

# Saint Patrick's Church

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
(Director in Canada, Society of the Little Flower)  
Rev. Joiez Fern Piñon, O.Carm., Associate Pastor  
Rev. Marvin Diongzon, O.Carm., Associate Pastor  
Rev. Mr. David Scott, Deacon  
Debbie Herman, Secretary  
Alice Corfield, Bookkeeper Secretary  
Brian Kneller, Caretaker

## Music Ministry

Carol Martin - Director of Music  
Sandra DiCienzo - Organist  
Tim Marrie - Pianist and Soloist  
Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist  
Ashley Gallardi-Pietrangelo - 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 and 11:30 a.m.

## Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

## Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
or by appointment

## Baptism

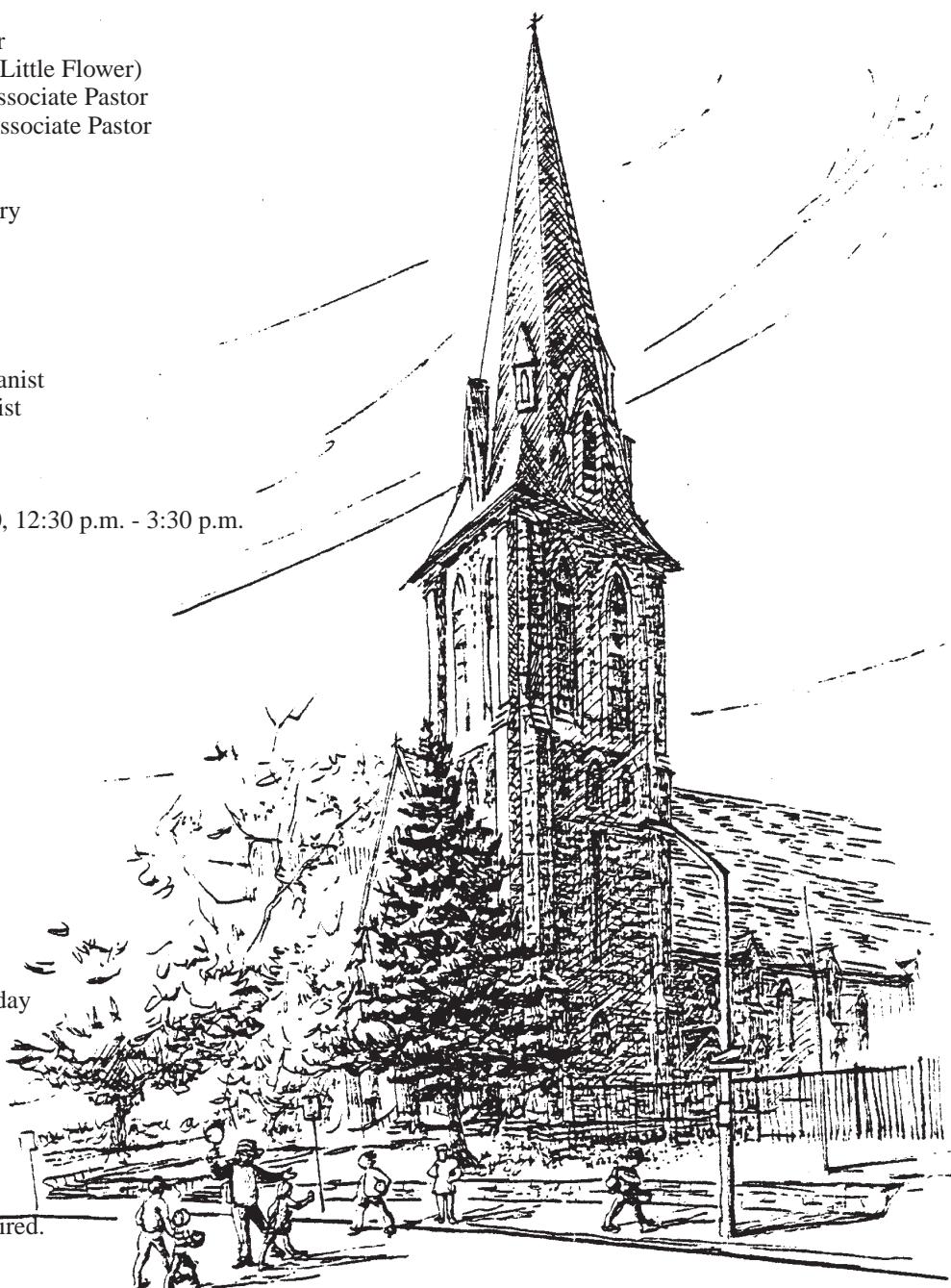
Once monthly at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday  
Preparation for Parents  
and Godparents required.

## Marriage

Please contact the parish office  
at least six months in advance.  
Preparation weekend course 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

Parish Established 1858  
Church Dedicated 1895

**New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



### Saturday, December 6 St Nicholas

5:00 Tullio Milani *req by Giuliana & Susan Milani*  
Assunta Maiuri *req by Stefanie & Peter Maiuri*

### Sunday, December 7 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish  
9:30 Dave Junior & Karen Alberton & Family *req by their Friends*  
Gino Pullano & Trevor Watson *req by the Pullano Family*  
11:30 Diamondo 'Dee' Mannella *req by the Gowans Family*  
Alessandro Luciano *req by St. Pat's CWL*

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

8:00 Antonetta Picca *req by Lucy & John DiPaul*  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

### Tuesday, December 9 St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

8:00 Cyndee Matvichuk *req by her Son: Ethan*  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

### Wednesday, December 10 Our Lady of Loreto

8:00 Cosimo & Maria Guarasci *req by Lucy Lennox*  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

### Thursday, December 11 St Damasus I

8:00 Fr. Ben Hogan *req by Teresa & Cliff*  
Gertrude Doherty *req by Teena Albanese*

### Friday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 Francesco Mastropierro *req by the Family*  
Frank Mancuso *req by his Parents: Carmine & Yolanda Mancuso*

### Saturday, December 13 St Lucy

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

### Sunday, December 14 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 Willi Albert *req by his Children*  
Cyndee Matvichuk *req by her Sisters*  
9:30 People of the Parish  
11:30 Alessandro Luciano *req by Michael DeMizio*  
Waldemar & Wiesiek Chrzanowski *req by Elizabeth & 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!

### Holy Rosary

Every weekday morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church.

Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!

### 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 *Friday, December 12 at 7pm in the Church*. 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!

### Sacramental Dates for the Upcoming Year 2026

First Reconciliation: Wednesday, February 10, 2026 @ 7:00pm  
First Communion: Sunday, May 3, 2026 @ 9:30am & 1:30pm  
(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.)

Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Rick Woram. May he rest in peace. Please remember his family 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, Charlene Shannon, Mary Power, Howard Wales, Maureen Young, Bettyjean DeFoe, Dan M., Norah Marrie, Isabell Frost, 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 McLaren, 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, Mahmud, 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

November 30: \$7,297.00

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, Jan 13, 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.

### 2026 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. Sunday Missals are also available in the sacristy for \$7.00.

### Advent Reconciliation

Our parish Advent Reconciliation Service will be held on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

If God is your copilot, swap seats.

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

*The Pastor's Pen*

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

Dear Friends:

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent. We hear from the Prophet Isaiah and the prophet, John the Baptist. Isaiah had a great vision of peace and justice, and he brought hope to a people in despair! And they waited, and hoped for the Messiah. Then John the Baptist invited the people to prepare for the coming of the Messiah by acknowledging their sins and repenting.

John the Baptist is speaking to me and you 2000 years later. Is there something keeping me from a full and healthy relationship with God? Do I need to repent of anything? Maybe I don't feel worthy to stand before

God. Maybe it's the things I fail to do that bothers me, the sins of omission. If so, this is a great season to heed John the Baptist, and allow God deeper into our lives. Perhaps we can avail ourselves of the grace-filled Sacrament of Reconciliation. Then we'll be ready and

free, to greet the Lord when he comes! Then on

Christmas morning this year, we will be able to celebrate the Birth of Jesus with a new joy... a "blessed joy!" Happy preparing! (We will be having a Communal Reconciliation Service on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.)

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We have a great opportunity this weekend to make God's Kingdom a reality for many people. We are making an appeal for our Carmelite Missions, especially for our ministries in



Peru, Mexico, Honduras and El Salvador, where our Carmelites serve.

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 assist in the formation of seminarians, and Religious men and women in several countries! God bless you for your generosity to the Carmelites over the years! And for your generosity to the Missions!

Fr. Gerard



"Let's approach Christmas with an expectant hush, rather than a last-minute rush."

We must understand that our whole life should be an "advent" in vigilant expectation of Christ's final coming. To prepare our hearts to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, will come one day to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize his presence in the events of daily life. Advent is then a period of intense training that directs us decisively to the One who has already come, who will come and who continuously comes. *+St John Paul II*

**Dates to Remember**

Friday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM- First RCIA Meeting in Church  
 Wednesday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM- Advent Reconciliation Service  
 Monday, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Christmas Gift Campaign**



We have begun our Annual Christmas Gift Campaign. We have gift tags available for children of different ages in our two schools, and around the neighbourhood. We will be using Gift Cards again this year. And the parents will shop for their children. Grocery cards for each family will be included with the gifts again this year. We will also have tags for stocking stuffers! Many thanks for your ongoing generosity to the local needy. It has been a rough year for many, but we do the best we can. Tags are available for sign-out in the ushers room. All gift cards must be returned by December 14<sup>th</sup>!

**St. Carlo Acutis Challenge!**

Calling all grade 5-12 students!! This is your invitation to take part in the Saint Carlo Acutis Challenge. Use your gifts and talents to create something (a video or app, song or dance, poem or essay, fashion project or social media campaign, etc.) that highlights an aspect of the faith that you are passionate about! The top prize for secondary students is \$1000, and the top prize for elementary students is \$500 (more great prizes available)!! Visit: [bit.ly/Saint-Challenge](http://bit.ly/Saint-Challenge) for more information, or contact us at: [evangelization@saintcd.com](mailto:evangelization@saintcd.com).

To assist parishioners in year-end tax planning, the Diocese has available a Donation of Securities Form. Parishioners can make donations of securities to the Parish or Diocese and receive a receipt for income tax purposes for the full market amount of the securities donated. This is an opportunity for parishioners to support the parish and also receive a donation receipt for income tax purposes. For copies of this form or if you would like the Diocese to assist in this process, please contact John J. O'Brien, CFO, at 905-684-0154 x206 or 289-259-0795.

**Hospital Calls**

If you have a family member in the hospital, please let the nursing station know if you require a priest for the Anointing of the Sick. Switchboard will notify the on-call priest. There is a priest available 24-7. Fr. Gerard, Fr. Joi and Fr. Marvin covers hospital calls from Tuesday 8 AM until Wednesday 8 AM.

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