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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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

5:00 Pietro Pizzolato req. by his Wife & Family
Faye Moore req. by the Family

Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 Mary Frances Patterson req. by the Family
Albert, Heacock & Liberty Families req. by Aileen Lelievre-Adams & Bryce Adams

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

11:30 Rick Heximer req. by Family
Antonietta Radice req. by the Family

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, December 14 St John of the Cross

8:00 Willie Albert req. by his Wife Fern & Family
Frank & Adelina Sica req. by the Family

Tuesday, December 15

8:00 Ethan Corey Dean req. by Bill & Mary Beth Dean
Christensen Family req. by the Jaski Family

Wednesday, December 16

8:00 Claudine req. by Jane, Gabriella & William
Dec'd mem of the Bortolin & Cometto Families req. by the Family

Thursday, December 17

8:00 Sam Di Carlo req. by Rachel Marcon & Family
Joseph Thuat & Anna Van req. by Duy's Family

Friday, December 18

8:00 Lidia Bonaldo req. by Maria Guerin & Family
Jean Lundy req. by Belle, Charlene & Jeanne

Saturday, December 19

5:00 Adua Pizzolato & Jean Pizzolato req. by Angela & Dave Dumele
Vincent & Ruby Crowley req. by the Family

Sunday, December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 Bruno Petrobon req. by the Family
Emily Hanover req. by her Family

9:30 Frank Ruberto req. by Teresa Ruberto
Feliksa & Jozef Brzozowski req. by the Komor & Janusz Families

11:30 Ody Argenta req. by his Family
Immacolata Luciano req. by Alessandro Lucia & Family

7:00 People of the Parish

Collections

December 6: \$8,067.06
Carmelite Missions: \$2,660.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

St. Patrick Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Schedule

Maximum permitted at each Mass is 110 persons

All Masses are pre-registration only

Christmas Eve- Thursday, December 24th

4:00 PM (Full)

4:00 PM- Mass in Gymnasium (Filling)

6:00 PM (Almost full)

8:00 PM (Filling quickly)

12:00 AM- Midnight Mass (Filling quickly)

Christmas Day- Friday, December 25th

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

11:30 AM

*11:30 AM (We will add a Mass in Gym if needed)

NO 7:00 PM MASS

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!

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Al Luciano. May he rest in peace. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Baby M, Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Rita Ross, Kathryn Kneller, Fern Albert, Andrea Fisher, Ron O'Neill, Francis Patterson, Leroy Collee, Eric Van Noort, Rose MacDonald, Ralph Davey, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Kealey, Betty Crete, Mahmat, Sean Sandel, Armando Rossi, Gerry Laffrady, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Dr. Andy Fisher, Bianca MacDonnell, Gus Bagarozza, Judy, Andy Scotnicki, Cyndee Matvichuk, Rosanna Ricci, Karen Bradley, Ron Winslow, Carmine Astorino, Corinne Journeau, Arlene Collee, Betty & Joe Power, Mary Ann Quigley, Maria Nobile, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Teresa Hebb, Carole Ann Ogilvie, Jarod Hickey, Julian Cassidy, Mary Frances Pye, Carol DeVilliers, Joe Young, Leo Martin, Marney Broderick, Sister Prem, Kerrie Szuch, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Pasquale Abrunzo, Alice Dalton, John Nicks, John Calder, Victor Sincich, Nancy Praakel, Bernadette Moore, Norma Zanuz, Patricia Williams, Mark Pepple, Nancy Huber, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Toni Brideau, Edward Brzozowski Jr., Nikki Mansfield, Lester Snow, John Cox, Nicolina Compare, Alvin Learn, James Moody Sr., Nancy Jean Rose, Charlene Shannon, Eric Corcoran, Carmella Modenti, Anna Hunt, Rose MacDonald, John Kealey, Elizabeth Stachura, Denise Colalillo, Brian Smith, Donna Bradley, Margaret Smith, Anna Vergalito, Helen Lelievre, Nancy Weiss, Jeanne Lea, Rebecca Evans, Samuel Potapczyk, Mary Lawrence, William JA De Foe, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Michelle Price, Donna Cormier, Margaret Waghorn, Drago Bicanic, Jeanne S, Bob Marshall, Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Vito Fuccillo, Tom Hilton, Robert & JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Marie Massolin, Jeannette Fabian, Francesco Albanese, Maria Melchiorre, Jozefa Bilski, Todd Reid, Mary Brennan, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Maria Guerin, Patricia O'Reilly, Audrey Vendramin, Faith Amadio, Patrick Kealey, Cheryl Granton, Walter Wallace, Florie Heimbigner, Francois Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, D.D., Alessia Comisso, Baby Victoria, Mary Jo O'Kell, Trina Washington, Cheryl D'Ammizio, Pepper Martin Jr.

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



Congratulations and best wishes to

Dawson DeMizio, Easton Oliver & Roman Menechella
who were recently baptized

CWL Ladies... please note that your CWL 2021 Annual Dues of \$25.00 is now due. Please put your envelope in the collection at the end of Mass or bring to the Parish Office. If you have any questions please call Maggie at 905-246-6212



Christmas Gift Campaign

Many thanks to all of you who have signed out gift tags for our Annual Christmas Gift Campaign. God bless you for your kindness! Many children will be happy, and many families will be fed.

Advent Reconciliation

There will be no Communal Reconciliation Service. In its place, on Saturday, December 12th and December 19th, priests will be available in the Sacristy and in the Ushers Room between 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM. Entry through Main Doors of Church. Masks must be worn except for medical reasons, and 6-foot distance must be maintained. Reconciliation is available any time by appointment.

Children Sacramental Dates 2021

Confirmation: Saturday, April 17, 2021 @ 5:00 PM

First Reconciliation: TBA

First Communion: Sunday, May 2, 2021 @ 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.)

Seniors Attending Mass

Now that the weather is turning colder, we still have to enter through the main doors of the church, and go through the proper screening. The Accessibility Entrance is there for anyone with mobility issues. That also includes our senior parishioners. If any of our seniors have difficulty with the front steps, or walking big distances, especially during the winter... please... please... for your convenience, park in the school parking lot, and feel free to use the Accessibility Entrance. It's more convenient and safer during these cold months. Stay safe.



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share!

Every item helps!

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"



Dear Friends:

Today is **Gaudete Sunday**, the 3rd Sunday of Advent. **Gaudete** means 'to rejoice'. Rose vestments are worn, and the Altar and Ambo are dressed in rose to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near. We also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath. Christmas will be here soon. Rejoice, Christ entered our lives as one of us, 2000 years ago! Rejoice, that He has brought us Salvation. Covid can never take that away.

Our Gospel today tells us about a man named John, who was **sent** by God to give **testimony** to the Light. This tells us about the vocation and mission of John the Baptist. He was **sent** (apostolein), apostle... to give **testimony** (marturios), martyr. John the Baptist is an apostle and a martyr. Actually, we could say he was the first Apostle, and also the first Christian Martyr, and also the last of the Old Testament Prophets!

Like John, we are called to be apostles and witnesses to Christ. At our Baptism, we were entrusted with a mission from God, to share his life with others, and to make his presence a reality in our world. The world needs our witness to Christ so badly. The world also needs **new** John the Baptists to point others to Jesus. That's our role. We are to be these witnesses. We are the ones called to stand up before friends, families, co-workers, and strangers, and say, **with our lives** more than our words, "*For me, the Life of Christ is more important than anything the world can offer.*" We have a responsibility to reflect the presence of Christ. The message of this 3rd Sunday of Advent is simple: **Our lives must lead others to rejoice in the Light.** This year, like none other, let's put light where there's no light, hope where there's no hope, and love where there's no love. Rejoice! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.



During Advent each year, we make 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! Sadly, we cannot take up a second collection this year. There's an envelope in with your offertory envelopes, or you can use your own envelope and indicate **Carmelite Missions**. We do what we can. Pray for our Missions! God bless you for your ongoing generosity.

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses are **PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY!!!!** Each individual **must** have a pew pass to attend. Please call the parish office to pre-register **9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday to Friday**. You can then pick up your passes at the parish office, or at the Ushers Room on the weekend. These passes will be numbered and colour-coded for each Mass. Only 110 people are permitted in the pews or in the Gym at each Mass. Pre-register early... 905.354.7451. Masses are filling up quickly.

From Bishop Bergie on CHRISTMAS MASSES

The celebration of Christmas is less than 2 weeks away. I am sure that many of you have begun thinking about how you will celebrate this feast in the midst of a pandemic. One of the more significant issues that we will have to face is the unknown. How many people will be coming to our Christmas Masses? Will there be large or small crowds? Each parish may experience things a little differently depending on location and demographics. I would like to offer you the following considerations as you make your preparations in churches that are only at 30 percent capacity with physical distancing.

1. For parishes anticipating large crowds, it is recommended that you preregister people. You can decide the best way to do this depending on your circumstances. There is a free computer program; however, if this process is done by phoning the parish office, it will allow those without a computer to participate.
2. If people are unable to attend Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day due to lack of space or concern regarding crowds, they should be reminded that the Church in her wisdom has established the Octave of Christmas. Individuals can celebrate Christmas and attend Mass on any of the eight days.
3. Concerns about crowds may also provide an opportunity to promote early morning Christmas Masses where, in recent times, the numbers have not been large.
4. It is important to note that the general dispensation for Sunday Masses also applies to Holy Days of Obligation (Christmas and Mary Mother of God).



Many thanks to our St. Patrick Bingo Committee for their wonderful work this year. Even during this pandemic, we are still able to receive some funds from Charitable Gaming.

2021 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.

The Soup Kitchen, Niagara Falls Community Outreach...

The Soup Kitchen needs our help: Cash donations are appreciated as they receive no government funding. nfcommunityoutreach.org 905-354-1640 All donations can be dropped off at 4865 St. Lawrence Avenue

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.

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

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