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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 16

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

Sunday, December 17 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski *req. by Janusz & Komor Fam.*
 Luigi & Domenico Marcon *req. by D&D Argenta & Girls*

11:30 Anthony Hung Nguyen & Paul Le Su *req. by the Family*
 Josephine & Frank Manella *req. by the Family*

7:00 Ray Sexton *req. by Deb Speth & Family*
 Anthony & Lena Girardo *req. by the Family*

Monday, December 18

8:00 Bruno Pietrobbon *req. by the Family*
 Jean Lundy *req. by Jeanne, Belle & Charlene*

Tuesday, December 19

8:00 Helen Heacock & Lydia MacDonnell *req. by Belle*
 Mary O'Shea *req. by Ian & Colleen O'Shea*

Wednesday, December 20

8:00 Marco Bortolin *req. by his Wife: Anna & Family*
 Antonio Roberto *req. by his Family*

Thursday, December 21 St Peter Canisius

8:00 Concetta & Agostino Panetta *req. by Rosemary & Jim Panetta*
 Caterina Ruberto *req. by Shirley & Ross Wallace*

Friday, December 22

8:00 Nancy & Nick Di Paolo *req. by Paul Di Paul*
 Pietro Guerin *req. by Maria & Family*

Saturday, December 23 St John of Kanty

5:00 Bridie McCann *req. by Mom & Dad*
 Gautier & Hunt Families *req. by John & Anna Hunt*

Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 Darlene Wancha *req. by Shirley, Berni & Jackie*
 Joseph & Michael Downes *req. by Rita & Family*

9:30 Domenic & Lucietta Marchese *req. by the Children*
 Dec'd of the Quiquero & Fiore Families *req. by Anna & Family*

11:30 People of the Parish

Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve

4:30pm People of the Parish
6:30pm People of the Parish
12:00am People of the Parish

Sacramental Dates for 2017-2018

First Reconciliation- February 7, 2018 @ 7pm
 Confirmation- April 14, 2018 @ 5pm
 First Communion- May 6, 2018 @ 9:30 & 1:30

(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 _____

We have married & wish to update our information _____

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of John Buckner & Carmen Elefante. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Jack Horth, Marie Cadman

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, John Nicks, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, Leon Dopke, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Helen Lelievre, Samuel Potapczyk, Adua Pizzolato, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Nancy Weiss, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Wendy & John Calder, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonnell, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Trudy Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Danielle Barranca, Iole Mancini, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Stan Manning, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Dettlor, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Dr. Andy Fisher, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Jill Leronowich, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Muriel Pivarnyik, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Mary Jo O'Kell, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, Mary Brennan, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Michelle Price, Brian Smith, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S, Dr. Andy Fisher, Carlo Trasmundi, Frank Sica

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

Collections

December 9 & 10 : \$6,491.42

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2017 & 2018

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: Sunday, Dec 17, January 21, February 11, April 15, May 13, June 17, July 15 & August 19
 A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Dec 5, Jan & Feb meeting is together on January 16, April 3, May 1, June 5, July 3 & August 7 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!

CWL News...The next CWL Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30pm in the Hall. (Please Note: New time)

Advent Children's Party

Thanks to our CWL for hosting the Advent Children's Party last Sunday. Thanks to all the volunteers at the craft tables. And a big Thank You to Santa and his very generous Elf! A good time was had by all!

Is God calling You?

If you feel called to serve as Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server, or Funeral Server, please call the parish office. We will gladly arrange for a training sessions.

Church Envelopes 2018

Offertory Envelopes are available in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, please pick yours up today. Many thanks.





Dear Friends:

(Today's bulletin material had to be submitted to the publisher last Monday, December 11th!)

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. Rejoice! Christmas is coming soon. Rejoice, Christ entered our lives as one of us, 2000 years ago!

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, he was the first Apostle, and also the first Christian Martyr.

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. It's sad to see certain facets of society demanding that all reference to CHRIST be taken out of CHRISTmas. Those who oppose a religious significance to Christmas are the first to transform the celebration of Christ's birth into the exact opposite! They reject Christ and distort Christmas to be nothing but a celebration of **materialism**. Sadly, this is so shallow, empty, and meaningless. Even Santa keeps Christ in Christmas!

The world needs **new** John the Baptists to point 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**. 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



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CAN YOU CHECK SANTA'S NICE LIST ... I'M PRETTY SURE I'M ON THAT ONE



Christmas Gift Campaign

Today, Sunday, December 17th is the deadline to return your gifts for our Local Needy Children! They will be distributed this week.

Children's Christmas Pageant!

If you would like your child to play a role in this year's Christmas Pageant at the 4:30 PM Children's Mass, please call the Parish Office as soon as possible. Role assignment and first rehearsal will be on Saturday, December 16th at 6:30 PM in the church. ***It is mandatory that you attend if you want a role.*** Our final dress rehearsal will be on Friday, December 22th at 6:30 PM.

Christmas and New Year's Schedule 2017-2018

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23- 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 24- 8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM

Christmas Eve- Sunday, December 24

4:30 PM- (Children's Mass with Pageant)

4:30 PM- Gymnasium - Overflow Mass

6:30 PM- Adult Choir with Caroling

12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day-Monday, December 25

8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM... (No Evening Mass)

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday December 30- 5:00 PM

Sunday, December 31- 8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31- 5:00 PM (New Year's Eve)

Monday, January 1, 2018- 11:30 AM (New Year's Day)

Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 12- 7:00 PM

Decoration of Church

Wednesday, December 20- 7:00 PM

Is God calling You?

If you feel called to serve as **Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server, or Funeral Server**, please call the parish office. We will gladly arrange for a training sessions.



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

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre Presentations:

7020 Stanley Avenue, 905-356-4113 carmelniagara.com

Carmelite Spirituality: The discussion group, Elijah's Well, meets the 2nd & 4th Friday at 7pm at Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre, Contact Jean 905-975-5326

Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry Support Group meets every second & fourth Monday of the month, (except Christmas Day), from 7 - 9pm at Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre. For information call 905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154

Carmelite Spirituality Group ... You are invited to Mt Carmel Monastery on the second Sunday of each month to explore Carmelite spirituality. Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre, 2 - 5pm www.carmelniagara.com

Monday to Friday Daily Mass at 11:15am

DID YOU KNOW?

For those of you who have Celiac Disease or are allergic to wheat products, our parish has special **Gluten-Free hosts** available. The onus is on you to let the presiding priest know before each Mass. He will ensure that he has it in his ciborium for you... or in a separate pyx. If you wish, you can also receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice. Simply, let the presider know before Mass.



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