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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 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 is required.

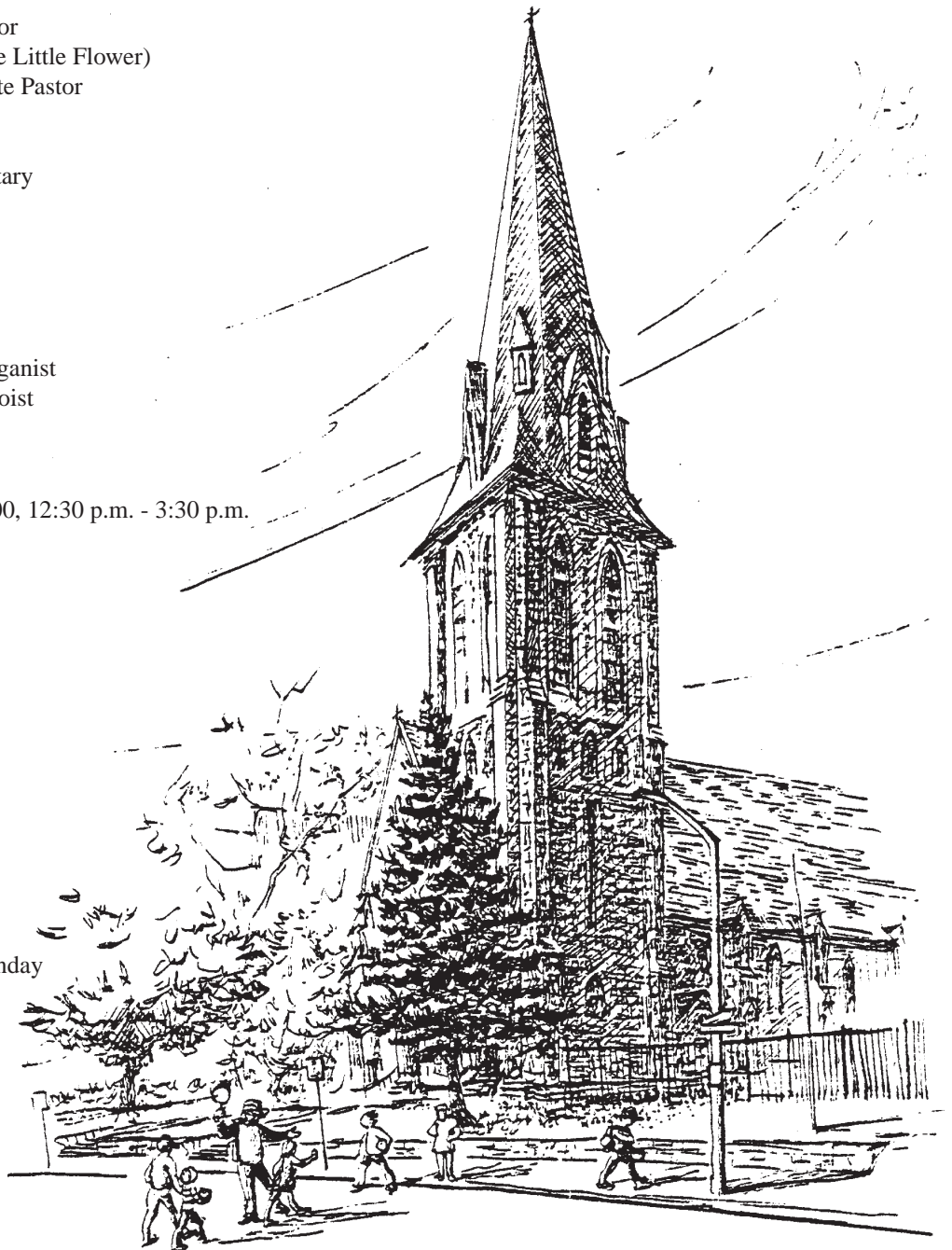
Schools

St. Patrick School 905-354-6631
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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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



Saturday, March 18 St Cyril of Jerusalem

5:00 James Ogilvie *req. by Chris & Sam St. Angelo & Ogilvie Families*
Fr. Bruce & Fr. Tony *req. by the Parish*

Sunday, March 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Giuseppe DeMizio *req. by Pasqualina DeMizio & Family*
Peter Viet *req. by Nguyen Family*

9:30 Sam DiCarlo *req. by Mary DiCarlo & Family*
Rosaleen & Pat O'Brien *req. by the Family*

11:30 People of the Parish

Monday, March 20 Saint Joseph

8:00 Sr. Delores Demmuling *req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi*
Linda & Mario Cardinal *req. by Vicky, Jackie & Families*

Tuesday, March 21

8:00 Dariusz Rebisz *req. by the Family*
Bernard Kennedy *req. by the Kennedy Family*

Wednesday, March 22

8:00 Muriel Pivarnyk *req. by Friends*
Dan & Lee Morrison *req. by Friends*

Thursday, March 23 St Turibius of Mogrovejo

8:00 Agnes O'Brien *req. by the Power Family*
Betty Power *req. by the Power Family*

Friday, March 24

8:00 Healing for Turkey & Syria
People of Ukraine

Saturday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

5:00 Fr. Bruce Taggart *req. by the Parish*
Fr. Tony McNamara *req. by the Parish*

Sunday, March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent Development & Peace

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Gary & Anne Herman *req. by the Family*
Ermina DiGiorgio *req. by Joe & Loreta Antonio*
11:30 Dec'd mem of the Besaw & O'Leary Families *req. by the Family*
Immacolata Luciano *req. by her Children*

CWL News... *The next meeting will be held, Wednesday, April 12th at 6:30pm in the Hall.*

2023 Church Envelopes & 2022 Tax Receipts

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes & Tax Receipts as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, if you are here at Mass on the weekends. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. Many thanks.

Plastic Milk Bags

St. Pat's will be collecting plastic milk bags. These will be used to make 3' X 6' sleeping mats for the homeless. A church group in NOTL has many volunteers and several looms to do this project. A basket will be placed at the main entrance of the church for drop off. A sample of the mat is also on display.

Respect for Life Mass

A powerful prayer that we offer each year as a diocesan family is the *Respect for Life Mass*, which will be held at our Cathedral on Friday, March 24, 2023 at 7:00pm. Our Bishop encourages everyone to attend, as it is so important to pray for a greater respect for all human life from conception to natural death.

St. Patrick Parish
Lenten Reconciliation Service
Tuesday, March 28th at 7:00 PM

Diocesan Wide Day of Reconciliation

Saturday, March 25 is a Diocesan Wide Day of Reconciliation. Priests will be available in every church in the diocese from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. This is wonderful opportunity to prepare for Easter!



Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Muriel Pivarnyk. May she rest in peace. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, Sherry Wales, Karyn McEvoy, Mary F Hanlon, Tony Laslo, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, John Pritty, David Gallina, Nancy Waters, Leila Khan, Natalie Speth, Cecilia Shugg, Jeanne S, John & Laura Giampa, Christine Pritty, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, Toni Brideau, Robert Morningstar, Leon French, Elaine Pampena, Tony Cuvillo, Rita Ross, Karen Watt, Ron O'Neill, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, William JA DeFoe, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Judy, D.D., Estelle Critelli, Bernadette Moore, Andrea Fisher, Sister Prem, Leroy Collee, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Joe Young, Maureen Tustin, Betty Crete, Jeannette Fabian, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Edward Brzozowski, Lori Ann Pizzolato, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, Tom Hilton, Carmine Astorino, Arlene Collee, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Nancy Weiss, Anna Hunt, Bob Marshall, Brian Smith, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kerrie Szuch, John Nicks, Pasquale Abrunzo, Samuel Potapczyk, John Calder, Todd Reid, Anna Chayer, Patricia Williams, Nancy Praakel, Jeanne Lea, Norma Zanuz, Nancy Huber, John Cox, Nikki Mansfield, Nicolina Compare, Denise Colalillo, Carmella Modenti, Donna Bradley, Elizabeth Stachura, Margaret Smith, Rebecca Evans, Michelle Price, Vito Fuccillo, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Drago Bicanic, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Evelyn Rose Baker, Francesco Albanese, Gloria Smelko, Conner Hawkswell, Jackie, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Mary Jo O'Kell, Robert & Maria Melchiorre, Mary Brennan, Faith Amadio, Cheryl Granton, Alessia Comisso, Maria Guerin, Trina Washington, Isabell Frost, Jadwiga Wozniak, John O'Leary, Baby Victoria, Walter Wallace, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Pepper Martin Jr., Cheryl D'Amazio

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

Collections

March 12: \$5,564.00
Giving Bowl: \$6,594.80 (to date)
Turkey/Syria: \$1,650.00 (to date)
Many thanks for your generosity!

Children Sacramental Date 2023

First Communion: Sunday, May 7, 2023 @ 9:30 AM and 1:30 PM

Baptism Schedule for 2023

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:
Sunday March 26 Infants Only, April 23, May 21 & June 25
A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, **March 14, April 11, May 9 & June 13 at 7:00 pm.**

Prom Gowns and Suits... Are those used prom dresses in your closet gathering dust? What about the suits that no longer fit? Vincent's Store is trying to help our young adults who can't afford a new prom dress or suit! There's many! Heartbreaking actually. This is a great opportunity to go through your closets, and help the local needy. When you help our youth, you brighten the future! Dresses or suits can be dropped off at Vincent's Store at 5970 Lundy's Lane (Tuesday-Saturday), or at St. Patrick Church any time. When times are tough, we all pull together.

Vincent's Store

If you're cleaning out your closets, Vincent's Store on Lundy's Lane is in need of men's clothing... pants, jeans, shirts, coats, etc.. They are also in need of children's clothing of all ages and sizes. With the influx of refugees, the demand is great. You can drop the clothing off at the store **Tuesday to Saturday** or at the side door of the rectory at any time.

!!!! Development and Peace: Share Lent !!!!

Next weekend, a special collection will be taken in all Catholic churches in Canada for Development and Peace. Envelopes are in your boxes and at the doors of the Church.



Dear Friends,

This is the 4th Sunday in Lent! Laetare! Rejoice! We all love miracles! Today's Gospel is another wonderful miracle story! Jesus encounters a man who was blind from birth. Seeing his condition, Jesus touched his eyes with his own saliva, mixed with dirt, and told him to wash in the Pool of Siloam. And the man received his sight! This is only one level of healing... **physical healing!!!** The story goes on to show how the man also gained **spiritual sight**! He came to faith!

We all have some **spiritual blindness**. We are born into a world made dark by sin. Just look around! So much blindness and darkness, called **SIN!** But if we live in the **light of Christ**, and keep in his Way... we do not have to add to this darkness. Lent is a good time to ask: Where is there darkness in my life? What is my blindness? Do I compromise my Christian values, act dishonestly or selfishly? Do I undermine others who try to live good Christian lives? Do I see myself as better than others? Do I nurse old resentments and refuse to forgive? Do I truly make sacrifices for the poor, [not only giving out of my surplus]? These are deep spiritual questions.

We must allow Christ to continually **touch our eyes and hearts** and give us sight, compassion, strength, faithfulness. We can rise above all darkness with his help! God can remove all blindness! What he needs is **our invitation, our openness!** We have a choice, **either open ourselves to God's healing, or keep God at bay.** May we allow God deeper into our lives, and weed out any blindness, darkness and sin! Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



Weekday Mass Schedule for Lent

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM

Stations of the Cross

Friday 7:00 PM followed by **Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.**



What Is Laetare Sunday?

Laetare Sunday is the popular name for the Fourth Sunday in Lent. The name comes from the first word of the entrance antiphon of today's Mass: In Latin, (Isaiah 66:10-11) begins "**Laetare, Jerusalem**" ("Rejoice, Jerusalem"). Since there are six Sundays in Lent, Laetare Sunday falls just past the midpoint of Lent. For that reason, Laetare Sunday has traditionally been viewed as a day of celebration, on which the austerity of Lent is briefly lessened; the organ is played, flowers are allowed on the altar, and the purple vestments of Lent, signifying penance, are set aside and, as on Gaudete Sunday in Advent, rose ones are used instead.

Happy St. Joseph's Day

St. Joseph's Day will be celebrated this year on Monday, March 20th! We will have a Blessing of Breads at the 8:00 AM Mass. Please place your breads in the basket near the altar before Mass. St. Joseph is the Patron of the Universal Church! He is also the patron of a happy death, of families, fathers, expectant mothers (pregnant women), travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general. He is considered by many to be the patron saint of the New World; of the countries China, Canada, Korea, Mexico, Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Peru, Vietnam; of the regions Carinthia, Styria, Tyrol, and Sicily.

Litany to St. Joseph

Saint Joseph, Light of Patriarchs,	Spouse of the Mother of God,
Chaste guardian of the Virgin, Foster-father of the Son of God,	
Watchful defender of Christ, Head of the Holy Family,	
Joseph most just,	Joseph most chaste,
Joseph most prudent,	
Joseph most valiant,	
Joseph most faithful,	
Lover of poverty, Model	
home life, Guardian of	
Solace of the afflicted, Hope of the sick, Patron of the dying, Terror of	
demons, Protector of Holy Church, pray for us.	



Annunciation of the Lord

Saturday, March 25 is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. We celebrate Angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary ([Luke 1:26-38](#)), his announcement that the Blessed Virgin has been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord, and Mary's *fiat*—her willing acceptance of God's holy plan.

+Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, You have revealed the beauty of your power by exalting the lowly virgin of Nazareth and making her the mother of our Saviour. May the prayers of this woman bring Jesus to the waiting world and fill the void of incompleteness with the presence of her child, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen

The Giving Bowl

"A Lenten Sacrifice" for St. Pat's!

Once again this Lenten Season, we will have a special container at the front and back of the church. All donations will assist a food program which the late Mr. Ken Walsh helped initiate in Eastern Uganda in 2007. Each day **The Giving Bowl** feeds some 1000 children at local Schools. This is the only hot meal these children get each day! There are other elements to the program, including medical help, clothing, etc. **Ms. Isabel Bujor**, the director, who recently returned from visiting Eastern Uganda, will be speaking to our parish community at some point during Lent. Please place your donations into these containers during Lent! If you wish to donate by cheque, please make cheque payable to **St. Patrick Parish** and write "**The Giving Bowl**" on the memo line. *Lord, when did we see you hungry or naked or ill?*

Turkey/Syria Donations

If you would like to make a donation to the Turkey-Syria relief, you can make a cheque payable to **St. Patrick Church**, indicating **Turkey/Syria** on the "memo line" of your cheque. Funds received will be used now and in the coming months for food, medical supplies, shelter, and other essentials to meet basic human needs. These funds will also serve to meet long term needs to help families get back to a more stable life.

Special Collections

Development and Peace	March 26
Holy Land/Refugee Ministry (Good Friday)	April 7

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