



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews



"Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'"

Matthew 16:24

Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

August 30, 2020 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

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

Website:
www.stpatrickshamilton.ca

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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

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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

Back in February we once again applied through the Canada Summer Jobs Youth Employment Program for grant funding in hopes of hiring summer students to help through the busyness of Summer when staff is off getting some much needed R and R. Canada Summer Jobs is an initiative of the Youth Employment and Skills Strategy, which aims to provide flexible and holistic services to support all young Canadians develop the skills and gain paid work experience. It is a great way for young people from 15 to 30 and even from our own community to find summer employment, many of whom come from low income families and homes.

This year we applied for one student for De Mazenod Door Outreach, which is its own non-profit organization and as well as for three students for St. Patrick Parish. At the end of May, we were granted funding for all four spots! And as it turned out, if there ever was a year when we would need extra hands, this was it! During our application process we surely didn't see a global Pandemic coming, but by their start date at the beginning of July, we were able to make it work, safely. Thank you God!

All four positions were full time, eight week contracts and for young people returning to school in September, it meant much needed assistance with books, tuition, transportation as well as housing.

These students have worked tirelessly to ensure the jobs they were hired to do, got done. Some went above and beyond by doing way more than what they were hired to do. We have landscapers who turned techie and now assist with the LIVE Streaming of masses. They've assisted with moving furniture for our newly arrived family to Canada. They have learned an amazing work ethic by following their supervising staff who provided great leadership. We know they have learned and followed our parish mission to love and care for our poor and broken, and they have done all these things with kind hearts.

It is our duty as leaders to practice what we preach both inside of and beyond our walls. Where best to start than with our youth? We will miss these young energetic people; as their last shift was on Friday. We will miss all that they added to our team and to our workdays. The light they brought to these extraordinary times was significant, because none of us had walked these steps before.

As they continue on their educational and faith journey's, we pray that they don't easily forget, not only their time here with us, but having experienced active compassion and the importance of loving others as Christ loves us. Godspeed Dace, Patrick, Alex and Alesia. Go forth and do good work!





De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



How exciting! Once again, Rita and Paul Leonard have donated the funds necessary for us to hold TWO Pizza Tuesdays! The 4th Tuesday of the month is always a really busy day with long lineups and we never have enough pizza to go around, leaving those from mid to the back of the line with sandwiches or leftovers. Whenever we have these special 'pizza days', everyone gets a slice! Thank you Rita and Paul for eagerly stepping outside the box for our guests time and time again!



A huge THANK YOU to the many HWCDSB teacher volunteers who stepped up during the pandemic and helped us through the volunteer drought and who now will be going back to teaching positions this September. This enabled those volunteers who needed to step away during these crazy times to do so, knowing we would be okay. We ask that you please keep the many teachers and school staff in your prayers!

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

Friday BBQ

This week's BBQ is sponsored by:



- Joe Moniz – In memory of Antonio Moniz and Jose Cabral
- Frank Van der Zalm – In memory of Mary & John Van der Zalm
- Angel Restivo – in memory of Christopher Sherfey

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

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THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

"Unless you take up your cross and follow me you cannot be my disciples."

Matthew 16:24



What a paradox we find from last Sunday readings to today's Gospel readings! Last week, Peter confessed his faith in Jesus as the Messiah. In today's Gospel reading, Peter takes Jesus aside and tries to tell him what to do. Last week, Jesus called Peter the "rock" and today Jesus calls Peter a tempter and tells him to leave. These contrasting events took place within a period of very short time. What happened?

Jesus knowingly confronted his disciples with the reality of the cross, which often is seen as an obstacle in their following Jesus and commitment to him. Jesus told them plainly that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly there at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the scribes and be killed and then be raised on the third day. It is clear that the words like "suffering" and "be killed" troubled them so much they ignored the last phrase, "be raised on the third day." We can understand the disciples' quick shift in their mood when they heard that Jesus was going to suffer. From a human point of view, it is very natural for Peter to avoid any kind of suffering for Jesus. But, according to Jesus that is precisely Peter's problem because he is speaking from the human point of view and not from the perspective of God.

So then, how do we understand the suffering and the cross from the perspective of Jesus himself?

The Gospels do not say that Jesus went forward and took upon himself suffering. This would be a demonstration of his own power. He used all his power for the up-building of the kingdom of God. He was forcibly led to his suffering at the hands of the elders. But, he did it willingly and not as a volunteer. Jesus was a victim. The manner of his torment and suffering was decided by someone else. In another word, this was God's will for him to be fulfilled.

The cross for us refers to the suffering which comes into our lives because of the choices we make for the sake of the Gospel. It can be something that we choose. The cross is a symbol for sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that we do not like because it suggests hardship, discipline, renunciation, pain etc. Yet, there is no achievement without sacrifice. Jesus himself has given us the example. He chose the way of self-sacrifice and suffering. Therefore, Jesus asked his disciples for total commitment to follow and take up their daily crosses. "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, he must renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.... Anyone loses his life for my sake will find it." For us as Christians this suffering is not an option – rather, it is a certainty. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame and suffering. We as disciples of Jesus have a choice to follow or not to follow. But if we follow, we choose in his favor and we must be ready for suffering and humiliation.

One of the reasons why we normally don't like to be confronted by the cross is that true love is sacrificial. Married couples promise to love each other, religious promise to love the Lord and His Church and so also as Christian we are called to love each other. But, when we are tempted to drift away from the true love, the cross reminds us that true love is defined not by how we feel but by what we give. Another reason why we don't like to be confronted by the cross, is that cross is the only way to eternal life. Many of us prefer an easier way of life. Like Peter, we don't want the cross. We want to avoid the crosses of our daily lives but in reality, we cannot if we want to gain the eternal life.

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WEEKLY VOCATION REFLECTION

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Everyone in the world has a cross. Our crosses can take the form of emotional, spiritual, physical and mental suffering. As we go through this terrible pandemic, many are the crosses we carry every day. The real issue is what do we do with these different crosses? Do we deny them? Do we rebel against them? Do we try to kick them off? Do we numb them with addictive substances? Or do we take them up and follow the Lord? It is here we make the choice either to save our life, or to lose our life.

Further, in today's second reading, Paul exhorts us to reject the standard of this world. "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." This is very difficult path to follow as we sometimes experience the paradox that those who conform to this world, prosper much more than those who do not. To this end, following Christ can place barriers between ourselves and others. When we don't share others' values and their interests we can experience alienation from others. Therefore, suffering is bound to happen in our daily ministry. We need to remind ourselves that Jesus' message angered

many people of his time, so when we proclaim the same message, we must also be prepared for a similar reaction.

Finally, it is quite comforting to know that even someone as great as Jeremiah contemplated changing his options as he went through struggles in his life. But, Jeremiah's life of struggle and fidelity is a source of courage and inspiration to us. His total faithfulness prefigures the faithfulness of Jesus. Jesus' own example and the example of Jeremiah can inspire us to be faithful to our vocation as Jesus' disciples.

Let us pray today for all of us, and especially for young people as they discern their vocation to Jesus' calling to be who he wants them to be. May we all try our best to remain faithful to his calling. Amen

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WELCOME TO THE FAITH

This Sunday at 1:30PM, we welcome Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI to St. Patrick where he will be Initiating 10 people into the faith. This is normally celebrated on Easter, but with the pandemic and the shutdown of in church services, our RCIA candidates have been patiently waiting to be received into the church.

Congratulations to Tina Violet McDonald, Laura Costello, Brock Erben, and Kaillie Elizabeth Hall, who will first be Baptized. Following which they will join their fellow candidates Douglas Cihocki, Patricia Davis, Kristopher Jason Urech, Graig Waters, Joanne Hall in First Communion and Confirmation.



NOVENA IN PREPARATION

For the School Year 2020-2021



Back-To-School will be certainly different this year. We want to assure the students, parents, teachers and staff of our Catholic Schools about our prayerful support and compassion. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI will lead the Diocese of Hamilton in a Novena Prayer for the safe return to school beginning Monday August 31, 2020.

We begin our Novena with the Gospel of Jesus and the woman at the well. The story of a woman whose own encounter with the Lord is so transforming that she is compelled to tell her whole community. Many came to believe because of her testimony. This is the story of Catholic Education in the province of Ontario. The story of

women and men whose own encounter with the Lord has been so transforming that they are compelled to share their testimony.

Let us witness together to our faith that God is calling us once again to be formed as his people, his Body. We are called to be witnesses as we head towards the start of the school year, in a time of such uncertainty, that we can be assured that God cares for us, is with us, saves us.

On this first day of 9 days of prayer, we will join together – parishes and schools, staff and students, parents and grandparents, parishioners and community members and we will pray for the protection of all, for the peace of all, for the wisdom and courage for us all.

Our Novena will come to completion on the first day of school – September 8, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Bishops of Canada have dedicated our nation to Mary and have placed us under her loving protection as she brings our cares and concerns to her Son. The Diocese of Hamilton, including every one of our six English speaking and our one French speaking school boards, rests under the protection of our Lady of the Annunciation. Like Mary, let us ponder all God has done for us, let us be filled with the Holy Spirit, and let us always turn to her Son who died to save us and is even now at our side, strengthening us.

REST AND HYGIENE STATION CLOSED

After a run of about 5 months, the Rest and Hygiene Station officially closed down this past Friday, August 28, 2020. What a venture it has been! Every day was as unique as each guest. It has been both challenging and humbling to be able to love and serve our guests – there have definitely been a lot of opportunities for positive growth. The closing of the station comes as the City of Hamilton has entered into phase 3 of its pandemic re-opening plan. We are aware that there may be a second wave of the pandemic and are prepared to re-open the station as needed.



We would like to extend our deepest gratitude to all the volunteers who have shared their time and talents to help run the station. Thank you also to all of those who donated clothing, hygiene products, food, money and more to this initiative. We truly would not have been able to accomplish what we did without you. A mass will be offered in gratitude to all of our supporters and for the special intentions of our guests on Tues, Sept 8, 2020 (12:15 mass). Please join us either in-person or online!

OBLATE ASSOCIATES

Oblate Associates are men and women who recognize a Spirit-initiated call to live their baptism enlightened and formed by the charism of St. Eugene de Mazenod and the Oblates. Animated by a family spirit, they share among themselves and with Oblates the same spirituality and missionary outlook.

Oblate Associates are...

impassioned for Jesus Christ. Associates are disciples of His in the footsteps of the Apostles. They give living witness to Christ the Saviour in the midst of the world. They deepen their relationship with Christ through their frequent contact with the Word of God, meditation, prayer and liturgy. The Eucharist and the Gospel are the wellspring and centre of their whole life. Their model is Mary who gives Christ to the world.

impassioned for mission. With a love for humanity, Associates have faith in the dignity of every person before God. They see the reality of the world through the eyes of Christ the Saviour and Evangelizer. They live their mission with daring, initiative, creativity and perseverance. They give value to hospitality, to attention for and listening to persons. They have a heart for justice and make a privileged option for the poor with their many faces.

impassioned for the Church. Like Eugene de Mazenod, Associates love the Church, the Body of Christ, the People of God – sign and instrument of Jesus Christ in today's world and its new calls. They wish to build as Church, to answer to the challenges of today's world and to new calls.



impassioned for community. Associates maintain a living link with the Oblates, acknowledging a mutual need for each other. There is a living relationship of reciprocity in openness, trust and respect for every person's vocation. All deepen Eugene de Mazenod's charism according to their own specific vocation and enrich others with their discoveries and experiences. Oblates and Associates live and complement one another in mutual growth.

impassioned for prayer. Associates recognize that at the heart of the charism of St. Eugene de Mazenod is deep personal conversion, an encounter with the love of God. Oblate Associates are called to prayer, recognizing the rich tradition in our Church for different methods of prayer. Both individual and community prayer, along with a deep love for the Eucharist, is encouraged. They have a special devotion to Mary Immaculate, the patroness of the Oblates and model for all who follow Christ. With her, they are invited to encounter Christ and to say, "Yes," to God's will.

The first stage towards becoming an Oblate Associate involves learning a little more about the Oblates, their charism, and what Oblate Association is. If you are interested in Oblate Association and would like to know more about it, please contact Fr. Jarek vocations@omilacombe.ca. We will offer an information session soon. Stay tuned!



WEEKEND READINGS



First Reading:
Jeremiah 20.7-9
Second Reading:
Romans 12.1-2
Gospel:

Matthew 16.21-27

*"If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves."*

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. This weekend, members of the CWL will be in the rear parking lot before each Mass to collect the bags. You can spot them by their blue scarves. 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 | September 1
12:15 PM

- Antonio Spaziani
- Joe Sawyer
- Special Int.: Lucas Bargeman
- Francisca Mejia

Wednesday | September 2
12:15 PM

- Mary Safranyos
- Francisca Mejia

Thursday | September 3
12:15 PM

- Marcos Mercado & Family
- Domenico Versace
- In Memory of all Deceased Members of Foss
- Deceased Members of Foss
- Baltazar Fernandez

Friday | September 4
12:15 PM

- Theresa Ostrowski
- Antonio Moniz & Jose Cabral

Saturday | September 5
5:00 PM

- Ermes & Maria Cantoni

Sunday | July September 6
9 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners
- Special Int.: Tessie & Loy Abugan
- Aida Granata

7:15 PM

- John Turpin & George Downey Francisca Mejia

COLLECTION REPORT



August 23, 2020

Collected from Envelopes	\$3,666
E-transfers	\$120
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$2,498
Donation to St. Patrick through the Diocese	\$0
TOTAL	\$6,165