



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews



"He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'"

Matthew 16:15-16

Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

August 23, 2020 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

Watch Mass LIVE Online
Sunday | 11:30am/7:15pm
Tuesday - Friday | 12:15pm

Website:
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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:
stpatrickshamilton.ca/weddings
stpatrickshamilton.ca/baptism

Connect With Us



Parish Office Hours

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

Location

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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

For the last number of years here at St. Patrick's we have made it our mission to help the poor. Not just the poor living down the street, or somewhere in our neighbourhood, but any poor or marginalized individual facing poverty in its many forms, that reaches out in need.

Why do we do that? For the same number of year, at every weekend mass, before even beginning, we all share vocally, our Parish Mission Statement. Some of us know it off by heart, and could say it in our sleep. "We are St. Patrick Parish, a Roman Catholic Church in the heart of the city of Hamilton, Ontario. Our community is a mosaic of cultures and spiritualities. We are called to grow as Disciples of Jesus Christ, by actively embracing our Baptismal commitment. We gather around the table of the word and Eucharist to be nourished and strengthened as a family of faith and then we are sent forth to put our prayer into action. We strive to live out of a missionary spirit, that focuses our ministry on the poor and marginalized in our midst. We share our faith through hospitality and fellowship, actively embracing the call to compassion, by loving others as Christ loves us. That is why we do what we do.

There has been much to talk about in our inner city and downtown core lately about the homelessness issue and the encampments. During the heart of the pandemic when our homeless literally had no where to go, we opened up the church for 4 hours a day giving access

to washrooms facilities. For resting. For Hygiene. For belonging – somewhere. In March, the FirstOntario Centre opened up its empty arena as a 'temporary' (month by month) emergency overflow shelter, which gave access to 75 of our city's homeless for sleeping in beds set up on the floor, because there wasn't enough space to distance at the regular homeless shelters. And that has now come to an end. The encampments however, remain. Downtown and in other areas of the City.

Just for one moment, imagine this is someone from your family. One of your children. A brother or sister. Someone's mother or father. A son or a daughter. All of them human beings living the life they've been handed, many through no fault of their own.

As Fr. Tony stated in his Homily during Wednesday's mass and I will quote him here: "Poverty is not clean. We must look at the face of Christ, bloodied and marred, with a crown of thorns on his head. That was not clean, either. The face of Christ is revealed in every person that is a child of God. The homeless are children of God."

It goes right back to our mission statement. This is our mission. This is the reason we are here, in inner-city Hamilton. We must continue to have faith over fear and to love each other as Christ loves us.

NEW EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT!

This past Tuesday, at the end of our pastoral team meeting, I named JC Asuncion as my new executive assistant. JC is no stranger to our parish and has been involved in various ministries throughout her life within the parish. She is highly skilled and has a brilliant mind. She will definitely be a great asset in her new role. Congratulations JC! Fr. Tony

BIO

JC Asuncion has been named as the new Executive Assistant to Fr. Tony. She has been an active member of the parish since she was 8 years old. Her service to the parish began with altar serving and has since progressed towards working with the Mission With Youth, RCIA and the Rest and Hygiene Station. Now 27, she has become the youngest ever Executive Assistant to Fr. Tony. She is excited to take on the role and looks forward to a spirit-led and faith-filled experience in serving the parish in a new capacity. Please keep her in your prayers!



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, 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
- 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!

WHO ARE THE SAINTS NEAR THE TABERNACLE: ST.AUGUSTINE

We celebrate the feast of St. Augustine on August 28th

St. Augustine of Hippo (A.D. 354 - 430) was an Algerian-Roman philosopher and theologian of the late Roman / early Medieval period. He is one of the most important early figures in the development of Western Christianity, and was a major figure in bringing Christianity to dominance in the previously pagan Roman Empire

Augustine was canonized by popular acclaim, and later recognized as a Doctor of the Church in 1298 by Pope Boniface VIII. His feast day, 28 August, is the day on which he died.

He is the patron saint of brewers, printers, theologians, as well as the patron of a number of cities and dioceses.

He is also invoked against sore eyes.

Quotes attributed to St. Augustine:

**"You have made us for yourself, O Lord,
and our hearts are restless
until they rest in you."**





De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



For several months, a program of Garside Bible Church, shares much love with our De Mazenod Door guests in our community on site at St. Patrick's Church weekly. We provide the available space & tables and they provide the meals. Every Thursday at 7:15, the 'HOPE PROJECT' arrives to serve 85 hot dinners to those in need, before moving on to feed others in front of the First Ontario Centre.

It has been a huge success during Covid-19 for those who have no other access to an evening meal and we are so thankful that they chose our poor, marginalized and homeless who have been utilizing the Resting/Hygiene station within the church, to share with. Thanks!

A plea from the Door! We are in great need of donations of large bags of 'salty snacks', (chips, cheezies, popcorn etc.) We have not been able to access these from our provider for awhile and are really in a pinch!

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

Friday BBQ

This week's BBQ is sponsored by:

- Christine Rowthorn
- Anonymous



Ways to Help



Volunteer: Call the office or email Diana (our Volunteer Coordinator) at dquildon@stpatrickshamilton.ca



Donate: To support this program, go to our website: www.stpatrickshamilton.ca and click GIVE

Most Wanted item this week



Salty Snacks

Thank You To Our Sponsors!



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WEEKLY VOCATION REFLECTION

WHO AM I AND WHY AM I HERE

"He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'" Matthew 16:15-16



When Oblates gather, there is one thing that we are certainly good at: Telling the stories! Interestingly, retold stories always become more colorful, intriguing with many life lessons learnt from them. Once one of our Oblate Bishops, shared the story from confirmation that he presided at years ago. There was a big number of confirmandi that day. Considering that they are usually "shy" speaking to the Bishop, the parish leaders came up with the idea to put a name tags on their confirmation gowns, helping the Bishop the "see" their names rather than try to hear shy whispers of the candidates. It worked very well... until one of the girls came up to the Bishop without a name tag. Well, that's not a big problem! The Bishop just leaned over and quietly asked the girl, "What's your name?". We tears in her eyes she answered, "I lost it..."

Don't we all feel at times like we lost who we are and what we are about?

When Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?", he didn't ask for affirmation of his identity or confirmation of his mission. He knew exactly who he was and what his purpose of life was. He simply asked his disciples to recognize who they are in relation to him. This is the only way to discern our identity and vocation!

In his early twenties, young Eugene de Mazenod experienced significant internal crisis. We could say he "hit the wall". It seems like everything that he intended to

do in order to bring some peace and stability into his life, was falling apart. He deeply missed his father and uncles, who remained on exile in Palermo, while he returned to Aix-en-Provence. At the same time the atmosphere within his mother's (Joannis) family "suffocated" him. After failing in a couple of opportunities for marriage, he had no other prospects at hand. The unsuccessful trip to Paris, where he hoped to obtain a passport, crushed all his dreams about a military career and splendid noble life in Sicily. During this time of crisis, disappointment and lack of direction was an opening moment for the grace of God to fulfil the emptiness of Eugene's life.

Everything changed on one Good Friday... Often, we refer to this experience as a moment of his conversion. However, this cannot be seen as an isolated event, but rather as a part, a phase of his journey of conversion. Nevertheless, it was an experience that influenced the rest of his life, a moment of a conscious turning from being self-focused to God-focused. This was the moment when young Eugene became an adult, with a clear sense of purpose and direction in life. This was the moment when Eugene recognized who he was in relation to redeeming love of God.

When Jesus asks us this weekend, "Who do you say that I am?", let's have the courage to seek our identity in relation to Him and our answer to God's calling.

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#OblateVocations

TEAM OFFSITE MEETING

FAITH OVER FEAR

"Be on your guard; stand firm in faith; be courageous; be strong."

1 Corinthians 16: 13



Meeting Minutes

The most recent pastoral team offsite, which took place on Aug 12, 13 and 18, was a very fruitful one. The goal of the offsite was to gather our bearings and recollect as a team after experiencing a rather turbulent several months amidst the COVID19 pandemic. Day 1 of our meetings aimed to re-connect the team and re-build team dynamics as the pandemic forced us all to work apart. Highlights of the day include the sharing of our personal intentions and struggles as a way to exercise team intercessory prayer. We also shared a summary of each of our faith journeys. The end of day 1 brought an affirmed feeling of family and a new sense of togetherness for the staff.

Day 2 was kicked off with a video of Dr. Brene Brown speaking about vulnerability. In her talk, she challenged each listener to dare greatly - especially in the things that make us feel the most vulnerable. Her call to courage drew together all that had occurred on day 1 and used it

to propel the team forward towards identifying a goal of focus for the upcoming pastoral year. In order to identify that goal, we were reminded of Pat Lencioni's (a speaker at past Amazing Parish conferences) 5 behaviours of a team and of the 6 questions every parish must answer. With these in mind, each member of the team was asked to write down one area of ministry that they thought needs to be the focus in the upcoming year. There were many differences and similarities in what each staff member had in mind, but one a common area of focus was identified.

As a pastoral team, we plan to focus on #FaithOverFear. The COVID19 pandemic has brought uncertainty, fear and hopelessness to the lives of many people, both locally and globally. However, 1 Corinthians 16: 13 says, "Be on your guard; stand firm in faith; be courageous; be strong." As a pastoral team, our goal for the upcoming year is to build and strengthen the faith of all of those who will journey with us while ensuring their safety during this pandemic. We commit to providing a quality experience of faith to those coming to church in-person and those joining us online. Specifically, our defining objectives are: improving the live -stream experience, increasing our virtual faith formation ministries and online engagement and finally, ensuring the safety of the physical church environment.

Undoubtedly, there are precarious times ahead of us, but we are determined to thrive through putting #FaithOverFear. Your prayers would mean so much as we embark on this journey towards the new normal.



Blessings

IN THE MIDST OF TRIAL



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The pandemic hasn't halted the good work of the Church. The Stewardship and Development Office asked for examples, and parishes provided a wealth of them. A few are here, and more are to come! [See the previous fliers at hamiltondiocese.com/news](https://hamiltondiocese.com/news).

ST. AUGUSTINE'S YOUTH MINISTRY BRINGS SMILES WITH 'JOY CARDS'

The youth ministry at St. Augustine's in Dundas didn't shut down during the pandemic. It invited the parish to "Do Something Good" in the community. "Do Good" is one of the parish's youth ministry mottos and supports its "Youth With Purpose" and "Youth in Action" movements.

One of those projects was to create and send "Joy Cards" to the residents and staff at St. Joseph's Villa in Dundas. The project helps residents deal with the challenges of isolation and physical distancing and shows appreciation for the front-line health care workers.

"These cards have brought a smile to residents and staff – they have been so appreciative and grateful that we thought about them," it says on the parish's website.

DO SOMETHING.....
DO GOOD

A St. Augustine's Parish Youth in Action Initiative



BASILICA OF OUR LADY, GUELPH

Throughout the pandemic, even in the midst of the most severe lockdowns, women from the parish's Catholic Women's League maintained an important ministry. Each week, the ladies prepare meals for the local Drop In Centre, which has seen an increase in need during the pandemic. This ministry did not stop for even one week. The ladies were creative in coming up with ways to socially distance and observe all precautions while ensuring that those in need are fed.

Meanwhile, a group from the Basilica and other Guelph parishes has begun praying the rosary at the statue of Our Lady near the entrance of the Macdonnell Street stairs to the Basilica. The rosary is offered for the intentions of the entire community, asking Our Lady to bless and protect the parishes, city and country during these difficult times.

Other positive happenings at St. Augustine's:

- The parish's St. Michael Bell rings out the Angelus once again, thanks to a groom-to-be. Previously, when the bell tolled, it rang neither the hour nor the Angelus (three triple tolls), but a seemingly arbitrary number of tolls. The company that installed the system in the 1960s, I.T. Verdin of Cincinnati, Ohio, sent a representative who looked it over and concluded that, in addition to some general servicing and repair, the system could use an electrician to sort out some failing switches. In stepped Ryan Rozario (pictured at right). He's getting married at St. Augustine's in August and stopped by to discuss arrangements. An electrician, he was invited to have a look at the bell. After almost three hours of fussing with switches and circuits in the dark and dust of the bell tower, he got the striking mechanism to sound the Angelus!
- For the Feast of Corpus Christi in June, the parish was able to have time in the presence of Our Lord in the Eucharist through adoration in the St. Augustine's prayer garden, thanks to the Knights of Columbus, Siobhan Kerr, who played the harp during the time of contemplation, and others.



WEEKEND READINGS



First Reading:
Isaiah 22.15, 19-23

Second Reading:
Romans 11.33-36

Gospel:

Matthew 16.13-20

"You are Peter. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

UPDATES



CWL - Milk Bag Collection

In June the CWL asked parishioners to start saving the large outer milk bags. These bags will be used to crochet mattresses for people experiencing homelessness. The mattresses will be distributed through the Hamilton Police Social Service Navigator Team. Next weekend, members of the CWL will be in the rear parking lot before each Mass to collect the bags. Thank you for your support. If you would like to help further by making the yarn or the mattresses, please email cwlstpatrickhamilton@gmail.com.

MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday | August 25

12:15 PM

- Special Intention: Teresita Mercado Abugan
- Benito Viquiera
- Francisca Mejia

Wednesday | August 26

12:15 PM

- Special Int: Linda Isley & Family
- Francisca Mejia

Thursday | August 27

12:15 PM

- Thanksgiving: Bozena & Diane Sorman
- Francisca Mejia

Friday | August 28

12:15 PM

- Special Int: Adam & Rachel Kowalczyk
- Francisca Mejia

Saturday | August 29

5:00 PM

- Nick Cordeiro
- Francisca Mejia

Sunday | July August 30

9 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Maria Do Rosario Roque

7:15 PM

- Trini Cuaresma
- Francisca Mejia

COLLECTION REPORT



August 9, 2020

Collected from Envelopes	\$3,274
E-transfers	\$45
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$2,498
Donation to St. Patrick through the Diocese	\$288
TOTAL	\$6,106