. by Anna & Family*

Sunday, December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 Bruno Pietrobon *req. by the Family*
Leopold Buteau *req. by the Family*
9:30 Agostino Compare *req. by Nicolina Compare & Family*
Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski *req. by the Komor & Janusz Families*
11:30 Josephine Manella *req. by the Family*
Burbidge, Murray, Gregus & Watson Families *req. by the Family*
7:00 People of the Parish

Sacramental Dates for 2016

First Reconciliation

(All Grade 2 Students)

Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7:00 PM

First Communion

St. Patrick and St. Mary Schools

Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 1:30 PM

Other Grade 2 Parishioners

Sunday, April 24, 2016 at 9:30 AM

Confirmation

Saturday, April 30, 2016 at 5:00 PM

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The members of the SSVP again seek your generosity in helping to make this Christmas a little brighter for those less fortunate in our city. This year we are anticipating a significant increase in those requiring our help and we would appreciate your financial assistance.

Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks.

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Mary Zanini, Lillian Pettay and Trish Dean. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos

Please pray for those who are ill

Deacon Patrick O'Brien, Lucy Atkinson, Edward Power, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O. Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Melchiorre, Jeannette Fabian, Cleo Gagno, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Msgr Vincent Ferrando, Danielle Barranca, Carmela Fruci, Lucy Rizzo, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Giovanni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Doreen Fletcher, Rosalyn Dagleish, Susan & Rick Rogers, Kitty Decicco, Patricia Desrosiers, 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 Pivarnyk, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Maria Colalillo, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Rita Bruneau, Orlando Garofalo, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Bruno Maiolo, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, BabyHope, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Rose Vukmanich, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, George O'Kelly, Mary Jo O'Kelly, Wanda Winslow, Baby Sebastian, Mae MacLean, Dorothy Doyle, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Chester Mottola, Shirley Machulla, Gerry Laffrati, Lorraine Spence

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

Collections

December 5 & 6: \$6,907.95

Refugee Sponsorship: \$62,000.00

St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,023.05

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2015 & 2016

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:

Sunday, Dec 27, Jan 24, Feb 28 (infants only), **no Mar Baptisms, April 17**

A **mandatory** meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, Dec 15, Jan 12, Feb 16, Monday Apr 4 at 7:00 pm.**

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 18**. 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.

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 15 at 7pm in the Church Sacristy** with Fr. Gerard, Fr. Marc and 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! **If you are interested please contact the Parish Office at 905-354-7451.**



Project
SHARE
Our Community At Work

Project Share sends a big thank-you for the full bins every week!!! Please continue to bring food items to Mass! Every item helps!

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"



Dear Friends:

Our scripture readings for this 3rd Sunday of Advent are filled with joy! Zephaniah says, **Sing aloud, O daughter, Zion!** Our Psalm, **Shout aloud and sing for joy!** St. Paul, from prison writes, **Rejoice in the Lord, again, I will say, Rejoice!** And in the Gospel, the people whom John was baptizing, were filled with expectation! Today is **Gaudete** Sunday. **Gaudete** means *to rejoice*.



The Church calls for **joyful hearts** as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. May we make more room for Christ in our lives. If there are areas of our lives that are

not joyful, then we **need** to do something about it... allow Christ in! What are the things that **"hinder me from welcoming Christ with joy?"** This Wednesday we will have our **Reconciliation service at 7:00 PM**. Maybe we can be freed from whatever weighs us down!

Many people 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. 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 none!**

Our parish has always been a giving parish, with so many joyful and cheerful givers! We will certainly have many joyful hearts because of our Children's Christmas Gift Campaign! We signed out some 300 tags! I can only imagine the joy our two refugee families must have felt after they were notified that they had a home in Niagara Falls! Especially having spent the past 16 months in a Lebanon Refugee Camp. Let's continue to put light where there's no light, hope where there's no hope, joy where there's no joy... and love where there's no love. 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

Keep Christ in Christmas! MC-OK!



HELPING LOCAL CHILDREN THIS CHRISTMAS

To all of you who signed out **gift tags** to help our local needy children, we ask that you return your gifts (unwrapped) with the tag attached by this **Tuesday, December 15th** by 10:00 AM. The gifts will be distributed in the afternoon! Many thanks, and God bless you for your kindness.

Please refer to the Bulletin Board at the back of the Church for many important notices and events

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, December 16th at 7:00 PM

Let's prepare our hearts and souls for the coming of God!



Carmelite Missions Appeal

This weekend, we have a visiting Carmelite, **Fr. Joseph**, to preach on the Carmelite Missions. Envelopes are available at the doors of the church and in your pews. Your assistance and generosity will be much appreciated by our Carmelite men and women serving in our missions throughout the world.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Children's Mass with Pageant in Church

4:00 PM Mass in Parish Gymnasium

6:00 PM Mass with Adult Choir and Caroling

12:00 AM Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

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

Mason 905-405-1100

Christmas Church Decorating will take place on Monday December 21 at 7:00pm.

Refugee Sponsorship

We have surpassed our \$30,000 goal of sponsoring a refugee family, so now we can joyfully sponsor two families. Our campaign has reached \$62,000! Thank you so much for your generosity! We are still waiting for the date when our families will arrive. In preparation, we are getting ready to rent and furnish our apartments. Furniture calls are coming in every day. We have sofas, dining sets and coffee-end tables. **We need more beds and dressers. We also will need household items for the two apartments: utensils, cutlery, dishes, glassware, lamps, pots and pans, linens, etc.** These items can be dropped off to the parish from Monday to Friday, 8:30-3:30. Our Diocese is hoping to rent some warehouse space so we can store extra furniture for other families who will be arriving. We have 14 parishes in the process of raising funds. God bless you for your generosity, in responding to this Gospel call! St. Pat's has always gone above and beyond! We are the first parish in our Diocese who have reached their goal, and made application! Our next **REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD ONCE WE RECEIVE NOTICE ABOUT THE ARRIVAL DATES OF OUR FAMILIES.**

PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND



Fr. Gerard is leading a **10-Day Pilgrimage** to Ireland from September 14-24, 2016: **Churches and Shrines of Ireland**. There are brochures in the parish office and also at the back of the church. We will fly direct from

Toronto to Dublin, 9 nights in 4-star hotels in Newry, Donegal, Galway, Cork, Kilkenny, and Dublin, experiencing many great sights and sounds, prayers and Masses! Daily Irish Breakfast, eight 3-Course Dinners, Irish Party Show, ferry ride, Luxury Coach, Guide etc!!! This pilgrimage is limited to 40 people!!! Cost is \$3495 per person (including taxes and fuel surcharges), based on double occupancy. Don't miss out!!!

The next **St. Patrick's Day Dance** is **Saturday March 12, 2016**

This Fun fund-raiser is run by a dedicated committee of volunteers. **Wanted a co-chairperson** to help oversee the dance, to assist with phone calls prior to dance and to help co-ordinate Prizes, Decorations and Raffle Draws the night of the dance. Interested persons please contact Colleen 905-374-4025 / colleen@vaxxine.com or the Church Office

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