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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 20

5:00 Victor Lea *req by Jeanne & Family*
Roger & Anita Archambault *req by Jeanne Lea & Family*

Sunday, December 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Sam DiCarlo *req by Mary DiCarlo & Family*
Luigi Marcon, Antonia & Giuseppe Lazzarin *req by Louise Marcon*
11:30 James & Flora Antonio *req by Antonio Family*
Immacolata & Alessandro Luciano *req by Children & Grandchildren*

Monday, December 22

8:00 Nancy & Nick DiPaolo *req by Rosemary Panetta*
Agostino, Concetta & Tony Panetta *req by Rosemary & Jim Panetta*

Tuesday, December 23 St John of Kanty

8:00 Lucrezia Rizzo *req by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families*
Luigi Coletti *req by Rosemary Panetta*

Wednesday, December 24

8:00 Marion Abbott *req by Graham, Nicole & Family*
Pietro Guerin *req by Maria Guerin*

Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve The Nativity of the Lord

4:00 People of the Parish

6:00 People of the Parish

8:00 People of the Parish

12:00 People of the Parish

Thursday, December 25 Christmas Day The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 People of the Parish

11:30 People of the Parish

Friday, December 26 St Stephen

8:00 Carmine DeMizio *req by the DeMizio Family*
Dec'd Gautier & Hunt Families *req by Anna & John Hunt*

Saturday, December 27 St John

5:00 Cecil & Charlene Shannon *req by the Family*
Madeline Rosati *req by the Grandchildren*

Sunday, December 28 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 Bruno Pietrobon *req by the Family*
Peter Moi *req by the Nguyen Family*
9:30 Francesco Ruberto *req by Teresa Ruberto*
Rosina Paonessa *req by Tony & Rosa DeAngelis*
11:30 People of the Parish

Monday, December 29 St Thomas Becket

8:00 Margaret & John Pederi *req by Margaret Pederi*
Oscar & Mercedes Bonaguro *req by the Family*

Tuesday, December 30

8:00 Giuseppe DiCarlo *req by Joanne & Frank Fortino*
Dec'd mem of the Picca & Di Paul Families *req by Lucy & John DiPaul*

Wednesday, December 31 St Sylvester I, New Year's Eve

8:00 Fr. Ben Hogan *req by John Roberts*
Ruth McQuade *req by Parish Staff*
5:00 Bruno Gagno *req. by Nancy & Randy*
Charlene Shannon *req. by an old Friend*

Thursday, January 1 World Day of Peace, New Years Day

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

11:30 Mark & Wanda Solomon *req. by Joe & Nancy Solomon*
Dec'd mem. of the Sacco & Villella Families *req. by the Family*

Friday, January 2 Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 Helen Buckley *req by the Family*
Marie & Jack Cadman *req by Friends*

Saturday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

5:00 In Honour of Gina Tigin *req by the Family*
For the Healing of Joseph DellaPeruta *req by Laura Lee*

Sunday, January 4 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 Giuseppina Canali *req by Anne & John Condotta*
Marie & Clarence Adams *req by Aileen & Bryce Adams*
9:30 People of the Parish
11:30 Marian Abbott *req by the Luciano Family*
Marilyn & Leo Quinn *req by the Family*

Call to Serve ... Your community needs you to share your gifts! Please consider being a minister in your community as **Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Funeral Server, or Usher.**
Give your name to the parish office and we will train you!

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Rosina Critelli, Stephanie (Beaupre) Little and Roger Paradis. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill. We are currently updating our sick list. This will be limited to parishioners and family members who are hospitalized or chronically ill. Please be advised that only an immediate family member can request a name to be added to this list.

John Franklin, Mila Clark, Mary Power, Howard Wales, Madeleine Jackson, Maureen Young, Bettyjean DeFoe, Dan M., Norah Marrie, Isabell Frost, Don Antonio, Nancy McKinley, Victor Pizzolato, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Tom Murray, Norm Scott, Edward Brzozowski, Emma Corfield, Jeanne Lea, Joe Antonio, Theresa Prentice, Anna Tartaglia, Leonardo Gualtieri, Muriel Lafford, Baby Max, Robert Orsini, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Toni Brideau, D.D., Scott MacLaren, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Leila Khan, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Anna Hunt, Mary Jo O'Kell, Nancy Waters, John Arnold, Leroy Collee, Andrew Zacharuk, Jeanne S, Patrick Macri, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Eric Van Noort, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Julian Cassidy, Lorraine Spence, Estelle Critelli, Rita Ross, S.H., Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Leon French, Tony Cuvillo, Kelsey Liles, William JA DeFoe, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Sr. Prem, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanus, Judy, Kerrie Szuch, Betty Crete, Bob Marshall, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Karen Bradley, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Arlene Collee, John Calder, Maria Guerin, Gregory Roulston, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, Julie Nicholson, Samuel Potapczyk, Francesco Albanese, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Margaret Waghorn, Evelyn Rose Baker, Patricia O'Reilly, Fran Smelko, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Faith Amadio, Vanessa Athoe, Walter Wallace, Elizabeth Stachura, Marie Brooker, Francois Chayer, Jozefa Bilski, Elda Schneider, Susana Flego, Patricia Flego, Cynthia Alegre, Josie Wojciechowska

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

Collections

December 14: \$8,354.51

Carmelite Missions: \$5,188.10

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2026

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday January 25, February 15, April 26 & May 31.** A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **Jan13, Feb 3, Apr 14 & May 19 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 the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a mandatory evening of preparation for parents and Godparents!*

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.

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

Vincent's... The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is looking for dedicated volunteers for 3 hours per week... Call 289-296-3807 or apply in person, 5970 Lundy's Lane. Store hours, Tuesday to Saturday 10am - 4pm. Join our team and share some hope!

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



(Please remember that you can e-transfer your Sunday Offertory as a direct deposit to stpatrick1895@hotmail.com) No password is required. Many thanks for your generosity.

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(Today's Bulletin is for December 21st, Christmas Day and December 28th. This material had to be sent to the publisher on December 15th)

4th Sunday of Advent

Today we pay homage to **Mary and Joseph**. Isaiah tells us about a young woman who will give birth to a son, and name him Emmanuel! In Matthew's Gospel, we have this prophesy fulfilled! The angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him **not to be afraid** to take Mary as his wife. We can only imagine their fear. Here was Joseph, engaged to Mary... and she was with child! What would people think? **MARY** said yes without knowing what her **yes** entailed! Joseph also did as the Angel asked. They both trusted God, and knew that with God, **all things were possible**. God does not ask anything of us, that we cannot handle. **"I will be with you always. Do not be afraid!"** These words said to Mary and Joseph, are also said to us. God never left their side. Mary and Joseph brought Christ to birth, and we know Mary was at her Son's side right to the Cross! God never leaves our side either. And that's Good News! May Mary and Joseph intercede for us, and draw us ever closer to Jesus, as we await the celebration of his Birth on Christmas Day!



Christmas 2025

On behalf of Fr. Joi, Fr. Marvin, Deacon David and our staff, I wish you a very blessed and happy Christmas! Today is a joyful day, the **Birth of our Lord and Saviour**. We rejoice again in the opportunity to celebrate His Birthday. There is so much that surrounds the celebration of Christmas, that we can miss the whole meaning. As important as family gatherings, festive meals, parties, gift-exchanges are, may we never forget the fact that **Christmas is ultimately about God**. It's about God fulfilling his promises, saving his people, coming to us, as one of us, in the person of Jesus. With all the humdrum out there, this truth can be so easily missed!



Christmas is all about Jesus. And if Christ is not in Christmas, then Christmas doesn't mount to very much. May we know and feel the joy that comes from the mystery of Christ's birth among us, and continue to be witnesses of Christ's mercy to one another. My prayer is that we will each do our blessed part to Keep Christ in Christmas... and to keep Christ deeply rooted in our personal lives, and in our families. **May the New-Born Saviour fill our hearts and homes with love, joy and peace! God bless you all. Merry Christmas!**

The Holy Family - December 28th

We can be tempted to look at the Holy Family as an **ideal**, which we could never realize in our own families. But, **Mary, Joseph and Jesus** had their struggles too! The trust that is fundamental to a marriage was challenged by Mary's pregnancy. Then, Joseph had to bring Mary to a stable to give birth. Then flee from the wrath of Herod, to Egypt, away from family and traditions. Yet, they made it through the difficulties of their **family life** because of their **great faith**. Mary and Joseph's life was fueled by their faith, hope, joy and trust in God and God's promises. This is a great occasion to look at our own families. None of our families will ever be perfect, but there's absolutely no reason why our families can't be a little **holier and sacred, and joy-filled**. May Jesus, Mary and Joseph intercede for us, and draw our families closer together.

The only gift is giving to the poor; All else is exchange" *Thiruvalluvar, poet c. 30 BCE*
A God who became so small could only be mercy and love" *St. Thérèse*

Date to Remember

Monday, Dec 22nd 6:30 PM- Decorating of Church



Christmas Mass Schedule 2025

Christmas Eve - Wednesday, Dec. 24th

4:00 PM - Children's Mass with Children's Choir
6:00 PM - Mass with Adult Choir (Caroling at 5:30 PM)
8:00 PM - Mass
12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day- Thursday, Dec. 25th

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

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve – Dec 31, 2025: 5:00 PM
New Year's Day – Jan 1, 2026: 11:30 AM

A Child's Grace for Christmas Dinner

O God, we thank you for this day.
Bless all we do and all we say.
May we each enjoy your blessings great
As Jesus' Birth we celebrate.
And may the love that we share here
Remain throughout the coming year. Amen!

Prayer For Those who Grieve at Christmas



Comforting God, while the world is bright and sparkling, my heart feels laden and has an emptiness that cannot be filled. How can I enter into this season of joy? Instead of entering into the **Rejoice** of Christmas, I long for the sorrow of Lent. I beg you Lord, show me how the two are connected. I ponder the name *Emmanuel* and know that it means "God with us." With us. With me in this world, in this sorrow. If I look beyond my pain, I know that you too, suffered so much in this world. I never understood so clearly before that *Emmanuel* is what your nativity is really about. You are in my world, in my pain. Thank you, Lord, for the loved one you blessed my life with. Grant me now in my grief, a peace. Give me a comfort that might not make the tears go away, but that lets me feel your presence as you take up a place deep in my heart, *with me*.

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.

Happy Birthday to our Pastor! He turns **Sixty-One** on Dec. 30th!!!
He came to St. Pat's when he was 37... so you do the math! ☺

I told Santa you were good this year.... and...
He hasn't stopped laughing since!

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