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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.

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING



Saturday, November 25 St Catherine of Alexandria

5:00 Pete Mundier *req. by the Family*
Bryan & Michael Brazeau *req. by Paul & Angie De Marco*

Sunday, Nov 26 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 Eduardo Augello-Todino *req. by the DeMizio Family*
Frances Comeau *req. by Alice Mokrzynski & David Malone*

9:30 Angelo Butera *req. by Teresa Butera & Family*

Lina Grespan *req. by Joanne & Frank Fortino*

11:30 Mary Watson *req. by the Family*

Margaret Nicholson *req. by the Nicholson Family*

Lisa Kruscicki *req. by her Father: Vincent Spacone & Family*

7:00 People of the Parish

Monday, November 27

8:00 Louie Vendramin *req. by Jackie & Dave*

Maria Mai & Joseph Thinh *req. by Duy's Family*

Tuesday, November 28

8:00 Gianni 'Johnny' Bonaldo *req. by Eleanor Toneguzzo*

Vito Picca & Nick & Nancy Di Paolo *req. by John & Lucy & Family*

Wednesday, November 29

8:00 Luigi Camillo *req. by his Wife & Family*

Joseph Daniel Bellamy *req. by Colleen O'Shea*

Thursday, November 30 St Andrew

8:00 Elio D'Alimonte *req. by Angelina D'Alimonte*

Loreto Rey *req. by Romy & Fely Crajucom*

Friday, December 1

8:00 Don Liberty *req. by Belle Liberty*

Bruno Bortolussi *req. by his Wife: Jacqueline*

Saturday, December 2

5:00 Assunta Maiuri *req. by Peter & Stefanie Maiuri & Family*

Maria Truong Nhuan & Anthony Hung Nguyen *req. by the Family*

Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 Giulio & Lucia Cavaliere *req. by Giuseppina & Rocco Cavaliere*

Albert, Liberty & Heacock Families *req. by Aileen & Bryce Adams*

9:30 Martel Family *req. by Jim & Leila Henderson*

Michela De Nicholas *req. by Augusta Macri*

11:30 James Antonio *req. by the Joe & Loreta Antonio*

Immacolata Luciano *req. by Alessandro Luciano & Family*

7:00 People of the Parish

St. Patrick School Pasta Night...

Join us on Thursday, November 30, 2017 for a delicious meal of

Penne & Meatballs! St. Patrick Church Hall

From 5 - 7:00pm...Take out/Pick up 3:00 - 4:30pm

\$9 for Adults, \$7 for Children Water, Pop Juice \$1.00 each

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or a family member/friend is interested in becoming a Roman 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 during the Advent Season. 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.

Breakfast Program Volunteers needed... Please call Debbie at the Office for more info or if interested, 905-354-7451

Church Envelopes 2018

Offertory Envelopes are available in the sacristy, to the left of the altar, please pick yours up today. Many thanks.

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

If you would like to serve as Eucharistic Minister, Funeral Server or Lector, please call the parish office. We will have a training session later in the fall.

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

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Lisa Kruscicki, Robbie Loro and Caterina Ruberto. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are hospitalized:

Jack Horth

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Erika Bell, John Nicks, Melissa Brideau, Toni Brideau, Leon Dopke, Anna Hunt, John Kealey, Helen Lelievre, Samuel Potapczyk, Baby Julian, Baby Noah, Mary Lawrence, Bernard Martin, William JA De Foe, Emily Hanover, Leo Martin, Drago Bicanic, Baby Victoria, Nancy Weiss, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrady, Wendy & John Calder, Pauline Miner, Edna McDonell, Fr Tony McNamara, O.Carm., Gloria Smelko, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Trudy Smelko, Maria Melchiorre, Conner Hawkswell, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Jeannette Fabian, Donna Cormier, Maria Rosiana, Danielle Barranca, Lucy Rizzo, Barbara Phillips (Murray), Alice Dalton, Audrey Vendramin, Jeanne Lea, Stan Manning, Iole Mancini, Baby Maximus, David & Patrick Kealey, Francesco Albanese, Mary Ann O'Shea, Rosalyn Dagleish, Kelly Detlor, Kitty Decicco, Evelyn Rose Baker, Jozefa Bilski, Charlene Shannon, Dr. Andy Fisher, Rebecca Evans, Marie Massolin, Maria Guerin, Anna Vergallo, John Jefferson, Todd Reid, Jill Leronowich, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Muriel Pivarnyk, Tom Hilton, Walter Wallace, Stefanie Borin, John Cox, Joyce Weaver, Kerrie Szuch, Faith Amadio, Margaret Smith, Carmella Modenti, Margaret Waghom, Theresa Poirier, Carlo Trasmundi, Vito Fuccillo, Baby Hope, Donna Bradley, Cheryl D'Amizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Mary Jo O'Kell, Baby Sebastian, Lorraine Murray, Patricia O'Reilly, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Pepper Martin Jr., Vital & Emmanuel Chayer, Trina Washington, Shirley Machulla, Baby Gabriel Paraskevopoulos, Brian Smith, Lorraine Spence, Helen Rotella, Jeanne S, Michelle Price, Mary Brennan, Dr. Andy Fisher, Carlo Trasmundi, Frank Sica

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

Collections

November 18 & 19 : \$5,122.70

Dio Gratis Collection: \$636.30

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2017 & 2018

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday, Dec 17, January 21, February 11, April 15, May 13, June 17, July 15 & August 19** A mandatory meeting for **Parents and Godparents** will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Dec 5 (2018 dates to follow) 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!

Keep Christ in Christmas... The Knights of Columbus Council 1652 will be selling religious Christmas cards after each Mass on November 25, 26th & December 2, 3rd while supplies last. The cards are boxed in various assortments of 12 to 18 cards per box, priced from \$7 to \$12. The cards are in English as well as Spanish, Tagalog, Polish, Ukrainian, Italian & French. All proceeds will go towards Project SHARE Christmas Food Baskets.

Let's all "Keep Christ in Christmas"!

Patterson Funeral Home Christmas of Hope Candlelight Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm 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

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, **December 10th 1 - 3 p.m.** the C.W.L. is hosting a children's Advent Celebration in the parish hall!!! Please come and share some fellowship. We will have a prayer service with Father Gerard, crafts and perhaps a special visitor!! We are asking that you pre-register your family with the number of children you are bringing, please call the office at 905-354-7451!!





Dear Friends,

This is the last Sunday in the Church's year... the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe!** Imagine, next week is the **First Sunday of Advent**. Today's Gospel from Matthew is about the final judgement. At the end of our lives we will not be judged by our diplomas, our jobs, or how much money we have accumulated, we will be judged by, *"I was hungry and you gave me to eat. I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless and you took me in."*

St. Teresa of Calcutta spoke of how Christ appears when we least expect Him! She said, "Hungry, not only for bread, but hungry for love; naked not only for clothing, but for human dignity and respect; homeless, not only for want of a room of bricks, but homeless because of rejection. This is Christ in distressing disguise."



Our call is to keep our eyes, ears and hearts open for opportunities to serve our brothers and sisters. Not everyone is as fortunate as we are. One of our Carmelites, **St. John of the Cross**, reminded us that in the end, we will be judged by love... how we have loved each other. As we end the Church year, maybe we can find extra ways to serve others. Perhaps we can increase our food donation to **Project Share**; buy a gift for some local needy child in our **Christmas Gift Campaign**; help St. Vincent de Paul; or the Carmelite Missions during our **Annual Mission Appeal**. *"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"* The answer is all around us!

As we end this Church year and enter into the **Season of Advent**, my prayer is that we will allow **Christ the King** to reign in our hearts and in our homes. May He reign over everything we say and do! Christ's Reign is not based on human power, but according to this Sunday's Gospel, it's based on *loving and serving* others. When we **serve others**, we **serve Christ the King!** May God help us serve the Kings of Kings, especially as He presents Himself disguised as those reaching out to us for help. Have a blessed week.

Fr. Gerard



What Our King is Like!

Most kings are born in a palace, but this king was born in a **stable!** While most kings spent their time building up riches of silver, gold and jewels, this king **owned nothing!** While most kings surrounded themselves with servants, this king chose to **be a servant**. Instead of riding into town on a big white horse like other kings, he rode in on the back of a **donkey**. He hung out with a bunch of fishermen, the poor and sinners, instead of royalty. Yes, he wore a crown, but it was made of **thorns!** Instead of robes and jewels he wore a **cloak**. He was powerful but also powerless. Instead of using great armies and weapons, his only weapon was **love**. What a King we have!



St. Patrick School asking for Help!

Next Thursday evening, November 30th from 5:00 - 7:00pm, St. Patrick School is having a Pasta Dinner in the Parish Hall. They are also having a **Bake Sale** at this event. If anyone in the parish would like to donate some baked goods, please drop them off at the parish office during the day on **Thursday, November 30th!** Let's do what we can to support our school children! God bless you for your kindness.

Project Updates

As you may be aware, the drain problems have been fixed on our property. All storm water is now going directly into the city storm drain across Victoria Avenue. This total project cost was \$106,000, and the parish has to pay \$30,000 plus HST. Two weeks ago, the **heat pump** in the parish hall ceased to work, and had to be replaced. There is still some more work to be done to bring it up to date. The total cost is unknown at this point. Next week, we will need to replace the halogen-sodium lights on the exterior of our Hall, Church, Garage and House. Some 20 fixtures will be replaced with high-efficiency **Photo-Cell LED** lighting, and some new ones added. We would like to keep our Building Fund in a healthy state, so if anyone would like to make a charitable donation before year's end, a tax receipt will gladly be issued. Heartfelt thanks to one of our parishioners who donated \$10,000 this week to offset the costs! Many thanks to all of you for your generosity to St. Patrick's!



Just a Heads up!

Christmas and New Year's Schedule 2017-2018 4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 23- 5:00 PM
Sunday, December 24- 8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM

Christmas Eve- Sunday, December 24

4:30 PM- (Children's Mass with Pageant)
4:30 PM- Gymnasium - Overflow Mass
6:30 PM- Adult Choir with Caroling
12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day-Monday, December 25

8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM... (No Evening Mass)

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday December 30- 5:00 PM
Sunday, December 31- 8:00 AM / 9:30 AM / 11:30 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, December 31- 5:00 PM (New Year's Eve)
Monday, January 1, 2018- 11:30 AM (New Year's Day)

Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, December 12- 7:00 PM

Decoration of Church

Wednesday, December 20- 7:00 PM

Sacramental Dates for 2017-2018

First Reconciliation- February 7, 2018 @ 7pm
Confirmation- April 14, 2018 @ 5pm
First Communion- May 6, 2018 @ 9:30 & 1:30



(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.)



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

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