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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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Saturday, November 26

5:00 Eduardo Augello-Todino *req. by the DeMizio Family*
 Mario Cardinal *req. by Jackie, Tony, Vicky & John*
 Jim & Mina Irwin & Giuseppe & Guidita Morellato *req. by Cero & Carol*
Sunday, November 27 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Pasquale Macri *req. by Augusta Macri & Family*
 Elisabetta Parisi *req. by the Parisi Family*
11:30 Natale & Anna Giampa *req. by the Family*
 Alicja Glinska, Eryk Zyzanski, Krystyna Cirusuolo & Barbara Bukowski *req. by the Glinski Family*
7:00 Angelo Butera *req. by his Wife: Teresa & Family*
 Valerie Johnstone *req. by Jackie & Tony Phillip*

Monday, November 28

8:00 Ellen Orsmond *req. by Laura Biamonte*
 Monsignor David Corkery *req. by Maureen, John & David Kealey*
 August 'Gus' De Vellis *req. by Gianni Bonaldo & Family*

Tuesday, November 29

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

Wednesday, November 30 St Andrew

8:00 Kelly Morellato *req. by Patti Vidler*
 Dec'd mem of the Bonaldo Fam. *req. by Gianni Bonaldo & Family*

Thursday, December 1

8:00 Don Liberty *req. by Belle Liberty*
 Maria Nhuan Truong & Grandparents Truong & Le Anthony Hung Nguyen *req. by the Nguyen Family*

Friday, December 2

8:00 James Antonio *req. by Joe & Loreta Antonio*
 Bruno Bortolussi *req. by his Wife: Jacqueline*

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

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



Rest in Peace... We pray for the soul of Kenneth Murphy. May he rest in peace. Please remember his family in your prayers.

Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Patsy Power, Carmela Fruci, Nancy Weiss, Wendy & John Calder, Jean Lundy, Shanda Gale, Bob Marshall, Gerry Laffrady, Pat Ferro, Pauline Miner, Manfred Hawlitzky, Edna McDonell, 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 Guerin, Anna Vergalito, John Jefferson, Jill Lerowich, Vince(Jim) Baldassarro, Nancy Jean Rose, Guiseppina Paonessa, Phyllis Higgins, Patrick McCarthy, Norman Horth, Todd Reid, Muriel Pivarnyk, 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'Ammizio, Kelly Laslo, Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Alessia Commisso, Vicki Dubeau, Donna Bradley, Annette Brideau, Mary Jo O'Kelly, 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, Mary Wilkes-Matthews, Patricia Desrosiers, Helen Rotella, Darlene Wancha, 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 19 & 20: \$5,571.00
 Deo Gratis: \$497.00
 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.

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



Dear Friends:

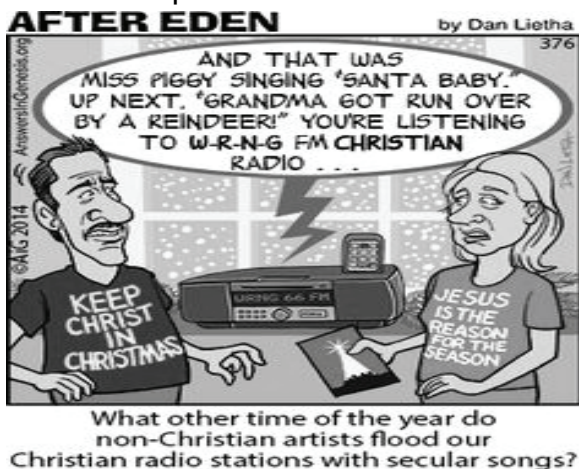
Welcome to a new Church Year! Today we begin the season of Advent, a season of waiting, watching and preparing. This year we will have 4 full weeks of Advent, as Christmas Day falls on a Sunday! During Advent we prepare to celebrate Christ's Birthday ... but ultimately, we prepare for His Second Coming. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus calls it *'the coming of the Son of Man!'* That is exactly what our Christian lives are preparing us for. And we rest uneasy because we do not know **when or how** this will happen. Jesus says it will be at *'an unexpected hour.'* We are urged to stay awake, and to be prepared. Let's face it, the end could come any time. That's quite sobering, and this should spur us into more active engagement in our Christian lives! The big question is, Whenever Christ comes in his final glory, *will I be ready?*

I personally see Advent as a gift, a special season to stop and examine our lives! It's not about tearing ourselves up, trying to out-do each other with Christmas gifts, going into debt, acting on every new whim, buying every new toy. We are to **Stop** and look at our spiritual lives. Where am I falling short? Take a personal inventory. Each one of us, no matter how young, old, rich, or poor... can begin **fresh, anew**, with a clean slate. That's Advent! **Then** on Christmas morning this year, we would be frustrated and out of breath.... we'll have lots of love and freedom and peace in our hearts! **Then** when the Lord comes in his heavenly glory... he'll find us joyful and ready! Someone wrote a powerful piece on Advent... and I want you to use it for your reflection:

"Advent is a time to wake up, be prepared for Christ's entrance in a new way into our lives. Keep our eyes and ears alert so we can recognize the signs when he is making his entrance. We pray to be vigilant this Advent. When we find ourselves taking liberties with the truth and then we make a choice to be more honest, that's his doing—**Christ has arrived**. When we have been insensitive or impatient with another and we hear ourselves saying, "I'm sorry" – **Christ has arrived**. When we realize someone doesn't have to show that they love us this Christmas with expensive gifts – **Christ has arrived**. When the needs of the poor, touch our hearts and we find ways to respond – **Christ has arrived**. When we are drawn to prayer in a deeper way – **Christ has arrived**. When the Word of God becomes more alive to us and we have a renewed experience of his presence in the Eucharist – then **Christ has arrived**."

Fr. Gerard

Keep **CHRIST** in **CHRISTMAS**



"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern." *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

Advent, like its cousin Lent, is a season for prayer and reformation of our hearts. Since it comes at winter time, fire is a fitting sign to help us celebrate Advent...If Christ is to come more fully into our lives this Christmas, if God is to become really incarnate for us, then fire will have to be present in our prayer. Our worship and devotion will have to stoke the kind of fire in our souls that can truly change our hearts. Ours is a great responsibility not to waste this Advent time." *Edward Hays*

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

December 2016 Dates

Mon, December 12 - 7:00 PM RCIA Meeting (Mandatory)
Sun, December 11- Carmelite Mission Appeal
Wed, December 14 - 7:00 PM Advent Reconciliation Service
Thurs, December 22 - 7:00 PM Christmas Decorating Evening

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 will be 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 time will be announced in next week's bulletin and also at Mass.



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

St. Patrick School Pasta Night...Penne & Meatballs
in St. Patrick Church Hall on Wednesday November 30th 5 -7pm,
takeout available from 3 - 4:30pm Tickets available at the school
\$9/adults & \$7/kids

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

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.
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