



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

"And early in the morning
Jesus came walking toward
them on the sea."

Matthew 14:25

Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

August 9, 2020 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

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

Website:
www.stpatrickshamilton.ca

Facebook:
[stpatrickshamilton](https://www.facebook.com/stpatrickshamilton)

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

Discovering our new 'Normal'

Do you remember the routine that came along with our individual 'normals'? Many of us did what we do each day or each week, routinely. Some of us have learned to just roll with it and many of us have not. For some of us, it seems we are all over the place, trying to collect our thoughts, trying to find our way. Trying to make sense out of the day or trying to figure out what to do next. Some of us back working in the office. Some of us working remotely. Some of us not yet back to work.

We are all learning our way and we're going to be leaning for some time to come. Just because we closed our offices, locked our doors and went home for a few months does not mean that that can be compared, in any way, shape or form, to a holiday. None of us have sat back with our feet up relaxing, while the world kept turning. Mass still needed to happen. Prayers still needed to be prayed. Business still needed to run. Weddings got cancelled. Baptisms too, but people still died. Funerals and burials still needed to happen. People continued to get sick, so hospital visits still needed to be made. People were still hungry – hungrier maybe, needing nourishment for their bellies, but also quiet for their souls. Our homeless needed a place to rest and we all needed, calm for our fears.

Are you one of those people that has found it easy to swing with the pendulum, or are you struggling, not knowing where you belong in these awkward times? Regardless of where you are, these times of ever changing have wreaked havoc on the minds of many, as we continue to find our way.

If you're struggling and anxious, you're not alone. Don't be hard on yourself for being fearful. There is nothing normal about these days that turned into weeks which turned into months. Reach out. Talk to someone. Ask for prayers. Talk to Jesus, who will always bring you some

sense of peace. If you're 'okay', without worry, take a moment to realize how blessed you are to feel unaffected and don't be hard on others who remain scared and out of sorts. This is your chance to be supportive and kind. To be gentle and loving, offering kind words of support and encouragement to all who may need them. Praying for those who need them, for freedom from fear and for tranquility and serenity.

Wherever you are in the midst of these new times, know that you're not alone and by remaining prayerful, we will come through this stronger than ever. Maybe even ready to take on the world.



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!

HYGIENE STATION

Beginning on Wed, Aug 5, 2020, the operating hours for the Rest and Hygiene Station will be reduced by 1 hour. Hours of operation will now be 1-4 PM. This will last until Fri, Aug 14, 2020. The following 2 weeks from Mon, Aug 17 - Fri, Aug 28, 2020, the rest station will only be operational on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 1-4 PM. The last day of operation will be Fri, Aug 28, 2020.

This plan has been set into motion in response to the City of Hamilton entering phase 3 as well as to accommodate normal church functions (weddings/baptisms/funerals) that have been pushed back due to the government-required quarantine. We wanted to be able to give our guests ample time to adjust to the closure of the station. During the remaining days that we are open, we will be informing them of our oncoming closure as well as directing them to other resources within the city that they can access. We are well-aware that there is a forecasted 2nd wave of the pandemic. Should this occur, St. Patrick's will be more than happy to again open up the back of the church for the vulnerable and marginalized of the city.



It has been an amazing experience with all of you and I hope that you have been able to grow positively in some form through sharing your time and talents here at St. Patrick's. This initiative could not have been done without you. I hope that you consider continuing to volunteer with us through our other avenues of outreach or getting involved with our many ministries.



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



As we have mentioned in past, our friends at Goodwill Amity Group have been a great support and resource over the past few months since the pandemic began and have been making incredible meals for our guests, weekly. It has been the perfect arrangement. They come each Wednesday to pick up supplies, use them for preparation, and then deliver them to us fully cooked on Friday so that they're ready for our Saturday crowd.



As well, their team has been able to provide us with transportation for pick up and transport from Hamilton Food Share when we needed extra help and extra hands, helping to load and offload skids of food, personal protective equipment, and other donations of goods necessary for this ministry. Twice a month they have provided us with boxed lunches, from their Box Lunch Program. They have been able to continue sharing this program along with DMDO, City Housing Hamilton, Wesley Centre & others. A huge thank you to Kelly Duffin and her team at Goodwill for using this break from 'normal' to help our community!

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

Friday BBQ

This week's BBQ is sponsored by:

- Jose & Stephanie Kafie



Ways to Help



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



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

Most Wanted item this week



Sugar

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HEEDING THE SILENCE

“Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.”

Psalm 85: 8,9

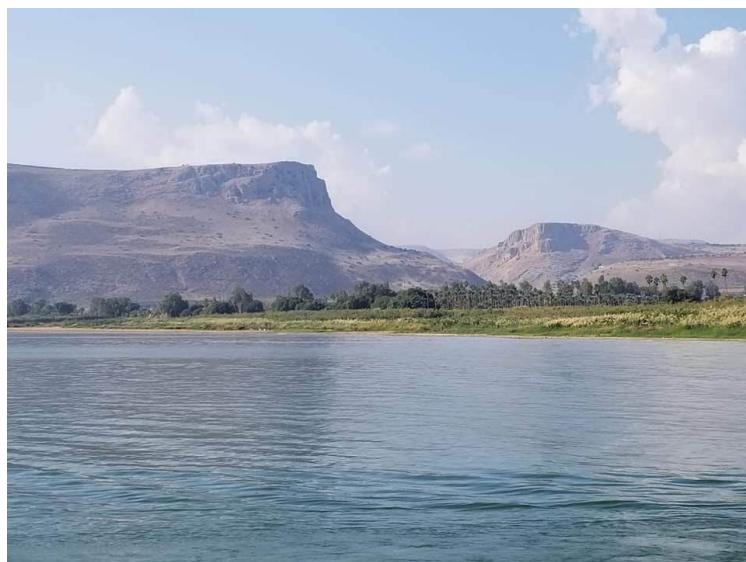
In my mind I can relate this Sunday's readings, especially the Elijah story and the Gospel, with the current situation in which we find ourselves. As so often happens when difficult times occur, we tend to ask why God would do this or allow it. We need to understand that God did not want the king and queen of Israel to try to kill Elijah, nor did God send the wind, fire, earthquake or storm at sea to try the faith of Elijah or that of the disciples. Nor did God send the COVID-19 pandemic to test us. The first situation was the outcome of sin and the others were natural phenomena.

However, this time of living in the pandemic is an opportunity and a challenge to us to reflect on our faith and our relationships with God, our sisters and brothers and creation. Gone is the rush of our busy world, our social gatherings (especially the large events like concerts, festivals, etc.), our usual routine. So many things that were commonplace and occupied our time, energy and attention are gone. In their place we experience isolation, social distancing, small social bubbles – and the list goes on. What we have is the silence in which Elijah and the disciples recognized God's presence. It was in that silence that they were able to listen to God's voice and know that God was present to them, giving them life and salvation. The experience of listening to God's voice and knowing God presence gave them the renewed strength and courage to continue in their particular vocations.

Peter, in a moment of audacity, challenged Jesus to call him to walk on the water. When Jesus called, Peter responded, but in a moment of doubt and confronted by the storm he began to sink. It was only in the quiet after Jesus calmed the storm that he truly recognized Jesus and then was able to hear the call to follow in a radical way. In that experience, Peter came to a deeper understanding of his vocation and renewed his commitment to discipleship.

In the quiet of these pandemic times, do I recognize the call to pause and listen to Jesus' invitation to follow him? Am I ready to “walk on the water” and trust that if I respond God will always be with me and guide me along the way? The questions for our time are: Where is God calling me today? How am I called to live my relationship with God and serve my sisters and brothers?

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WEEKEND READINGS



First Reading:
1 King 19.9, 11-13
Second Reading:
Romans 9.1-5

Gospel:
Matthew 14.22-33
*"Lord, command me to come
to you on the water"*

UPDATES



Pastoral Team Offsite

Our pastoral team will be going offsite during August 13th & 14, to evaluate where we are as a parish and team, and to put into place plans for the upcoming year. We anticipate there will be much to discuss and new directions for our ministry, given the new normal we are experiencing. Please pray for us, as we turn to the Holy Spirit to lead us and guide us towards God's desire for our parish and the people we are called to minister to and with. Fr. Jarek has graciously agreed to facilitate our days. Phone calls and walk-ins will be greeted by Patrick and Matthew. Thank you!

New Live Stream Booth

Finally, after 4 months of taking up huge amounts of space in the sacristy, St. Patrick Live Stream has found a permanent home. From here, we hope to continue to improve the quality of our live masses for our parishioners at home. We'd love to see you in person, but we are so pleased to be able to provide you with an online presence of Mass.

More improvements to come! Stay tuned.



MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday | August 11
12:15 PM

- Special Int: Hubert Yapo
- Special Int: Lorenzo Abugan & Family

Wednesday | August 12
12:15 PM

- Special Int: Hubert Yapo
- Joseph Nakazi

Thursday | August 13
12:15 PM

- Special Int: George Brunton & Family
- Special Int: Hubert Yapo
- Lois May

Friday | August 14
12:15 PM

- Joseph Vamos
- Gracinda De Jesus Caetano

Saturday | August 15
5:00 PM

- Rev. Donald Layden

Sunday | July August 16
9 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners
- 11:30 AM
- Manuel Raposo
- Lee Cuthbert
- 7:15 PM
- Special Int: John Kulchykyj

COLLECTION REPORT



August 2, 2020

Collected from Envelopes	\$3,465
E-transfers	\$125
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$2,693
Donation to St. Patrick through the Diocese	\$548
TOTAL	\$6,831