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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, December 3 St Francis Xavier

5:00 Pete Mundier *req. by the Family*
Irene & Robert Boyd Lavelle & Raymond H Weaver & Sara Grant-Weaver *req. by Joyce Weaver*

Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Ted Pante *req. by Corinna Pante*
Kelly Morelato *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*
9:30 Michela DeNicholais *req. by Augusta Macri & Family*
Luigi & Domenico Marcon *req. by D & D Argenta & Girls*
11:30 Mary Watson *req. by the Family*
Elisea Pietrobon *req. by Ody & Diana Argenta*
Sebastiano Sam Radice *req. by his Wife: Antonietta & Family*
7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, December 5

8:00 Rose Vukmanich *req. by Marie & Charlene*
Joseph Thuat & Phero Khai *req. by Duy's Family*

Tuesday, December 6 St Nicholas

8:00 Irene House *req. by Monique Grouix*
Michelon Bonaldo & Family *req. by Gianni Bonaldo & Family*

Wednesday, December 7 St Ambrose

8:00 Dr. & Mrs. RJ Connors *req. by the Family*
Carmela Muzzi *req. by Richard & Judy Schrader*

Thursday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Stanley Ross *req. by Sandra & Keith Gowans*
In Hon. of the Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary *req. by Alba Rondinelli*

Friday, December 9 St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

8:00 Dennis Pecarski *req. by Richard & Judy Schrader*
Louise Kealey *req. by her Hsb: David Kealey*

Saturday, December 10

5:00 Maria Quiquero *req. by Flaviano & Family*
Vincent & Ruby Crowley *req. by the Family*

Sunday, December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 Edna McDonough *req. by Shirley & Cathy*
Albert, Liberty & Heacock Families *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*
9:30 Gino Pullano *req. by the Family*
Trevor Watson *req. by the Family*
11:30 Bert Roy *req. by Valerie & Family*
Immacolata Luciano *req. by Alessandro Luciano & Family*
7:00 People of the Parish

Children's Sacramental Dates 2017

Confirmation: Saturday, February 25, 2017 @ 5:00 PM.
First Reconciliation: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 @ 7:00 PM
First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2017 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

For the parents of children in St. Patrick parish who do not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary elementary schools.

If you wish your child to make their Sacraments here, would you give your name and your child's name to the parish office as soon as possible. We want to be able to keep in touch with you, keep you up to date and meet with you and your child to help you prepare for these important sacraments.

Patterson Funeral Home *Christmas of Hope Candlelight Memorial Service* will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2016 at 7:00pm at Our Lady of the Scapular Church. All are welcome to attend. For more information please call the Funeral Home at 905-358-3513 or visit www.pattersonfuneralhome.com



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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Mary Wilkes-Matthews & Jane Mary Harrison. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Marcy Mallett, Darlene Wancha, Jean Lundy, Michael Brazeau

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Patsy Power, Carmela Fruci, Nancy Weiss, Wendy & John Calder, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffradi, Pat Ferro, Pauline Miner, Manfred Hawlitzky, Edna McDonnell, Fran Smelko, Sharon Regular, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Bette Anne Chevalier, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Gionni Bonaldo, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Alice Dalton, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Joanna Daniels, Ray Sexton, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Mary O'Shea, Dr. Andy Fisher, Dorothy Simon, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerlin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Jill Leronowich, Vince (Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Guiseppina Paonessa, Phyllis Higgins, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Todd Reid, Muriel Pivarnyik, Helen Lelievre, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Marie Cleary, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghorn, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Comisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Lorraine Spence, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Patricia Desrosiers, Helen Rotella, Brian Smith, Maria Benevento, Jeanne S, Gerry Keenan, Armando Alcaraz, Michelle Price

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

Collections

November 26 & 27: \$9,152.00
Deo Gratis: \$557.00
Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2016 & 2017

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, December 11, January 22, February 26, NO Baptisms in March or April**
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, December 6, January 10 & Monday, February 13 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!

"Vincent's" the New St. Vincent de Paul Store is now opened

If you have 4 Hours to spare and would like to volunteer at the St. Vincent de Paul Store 5970 Lundy's Lane (few steps from Main & Ferry)
Please call Nicole 905-358-4687 and leave a message

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 Monday, December 12 at 7:00 PM with Fr. Gerard, Fr. Marc and Mrs. 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! More information will be forthcoming.



Dear Friends:

As I write this, it is raining cats and dogs! Thank God, it is not snow! Today we begin the 2nd Week of Advent. And just in case we feel overwhelmed with the fast approach of Christmas, we need to force ourselves to slow down! You will hear it said many times, that the preparation for Christmas should not be a time of stress, and blatant commercialism, that we have allowed society to dictate. Our preparations should really be a time of prayer, reflection, and also joy! It's a spiritual time. The gift-giving and receiving should not be a matter of outdoing each other, but rather a sign of the life-giving sacrificial love that came into the world when Jesus was born! And we know the great sacrifice by which he died!

From the Prophet Isaiah this Sunday, we hear Isaiah prophesy about Jesus: "A shoot shall come from the stump of Jesse!" And he tells us how the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him. And he names the various gifts or spirits: **wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge and fear of the Lord!** These are also the gifts given graciously to each of us at our Confirmation! This is a great season to use these gifts to help us focus on the real meaning of Advent and Christmas.

In today's Gospel, we have our famous Advent character, **John the Baptist**. John foretells Jesus' coming, calls everyone to **repent**, to **prepare the Lord's way**, and **make straight** his paths. So whatever needs to be straightened out in our lives, to prepare for Jesus' Birthday, and ultimately his Second Coming, NOW is the time to do it! Maybe we can reach out to the needy, or lonely, or perhaps even avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Keep Christ in Advent.... and Keep Christ in Christmas! Many blessings!

Fr. Gerard



"Take time to be aware that in the very midst of our busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in the Bethlehems of our homes and daily lives. Take time, slow down, be still, be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary yet is wondrously present." *Edward Hays*

December 2016 Dates

Sun, December 10-11: Carmelite Mission Appeal
 Mon, December 12: 7:00 PM RCIA Meeting (Mandatory)
***Tues, December 13: 7:00 PM Advent Reconciliation Service**
 Sat, December 17: 7:00 PM Christmas Pageant 1st Rehearsal
 Thurs, December 22: 7:00 PM Christmas Decorating Evening
 Friday, December 23: 7:00 PM Final Pageant Rehearsal

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday Dec. 24th Christmas Eve

4:00 PM Children's Mass with Pageant in Church
 4:00 PM Overflow Mass in Parish Gymnasium
 6:00 PM Mass with Adult Choir and Caroling
 12:00 AM Midnight Mass

Sunday Dec. 25th Christmas Day

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

Christmas Gift Campaign

Once again we will be helping spread our Christmas love and joy by providing gifts to some of our local needy children. Gift tags are available at the main entrance of the Church again this weekend. We ask that you return your gifts with the tag attached by Sunday, December 18th! Please make this a family effort. Get the children involved.



Children's Christmas Pageant!

If you would like your child to play a role in this year's Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 PM Children's Mass, please call the Parish Office as soon as possible. Rehearsal times are in today's bulletin. Both Rehearsals are mandatory.



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

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.

Hospital Visits... If you have a family member in hospital, and would like a visit from one of our priests, or wish to celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please let the parish office know, 905-354-7451. St. Patrick Parish covers the on-call pager for GNGH from Tuesday 8 AM until Wed 8 AM. The hospital staff can put you in touch with the on-call chaplain at any time.

St. Thomas More Choir & Friends Christmas Concert
 at Mt. Carmel on Sunday, December 4 at 2:30pm
 Tickets are \$17 at the Door or \$12 in Advance, Family of 4 \$40
 Advance price only -- Tickets available at
 St. Thomas More Church 905-356-7533 or Mt. Carmel Gift Shop

2017 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.

Congratulations and best wishes to those who were baptized in October & November

Olivia Massi, Presley Pietrangelo, River Coutu, Lawrence Keller, Blakely Rootes, Jameson Rootes, Isaac Rossi and Gracelyn Sacco.



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

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

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