



# St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

## News From The Pews

"Then Jesus answered her,  
"Woman, great is your faith!  
Let it be done for you  
as you wish.'"

Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

August 14, 2020 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary

# CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

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Sunday | 11:30am/7:15pm  
Tuesday - Friday | 12:15pm

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## Mass Schedule

Weekend  
Saturday | 5:00pm  
Sunday | 9:00am 11:30am • 7:15pm

Weekday  
Tuesday to Friday | 12:15pm

## Sacraments

Please contact the  
Administrative Centre  
or visit the parish website:  
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## Connect With Us



### Parish Office Hours

8:30am-4:30pm | Monday to Friday

### Location

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Diana Quildon | Volunteer Coordinator  
Diane Downey | DeMazenod Door Outreach -  
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Katharine Bennett | DeMazenod Door Outreach  
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# BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

## Pastoral Team Offsite Meeting



What a week! As many of you know, our Pastoral Team has spent some time this week in offsite meetings, working on what our new normal looks like now and how it will look ahead until next June, especially with regulations changing often and wondering about the possibility of a second wave. However, when we do things as a team and not on our own, there is nothing we can't accomplish.

Part of these meetings was based on achieving our goal and in order to figure out what that looked like, we needed to reach deep inside ourselves to really open ourselves up to vulnerability. When you work as a team, and not independently, you need to be open to criticism of thoughts and ideas and paths we are all walking, because we are walking them together. Remember the goal is something we ALL need to achieve, not just solely on our own.

If you haven't opened yourself to vulnerability before or let those you love and care for, in this case our Pastoral Team, which at St. Patrick's is like a family, then you risk never letting anyone know who you really are, or how you got to be that person you are today.

Was it difficult? Absolutely! Was it challenging? Without a shadow of a doubt! But... was it freeing? It was so beautifully liberating! To let your guard down and remove that armour that most of us wear to protect our heart and our mind, is a release like no other. When you look around at all of your work family and see the love and the caring that we all have for each other, is truly a gift from God. We are a team, not 'one'. We are 'all'.

What we bring to the table as a group of individuals 'together' is really amazing. There aren't just ideas to bring, but also copious amounts of support and gratitude. We are all very thankful for each other and grateful for the unique feelings and opinions we all have to share, knowing we can do that without judgement or complaint so that the end result is a culmination of deliberate decision and that in the end, is a wonderful blessing.

*No one can whistle a  
symphony. It takes a  
whole orchestra to play it*

*HE Luccock*

## DONATIONS TO ST. PATRICK CHURCH AND DE MAZENOD DOOR OUTREACH



It seems like everyone is asking for your money these days, and for good reason. This Covid-19 pandemic has flipped the lives of everyone and everything upside down and inside out. The fact remains for all of us however, that bills still need to be paid, and that includes our bills at St. Patrick.

If you are able to still support St. Patrick, (and we completely understand many will not be able to at this time), here are the ways you can do it:

CanadaHelps - on our website, [stpatrickshamilton.ca](http://stpatrickshamilton.ca), at the "donate" button. Below is the drop down menu you will find when you go to CanadaHelps on the website:

- General
- St. Patrick Heritage Fund
- St. Patrick Window Campaign
- Beyond the Walls" Renovation
- De Mazenod Door Outreach - General
- De Mazenod Door Outreach - Mission with Youth
- De Mazenod Door Outreach - Friday Barbeque



Other ways to donate are:

- Pre-Authorized Giving
- Etransfer - [parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca](mailto:parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca)
- Mail - 20 Emerald Street South, Hamilton, L8N 2V2
- Mail Box - 440 King Street East (mail slot to the right of the De Mazenod Door Outreach door or 20 Emerald Street South (secure mailbox). If you have an issue with stairs please use the option at 440 King Street East.

We are grateful to everyone that has been able to donate to St. Patrick. THANK YOU!

### Spirit of St. Patrick

I wanted the piece to reflect our Irish heritage and at the same time capture the Spirit of St. Patrick today here in our City of Hamilton. My hope was that, just as the Holy Spirit touched young Patrick, the spirit, represented by fire coming forth from the twelve apostles on the feast of Pentecost, with Patrick rising out of the flames, sending forth miracles abounding through our current ministry, as we strive to build a church that goes beyond the walls.

On his left side the flame can be seen rising to inspire our community to be people of action, people who go the extra mile at Christ's invitation.

The right side of Patrick carries the Irish green, which represents new life, new energy, new passions.

The arms raised above his head showing strength and determination of the gospel when put into action. At the top of his hands is the shamrock which represents the Holy Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As a parish family, the body of Christ, we are called to Love Others as Christ Loves Us!

This original art: "Spirit of St. Patrick" will now sit on the same pedestal that once carried our church's grand lectern down through decades. It will be a daily reminder to all of us, that after being nourished at the table of the Word and Eucharist we are called to go forward and become what we have received.

Miniatures of the "Spirit" will be commissioned for those who 'go beyond' in keeping the Spirit of St. Patrick' alive and well within this community.

It is worthy to note that this is the largest piece of art (blown glass) that Paull Rodrigues has ever created.





# De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



What a busy few weeks we've had here at the De Mazenod Door!! Typically, we would share a message about blessings we have received, or groups who have been in to help, but since Covid-19, we have not been able to have those fabulous groups who came with helping hands and resources, here. This week we would simply like to ask for prayers for our team and that includes both staff and volunteers. Everyone is feeling the grip of these crazy times and the loss of our old normal, but that's not to say that we don't still smile and laugh and ensure our guests are taken care of every day. Everyone's heart remains happy, but just a little more worn. Please pray for all of those who reach out daily for help in a hundred different ways and also for those who work hard and tirelessly to help them, however it may be needed.



**We thank everyone for their prayers, time, talents and treasures!**

## Friday BBQ



This week's BBQ is sponsored by:

Stella Curtis and Terry Wallace  
In memory of James J. Curtis, husband and father.  
First anniversary of his passing.

## Ways to Help



**Volunteer:** Call the office or email Diana (our Volunteer Coordinator) at [dquildon@stpatrikshamilton.ca](mailto:dquildon@stpatrikshamilton.ca)



**Donate:** To support this program, go to our website: [www.stpatrickshamilton.ca](http://www.stpatrickshamilton.ca) and click GIVE

## Most Wanted item this week



**Hot Chocolate**

## Thank You To Our Sponsors!



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## COURAGE OF FAITH

“Woman, great is your faith” (Matt. 15: 28)

This affirmation by Jesus is a ‘behold’ moment in the Gospel passage for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time. When the evangelists use the expression ‘behold’ it could quite literally mean ‘hang on to your hats, because you won’t believe what happens next’.

At the beginning of the narrative, Jesus is quite clear about his mission: “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel”. At the beginning the Canaanite woman is quite clear in her demand for assistance – in a sense it is her right. As the story continues, it is the woman who changes her stance first. Rather than demanding, she comes and kneels before Jesus and makes herself vulnerable, pleading for Jesus’ help. In this action, she demonstrates her faith in Jesus and her total dependence on his compassion and mercy. She confesses her need and her faith and is open to receive the gift with gratitude.

Of course, there is always more going on in the story than meets the eye. Just as at the wedding in Cana, Jesus is quite certain of his call and mission – “My hour has not yet come”, so he is not sent to anyone outside the community of Israel. And just as Mary’s gentle push moved Jesus to perform his first miracle, so this Canaanite woman’s faith and dependence moved Jesus to grant her request. It is in this moment that we are invited to ‘behold’ as Jesus attests to the woman’s faith and heals her daughter.

The question the gospel poses is: “Am I ready for and open to ‘behold’ moments when they occur in my life? Whether I am contemplating my vocation for the future, whether it be marriage, single life, religious life, priesthood or have already responded and am living the vocation to which God has called me, am I willing and ready to see my life and vocation differently than I see it or am living it? Am I open to the work of the Spirit and able to adjust my plans and see things differently? I might have a pretty clear idea of where God has called me to live as a religious priest, but if I am not open to adjust that vision, then my vocation becomes my vision rather than a response to God’s ongoing call. For example, I started my vocation journey as a diocesan

seminarian, but eventually recognized that I was called to religious life as an Oblate missionary. Studying with and developing friendships with Oblates led me to a different understanding of God’s call for me and helped me to see that this was not an abandoning of my vocation but a deeper and truer response to God’s invitation.

As we contemplate the gospel story of the Canaanite woman, we are invited to open our hearts and minds to the ongoing call of God in our lives and to an openness to see life and vocation differently than we do presently and to a willingness to respond in new ways. Like a road we choose to walk along might have unexpected turns and corners, so it is with God’s invitation. We start along the journey and ‘behold’ there is an unexpected nuance to the call. When we walk along the road to which God calls us, there can and will be unexpected and awesome surprises.

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#OblateVocations

## LETTER FROM THE SUPERIOR GENERAL FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Dear brother Oblates and all who live the Oblate charism,

These months of the coronavirus pandemic have caused uncertainty and anxiety as we see that it is still out of control. It seems that there is less and less talk about life returning to normal and a scary realization that what we are now living is our new normal. The social and economic consequences are crippling and strike at the poor more than anyone else. We read with alarm the spread of COVID-19 in the Amazon region, wreaking havoc on indigenous peoples.

In June in the United States, a white police officer killed a black man by kneeling on his neck for nearly eight minutes as the man lay handcuffed on the ground, triggering world-wide manifestations against racism and all forms of discrimination. Our planet's environment, although having shown some improvement in the quality of air due to the lockdown, has shown continued deterioration and contamination, more rapidly approaching a tipping point beyond which there will be no return. The realities of poverty, famine, war, religious persecution, and climate change are generating millions of people on the move, migrating in search of some quality of life. Other forms of violence, such as that caused by drug cartels and human trafficking, add to the suffering in our world. Governments are embroiled in polarizing conflicts and extravagant corruption, ignoring the plight of the poor.

This world of ours in all its woundedness is our concern, our place of mission. The image Pope Francis uses so often, that of a field hospital in a war, expresses well the Church's mission and our own in this state of emergency. It was surprising then, that on June 20, it was reported that Pope Francis added three new invocations to the Litany of Loreto! Someone remarked, "Doesn't he have more important things to do?" I am sure he has, but as a man of faith and devoted to the Mother of Jesus, he was sending us a needed message in the face of the present crises which the world is living. Each invocation speaks to the world context and to the mission before us: Mary as Mother of Mercy, Mother of Hope, and Solace of Migrants.

The Church has invoked Mary as Mother of Mercy for centuries. She is the Mother of Jesus, who is mercy incarnate. This title celebrates the God she sings of in her Magnificat: the Almighty remembers the promise of mercy he made to Abraham and Sarah, and comes to lift up the lowly and cast down the powerful and the rich. This invocation also reminds us that God is faithful, mercy is in our midst and journeys with us in the darkness of these days. Like a loving Mother, God consoles us and holds us close to reassure us amid the fears and uncertainties we face. Praying to our Mother of Mercy brings us strength, courage and energy, so that we become ministers of mercy in the field hospital. We have seen and heard many outstanding witnesses of mercy in these months of the pandemic.

Mother of Hope, is another title the Church has used for centuries. Mary's being is centered on her Son, Jesus, who is our sure hope. Even in the face of the pandemic, the violence, and the evil all around us, the Mother of Hope reminds us of the blessed assurance of things unseen, and enables us to see the invisible, the Reign of God that is among us. Our vision, enabled by hope, gives us eyes capable of recognizing small gestures of love, beauty and fraternity in our broken world.

Our Mother of Hope helps us also to hear that new song, a victorious song, that only those who belong to the Lamb are able to hear. It is a song about the mystery of the Reign of God among us, truly present in the world. Hope is the certainty of things not seen and, even if evil abounds and appears to be gaining ground, hope is the confidence that God's grace is more abundant, stronger and more lasting than evil. This invocation, Mother of Hope, not only calls us to be filled with hope, but also commits us to go to work in the field hospital. It leads us to cooperate in nothing less than the transformation of our society through gestures of love and grace, artisans of peace, promoters of social justice, and earnestly caring for our common home.

Finally, very aware of the reality of world-wide migration, the Holy Father has inserted Solace of Migrants in the Litany. Yes, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph knew what it meant to flee their country and become refugees. The Holy Family provides comfort to migrants and solidarity with the millions of uprooted people on our planet. The invocation, "Solace of Migrants" is not just a prayer to comfort migrants. It is also a commitment to go to the field hospital, becoming a source of concrete support, aid and welcome to migrants.

While visiting an Oblate parish in a locale that has many migrants, a parishioner asked, in a tense tone of voice "What are we supposed to do with all these foreigners coming to our country?" I replied that is a complicated social, political, and economic problem that requires a long-term solution. But that in the end, Jesus told us what to do: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." I believe that as we pray this title of Mary, Solace of Migrants we are saying that we will act with justice and charity. We have to address the causes, a long-term challenge; and we have to welcome, offer assistance, and show solidarity to those who come among us.

As we contemplate the many invocations of the Litany of Loreto, we are drawn to be doers of the Word, engaged in the mission of Jesus, not just hearers. Pope Francis is profoundly in touch with the brokenness of the world. His additions to the Litany of Loreto call us to renew our life of prayer and our devotion to the Mother of Jesus at this critical period of history. These titles likewise convoke us into the field hospital of suffering humanity and of wounded creation, missionaries of hope, of mercy and of solace.

We recall that the Assumption of Mary is an Oblate feast, for, on this day in 1822, Saint Eugene received a very special grace through Our Lady's intercession. It assured him of the future of the Congregation and the good fruit that it would produce. We continue to be blessed by the smile of Mary Immaculate at present and into the future! A joyful feast day to all of you!

In Jesus Christ and Mary Immaculate,  
Fr. Louis Lougen, OMI  
Superior General

August 15, 2020



## WEEKEND READINGS



### First Reading:

Isaiah 56.1, 6-7

### Second Reading:

Romans 11.13-15, 29-32

### Gospel:

Matthew 15.21-28

*"Woman, great is your faith!"*

## UPDATES



### HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY RITA KARA

This weekend marks the 25th anniversary of the day Rita started working at St. Patrick's Parish. It can easily be said that we are extremely lucky to have Rita in our community, and for that long! St. Patrick strives to be a welcoming place to all who enter our doors. She has been the very first person many people encounter when they call or visit the office, and she has ALWAYS been a source of warmth and compassion, leaving people to feel that our parish is a church they can call home.



At the 11:30AM mass, Rita will be given the Spirit of St. Patrick Award for her long and exemplary devotion to our parish and community. We continue to pray for her Ministry of service.

**Thank you, Rita! It is a blessing to work with you.**

## MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday | August 18

12:15 PM

- Special Int: Melody & Alex Fernandez
- Baltazar Fernandez

Wednesday | August 19

12:15 PM

- Special Int: Connie Kowalczyk
- Arwenio Lacsamana

Thursday | August 20

12:15 PM

- Special Int: Luis Antonio
- Lacerna & Family
- Frederick William Deys

Friday | August 21

12:15 PM

- John Morneau
- Domenico Versace & DiLeonardo Families

Saturday | August 22

5:00 PM

- Mariano Gacoscos

Sunday | July August 23

9 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Special Int: Karen Ford

7:15 PM

- Special Int: Those who are seeking for better job opportunities.

## COLLECTION REPORT



### August 9, 2020

Collected from Envelopes	\$3,685
E-transfers	\$60
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$2,693
Donation to St. Patrick through the Diocese	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,831</b>