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Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
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Rev. Marc Bell, O.Carm., Associate Pastor  
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## **Music Ministry**

Carol Martin - Director of Music  
Sandra DiCienzo - Organist  
Tim Marrie - Pianist and Soloist  
Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist  
Ashley Gallardi - Soloist

## **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 5

**5:00** Assunta Maiuri req. by Peter & Stefanie Maiuri  
Sophie Potapczyk req. by Mary & John Lolbuc

### Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent

**8:00** People of the Parish

**9:30** Michela DeNicolais req. by Augusta Macri & Family

Maria & Mario D'Amario req. by Adele & Family

**11:30** Mary Watson & John Watson Sr. & Jr. req. by Family

Josephine & Frank Manella req. by the Family

**7:00** Thomas Rondinelli req. by Ann Marie

Rino & John Leo, Sante & Amelia Giacobetti & Angelo & Angela Leo

req. by the Family

### Monday, December 7 St Ambrose

**8:00** Dec'd mem. of the Albert Family req. by Fern Albert

Bartolomio Pietrangelo req. by the Family

### Tuesday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**8:00** Paul Di Marco req. by Kathy & Rick Woram

Giustina Bombicino req. by her Dtr: Clara & Family

### Wednesday, December 9 St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

**8:00** Joe Cleary req. by Muriel Lafford

Lidia Bonaldo req. by Chris St. Angelo

### Thursday, December 10 Our Lady of Loreto

**8:00** Bert Roy req. by Valerie & Family

Carmen Maccarrone req. by Rachel Marcon & Family

### Friday, December 11 St Damasus I

**8:00** Sophie Potapczyk req. by Peggy, Les & Family

In Thanksgiving req. by Charlene Shannon

### 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

### Collections

November 29: \$4,636.29

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**

**4:00 PM-** Mass in Gymnasium

**6:00 PM**

**8:00 PM**

**12:00 AM-** Midnight Mass

### 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!

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

Every item helps!

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Fr. Lawrence Martis and Fr. Peter Hinde, O.Carm. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families 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 Laffrati, 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 Zanus, 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, Florrie Heimbigner, Francois Chayer, Jadwiga Wozniak, Julie Nicholson, Stefanie Borin, Patrick McCarthy, D.D., Alessia Commisso, 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  
Giuliana Fragomeni & Luca Mario Venneri  
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. The deadline for returning gift cards is this Sunday, December 6th. God bless you for your kindness!



### 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 Sunday 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 long 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.





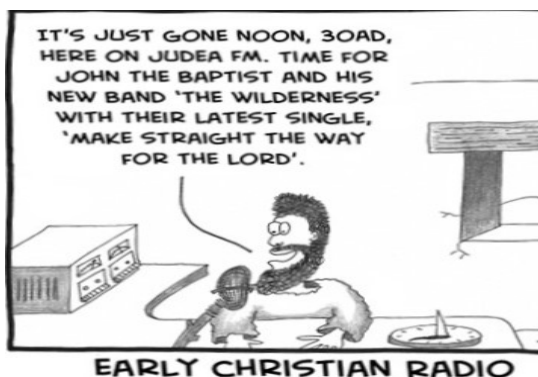
Dear Friends:

Today we begin the 2nd Week of Advent. Our Gospel introduces us to one of the most prominent Advent figures, John the Baptist! He was sent by God to prepare the people for the coming of the Messiah. He called the people to acknowledge their sins and seek forgiveness. He appeared in the wilderness, proclaimed *repentance* and offered baptism as preparation for the coming of God among us. And he did indeed come among us, as one of us, for 33 years! And he is still among us this day, this Advent. Our entire Christian life is an Advent... **waiting in JOYFUL HOPE, or "blessed hope"** for the Second Coming.

No matter what struggles we're experiencing, and God knows it's a trying year, we need to hold fast to **hope**. Can we wait in **blessed hope**... giving over to God our **anxieties and distress and fears**? Maybe we can let John the Baptist speak to us, and intercede for us. We each have to spiritually prepare for the Saviour's Birth. Is there something keeping me from God... from others? Do I need to repent of anything? Maybe my sin is causing me anxiety? Maybe I don't feel worthy to stand before God. Maybe it's the things I fail to do that bothers me. If so, this is a great season to heed John the Baptist and avail ourselves of the grace-filled Sacrament of Reconciliation.

My prayer is that we will all feel ready and free, to greet the Lord when he comes! And especially to greet the Lord on Christmas morning this year, no matter how much our Christmas plans have been altered and changed! I wish everyone a blessed hope and a blessed joy as we prepare. With God, all things are possible. God bless you all,

Fr. Gerard



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.

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

## 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. [At the time of this bulletin printing, Tuesday, November 30th, the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass in the church is already at capacity.]

### From Bishop Bergie on CHRISTMAS MASSES

The celebration of Christmas is a little over a month 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 and to Delta Bingo for their wonderful work this year. Even during this pandemic, we are still able to receive some funds from Charitable Gaming.



Thank you Delta Bingo for your continuing support of the St. Patrick's community.

### 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.

**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](mailto:tribunal@saintcd.com).



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