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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.

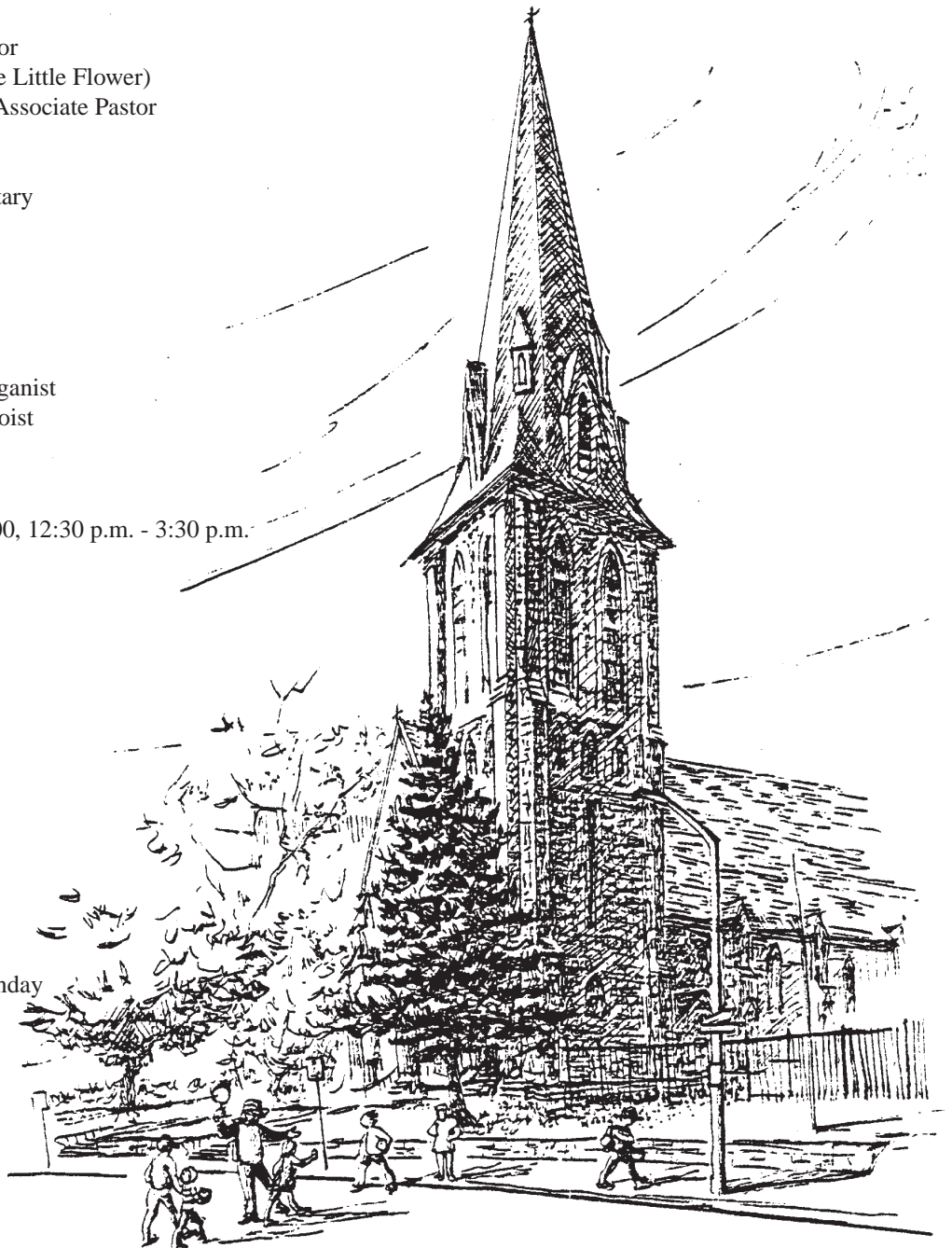
Schools

St. Patrick School 905-354-6631
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.



THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saturday, November 2 All Souls' Day (Annual Memorial Mass)

5:00 All Souls Novena

Sunday, November 3

8:00 All Souls Novena

9:30 Leo Ruberto *req by Teresa Ruberto*

Jozef & Feliksa Brzozowski *req by their Dtr: Jean*

11:30 People of the Parish

Monday, November 4 St Charles Borromeo

8:00 All Souls Novena

Tuesday, November 5

8:00 All Souls Novena

Wednesday, November 6

8:00 All Souls Novena

Thursday, November 7

8:00 All Souls Novena

Friday, November 8

8:00 All Souls Novena

Saturday, November 9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

5:00 All Souls Novena

Sunday, November 10

8:00 People of the Parish

9:30 Gary Kneller *req by Kneller Family*

Michele Thorsen & Brian Herman *req by the Herman Family*

11:30 All Souls Novena

Hospital Visits

If you have a family member in hospital who would like a visit from a priest, please let the nursing station know. They will have the switchboard call for a priest. There have been several policy changes at the hospitals. Priest no longer have access to a list of patients. Beginning in September, not all parking will be covered for clergy (emergency switchboard calls only).

!!!Project Share Needs our Help!!!

Food donations are struggling! While the need for help doesn't diminish, we are asked to do all we can to help Project Share! The most needed food items include peanut butter; protein items such as canned tuna, salmon, chicken, ham; and canned beans, pasta sauce, baby food and formula; cereals, nutragrain bars. *Lord, when did we see you hungry?*

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.



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!

Little Flower Society Cards

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.

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

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.

Mary Power, Muriel Lafford, Isabell Frost, Robert Orsini, Rick Woram, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Norm Scott, Toni Brideau, Scott MacLaren, Charlene Shannon, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Leila Khan, Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Anna Hunt, Nancy Waters, David Gallina, John F, John Arnold, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Leroy Collee, Antoinette Vescio, Victor Pizzolato, Jeanne S, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Julian Cassidy, Lorraine Spence, Estelle Critelli, D.D., Missy Bilotta, Pasquale Abrunzo, Flori Heimbigner, Rita Ross, Leon French, Tony Cuvillo, Kelsey Liles, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Norma Zanuz, Judy, Jadwiga Wozniak, Kerrie Szuch, William JA DeFoe, Betty Crete, Sister Prem, Bob Marshall, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Karen Bradley, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Arlene Collee, John Calder, Gregory Roulston, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Maria Guerin, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, Francesco Albanese, Mary Jo O'Kell, Julie Nicholson, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Margaret Waghorn, Evelyn Rose Baker, Patricia O'Reilly, Fran Smelko, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Faith Amadio, Vanessa Athoe, Walter Wallace, Marie Brooker, Francois Chayer, Samuel Potapczyk, Jozefa Bilski

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

Collections

October 27: \$6,004.00

World Missions Collection: \$880.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

Baptism Schedule for 2024

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday Oct 20 & Nov 24.**

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, Oct 8 & Nov 12 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!

Sacramental Dates for the Upcoming Year

Confirmation: Sunday, November 17, 2024 @ 11:30am Mass

First Reconciliation: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 @ 7:00pm

First Communion: Sunday, May 18, 2025 @ 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.)

2024 Special Wedding Anniversaries...Bishop Bergie will send a congratulatory certificate to married couples who have celebrated or will celebrate a 25th, 40th, 50th or 60th Anniversary in the year 2024.

To receive a certificate, please complete a registration form available at the parish Office by November 8th.

Special Collection: Deo Gratias, November 9-10, 2024

Please support the *Deo Gratias Collection* next weekend, to aid retired clergy. Please be generous.

Is God calling You?...If you feel called to serve as an **Altar Server**, **Funeral Server**, **Eucharistic Minister**, **Lector** or with the *Children's Liturgy* please call the parish office, 905-354-7451.



Dear Friends,

Welcome to November. This is *All Souls Month*. We honour our deceased family and parishioners with prayer throughout the entire month. Beginning this Sunday, we have a Nine-Day Novena of Masses for All Souls. We also have a *Book of Life* near the Sanctuary. We invite you to inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones in this Book. They will be remembered at all Masses, Rosaries and Prayers in our community throughout the month.

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All our readings this Sunday are about LOVE. In the 1st Reading, as the people prepare to cross the Jordan, Moses told them to remain loyal to God and to love God *with all your heart and all your soul and all your might*. He basically tells them that their years of wandering are over and he assures them that their need for God will be no less in a land of plenty than it was in that barren desert. In the Gospel, the scribes ask Jesus a tough question, to test him. "Which commandment is the first of all?" And Jesus answers them that the TWO GREATEST COMMANDMENTS, are Love of God... and love of self and neighbour! This sums up all 613 precepts of the Old Testament Law.

Let's be honest: A God we cannot see is *so easy* to love! But what about our neighbour? And that includes every human person!!! Even those we don't like. That includes the lady in our group who constantly judges others; Or that crotchety neighbour; Or the man who sees everyone else going to hell except himself. Or the family member who ruins every family gathering; Or the one who hates to see others getting ahead in life; Or the group of teens hanging out on the street corner on skate boards yelling profanities; Or the homeless on the street asking for a loonie. The Gospel tells us to *love them all*. Aren't they also our neighbour? The bottom line is this; we show our love for God by how we love those around us. That's where the real challenge lies. As our great Carmelite Saint, St. John of the Cross said, "Put love where there's no love, and you'll find love." Maybe this week we can all examine how loving we really are.

Fr. Gerard

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by Mark Parisi



St. John Vianney - "We must say many prayers for the souls of the faithful departed, for one must be so pure to enter heaven."

St. John Bosco - "You can fly to Heaven on the wings of confession and Communion."

All Souls Novena of Masses

Envelopes are available at the doors of the church for our **Nine Day All Souls Novena of Masses**. This Novena will begin on All Souls Day. Please submit your envelopes at your earliest convenience. May our loved ones rest in the peace of the Risen Christ.



Prayer for our Beloved Dead

Into your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.
In this life you embraced them with your tender love;
deliver them now from every evil
and bid them enter eternal rest.

The old order has passed away;
welcome them into paradise,
where there will be no sorrow, no weeping nor pain,
but fullness of peace and joy
with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever.

Amen.

Requiem Æternam

*Réquiem ætérnam dona eis, Dómine, et lux perpétua
lúceat eis. Requíescant in pace. Amen.*

You Asked!!!

Many people have asked me over the years, **why do we have to pray for the dead? Or offer Masses for their souls? Is there still a Purgatory?** I take you to the Catechism of our Church. Article 1030-34 tells us that all who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name *Purgatory* to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." From the beginning, the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead: "Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation?" Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.

2025 Mass Intentions

The date for the opening of the Mass Book will be **Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 9:00 am** for the **members of our parish**. Because of the limited number of announced Masses available, we ask that you limit your intentions to **4 per family**. You might consider having a general intention for the deceased members of your family. We also ask that you be flexible with your dates. We will be recording the Mass intentions in the **Office**, or you may place them in the Sunday collection. **We will not be taking intentions over the telephone.**

Thank you... A huge Thank you for all the beautiful cards, flowers and wonderful wishes on the occasion of my 80th.

I can't believe I'm that old! I could not have enjoyed my time in any better place than St. Pat's, ♪Carol ♪

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

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