

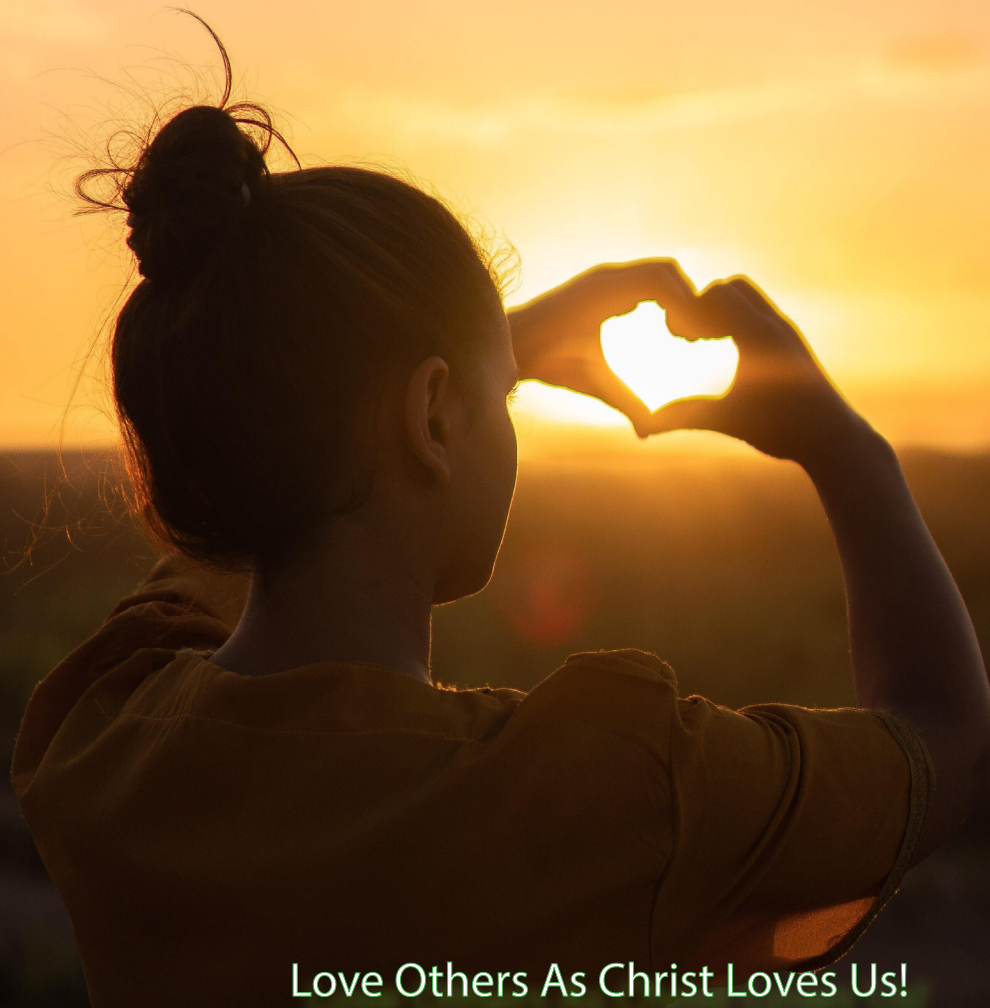


St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

"Lord, if another member of
the church sins against me,
how often should I forgive?
As many as seven times?"
Matthew 18:21



Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

September 13th, 2020 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Oblate Vocation Office

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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER, GUIDED IN PRAYER



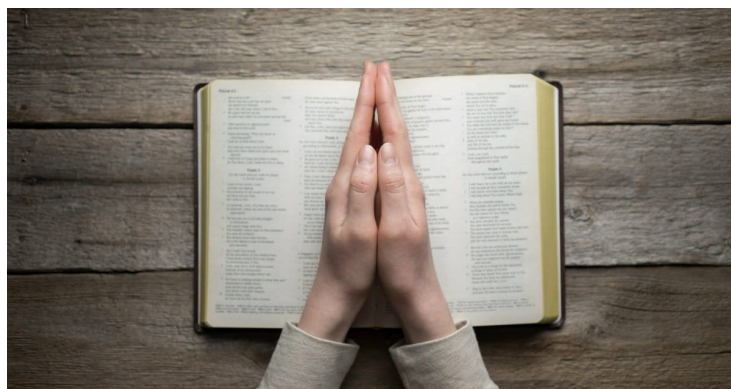
Reflecting on the amount of change we as a Pastoral Team have experienced over the past 9 months is astounding.

We moved our Administrative Centre. We moved De Mazenod Door Outreach from the school to the Pastoral Centre. We closed the Church. We began LIVE Streaming masses. We closed the offices. We opened the Resting Station. We lost volunteers and we had volunteers reach out to help in the thick of it. We had summer students begin placement. We laid off some staff. We had some staff working remotely. Fr. Jarek became the Vocation Director for OMI Lacombe Canada, with shared responsibilities at the Parish. We opened the church. As mandated, we are not allowed Altar Servers. Only allowed one Lector. Allowed one Eucharistic Minister. Allowed only 30% capacity for seating in Church. We even receive the body of Christ, in a far different manner. Funerals and weddings, Baptisms and RCIA... all different. We opened the Administrative Centre. We closed the Resting Station. Our Executive Assistant became ill and had to leave her position. Our Youth Ministry Worker took on that position. Staff, volunteers and summer students became LIVE Stream techs. Summer

students finished their placement. Our IT Specialist and Youth Ministry Leader has left his position. Those working remotely are back in their offices. Laid off staff are returning.

There is nothing the same as it was before. We are masked faces with eyes, hair and voices for recognition.

What have we learned throughout this process? We have learned that we are capable of change. Is it difficult? Of course. Is it impossible? Not even a chance! In any given moment we have two options: to step forward into growth or step back into safety. We exercise caution. We follow the rules. We compromise on a daily basis. We change gears on the fly. We change positions in a flash.



One thing we haven't had to compromise is 'prayer'. We have prayed throughout this entire ordeal, that God would guide us in His wisdom and give us the grace necessary to carry on, when burdens seemed heavy and trials unrelenting. In all things we faced, we did so with the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit. We have chosen to move forward, one day at a time, continuing to let God lead us, by keeping one thing constant. We have committed to having faith over fear.



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



We would be remiss if we didn't take the opportunity to thank the many donors who stop by the Door with donations of items necessary for the everyday operation of this ministry. It isn't often, during Covid-19 that we have been able to capture the information necessary to say a proper 'thank you for your generosity. We are working on ways to ensure these details are not missed. For those who have come by in the last 6 months, we apologize if we have missed showing our gratitude, but are so very grateful! God sees all and knows how supportive you have been to those in need!

We continue to look for donors of bananas weekly. Bananas are a healthy, soft fruit that many of our guests can eat with breakfast.

We are in need of a driver, ASAP for Monday to Friday 7:30-8:00 AM pickups of Costco bread & pastry items. Our regular driver is off for a much needed break.

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

Friday BBQ

This week's BBQ is sponsored by:



Joyceanne Mahler - In Memory of Robert Mahler Sr's 80th Birthday and 25th Anniversary of his passing.

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

BLESS THE LORD

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name...and do not forget all his benefits."

Psalm 103: 1,2

God's Word invites us to enter into the dynamics of the Kingdom of heaven. We might ask ourselves what the entry point into the kingdom might be. The psalm sums it up for us: gratitude. We are invited to reflect on all the blessings God has given us: creation, life, family, gifts, talents, friends... the list can go on and on! As we recognize those blessings we can't help but be grateful and bless God's name for the generosity that has enriched our lives.

Jesus often speaks of God's Kingdom and invites us into the life of the Kingdom. That invitation is also a gift and blessing. We have done nothing to merit or earn life in the Kingdom – it is God's free gift to us. If we pay lip service to life in the kingdom, Sirach warns us we fall into the trap of anger, resentment and vengeance.

That is also the point of the gospel parable. The debt that has been forgiven is unimaginably huge and the king had to have been immensely wealthy and was beyond generous. The servant who was forgiven the huge debt had no way of ever repaying the debt but when he was forgiven, did the king's generosity have any effect in his life? No. He went out, still filled with greed, anger, vengeance and a lack of compassion. Peter's question about forgiveness sets the stage for Jesus to launch into the parable. And the parable is about living as true members of the Kingdom, living out of gratitude.

Gratitude is never something that exists in isolation. Rather, true gratitude is the catalyst for action, the foundation for attitudes and the entry point of living fully in the Kingdom. We know from our own human experience that when we receive a gift, our natural reaction is to give thanks, often by offering a gift in return. What gift can we offer to God out of gratitude for the many gifts God has given us?

The first response or gift we can offer is to live a life of discipleship, being formed by the Word of God, living out our call to share the gifts of reconciliation, healing, compassion, peace and joy. We can offer a life formed by the Beatitudes and the Parable of the Last Judgement

(being poor, thirsting for justice, being merciful, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, etc.). Gratitude also calls us to grow in our relationship with God through a life of prayer and celebration with our faith community. It also means developing relationships with others, sharing our faith, lives, gifts and talents. Gratitude calls us to serve our sisters and brothers.

As we live all these things, we are also challenged to reflect on our own particular vocation or path in life to which God has called us. Whether the vocation is to marriage, the single life, religious life or priesthood, if our response is grounded in and flows out of gratitude, then we can joyfully commit ourselves to living that particular call. If we are living in gratitude, then responding to and living the call of God is a source of peace and joy, not just for ourselves but for those around us as well.

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WEEKEND READINGS



First Reading:
Sirach 27.30 - 28.7

Second Reading:
Romans 14.7-9

Gospel:

Matthew 18.21-35

"I tell you, you should forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

BAPTISMS



This Sunday at 1:30PM we welcome the Family and Friends of 7 children being baptized. Baptisms were always celebrated within our Sunday 11:30 mass, but COVID regulations has changed this to a private celebration. Please pray for the following children.

- **Leandro Blen Moniz**
- **Avery Rose Chapman**
- **Landon William Orlando Cormier**
- **Serena Corsini**
- **Bianca Elizabeth Dortehea Erben**
- **Dreizon Isiah Rugayan**
- **Lena Lurdes Varela**

MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday | September 15
12:15 PM

- Maria Tereza Romao

Wednesday | September 16
12:15 PM

- Special Int: Virgilia Gabate
- Michael Di Battista

Thursday | September 17
12:15 PM

- Special Int: Angelo Josh Hernandez
- All Souls in Purgatory
- Gracinda DeJesus Caetano
- Procla Pacheco

Friday | September 18 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Colleen & Jeff Toole & Family
- Special Int: Vince Guiducci
- Bob Mahler

Saturday | September 19
5:00 PM

- Maria & Manuel Raposo & Jose Rodrigues

Sunday | July September 20
9 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners
- 11:30 AM
- Special Int: Sabrina Capobianco
- Jose Campos
- 7:15 PM
- Margaret Kucherawy
- Larry, Wendy & Chris Johnston

COLLECTION REPORT



September 6, 2020

Collected from Envelopes	\$2,420
E-transfers	\$255
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$2,751
Donation to St. Patrick through the Diocese	\$0
TOTAL	\$5,426

FOR THE LOVE OF CREATION

A Parliamentary Petition

Hello Everyone:

We need your help!

Many people have hopes of influencing our Canadian government as parliamentarians dig into the work of planning an economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the Love of Creation has launched a Parliamentary Petition calling on the Government of Canada to:

- commit to reducing Canadian greenhouse gas emissions to 60% below 2005 levels by 2030, and invest in a just transition;
- honour the rights of Indigenous Peoples;
- commit equal support for climate change adaptation and mitigation measures in the Global South; and
- respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in the Global South.

Please sign the petition today! Open for signatures until October 6th.

<https://petitions.ourcommons.ca/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-2712>

<https://petitions.noscommunes.ca/fr/Petition/Details?Petition=e-2712>

Pope Francis has also drawn a correlation between the pandemic and justice for the poor and the earth in his Message to the faithful for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on Sept 1st: "A Jubilee is a time to restore the original harmony of creation and to heal strained human relationships. It invites us to re-establish equitable societal relationships, restoring their freedom and goods to all and forgiving one another's debts. Policy, legislation and investment must be focused on the common good and guarantee that global social and environmental goals are met."

We need over 5000 signatures by October 6th to be a credible voice to parliament. Please sign and encourage your networks to do so as well. This petition and For the Love of Creation is endorsed by the Global Catholic Climate Movement – Canada, Caritas Canada Development and Peace, the Canadian Religious Conference, Citizens for Public Justice, Centre Oblat – A Voice for Justice, and many others.

Thank you,

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We will always be close to the people with whom we work... Awareness of our own shortcomings humbles us, yet God's power makes us confident as we strive to bring all people – especially the poor – to full consciousness of their dignity as human beings and as sons and daughters of God.

(Oblate Constitutions and Rules C. 8)