

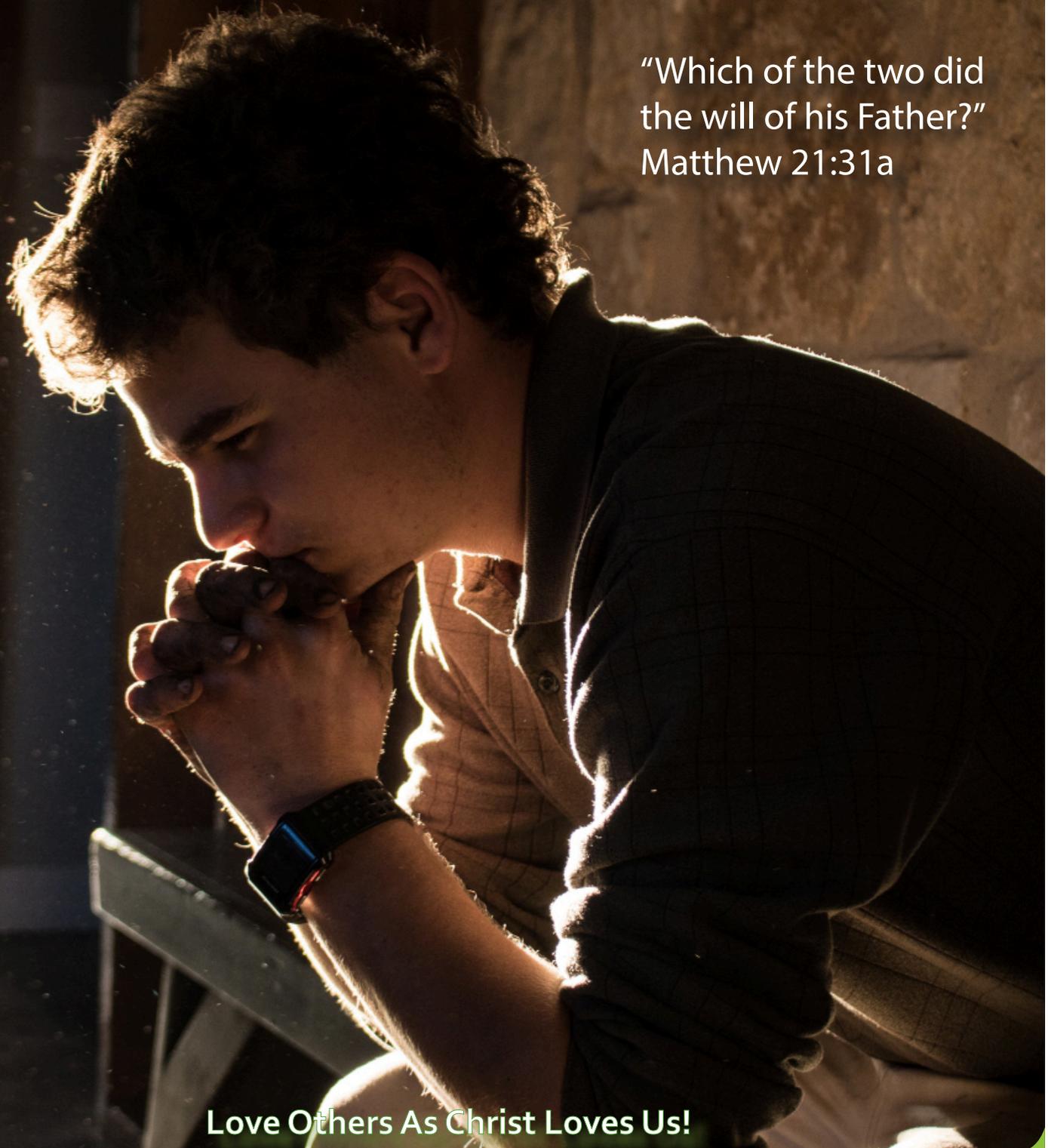


# St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

## News From The Pews

"Which of the two did  
the will of his Father?"  
Matthew 21:31a



**Love Others As Christ Loves Us!**

September 27th, 2020 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

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

Website:  
[www.stpatrickshamilton.ca](http://www.stpatrickshamilton.ca)

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[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](http://stpatrickshamilton.ca/weddings)  
[stpatrickshamilton.ca/baptism](http://stpatrickshamilton.ca/baptism)

## Connect With Us



### Parish Office Hours

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

### Location

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## Parish Leadership Team

- Fr. Tony O'Dell, OMI ([todell@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:todell@hamiltondiocese.com))
- Sherri Ramirez | De Mazenod Door Outreach Coordinator
- Christina Crawford | Music Director
- JC Asuncion | EA to Fr. Tony - Youth Ministry Coordinator

## Pastoral Team

- Sr. Andrea Kowalczyk | Liturgy Workshops
- Arthur Kara | Facilities Operator
- Br. Dan Dionne, OMI | Music Ministry
- Diana Quildon | Volunteer Coordinator
- Diane Downey | De Mazenod Door Outreach - Administrative Assistant
- Evelyn VanFleet | Assistant Facilities Operator
- Ian Ford | Director of Technology
- Karen Ford | Sick Leave
- Katharine Bennett | De Mazenod Door Outreach
- Louella Lacerna | Office Assistant
- Rita Kara | Office Administrator
- Lynne Pollard | Sacristan

## Oblate Vocation Office

Fr. Jarek Pachocki, OMI  
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# BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

## SAFETY FIRST

As many of you may know, the number of cases of COVID-19 in Ontario are rising at an extreme rate over these past couple of weeks and we may even be slipping back into Stage 2. The numbers being reported are in line with those we saw back in May. However, with that said, your safety is our main concern and we are on top of every safety precaution within the church as per all Public Health guidelines and government mandates.

This code of practice that we must now follow diligently is part of our new normal and is so very important for the good of all who enter the church. By-law requires that we must wear a mask in all public buildings, including the church (even though we may dislike doing so). It is essential that we sanitize our hands upon entry into the church as well as on our way out. It is necessary to sit in designated seats only. It is crucial that we social distance - always, but especially during Communion. It is vitally important that we follow the directions given by Fr. Tony, Fr. Jarek, the Pastoral Team and Ministers of Hospitality, who only have everyone's best interests at heart. The pews are sanitized after each and every mass.

All of these safety measures aren't only related to attending mass, so most of us are already completely

familiar with their practices. Whether we are going to the grocery store, the pharmacy, the hospital or to our workplace environments, there are protocols, directives and procedures put in place that must be followed, so coming to Mass is just one more place where policies are put in place that need to be adhered to.

By following all of these precautionary protocols set in place, we keep ourselves, our families and our parish community safe while still remaining able to pray together while attending mass regularly and while continuing to practice faith over fear.

Remember. We are all in this together!





# De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



Over the past several weeks the number of guests accessing the Door has been rising, with many new individuals and families in need. By the grace of God, we have been able to meet this ever growing need. Although we have many community partners and donors - who are so greatly appreciated - we have noticed a heavy decline in donations since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. We are doing all we can to be financially responsible when it comes to making meals that are both nourishing and wholesome. We ask for your prayers through these trying times.

If any of you know or have connections with any local businesses, groups or corporations who could possibly assist financially, please contact our office and speak to one of our staff. This is not about us, but about those in our community facing these increasingly challenging times. We must not rest on our laurels, but instead take up the torch and run with it.

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

## Friday BBQ

This week's BBQ is sponsored by:

Lois McEwan: In memory of her mother, Lois May.



## Ways to Help



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



Mayonnaise

## Thank You To Our Sponsors!



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# WEEKLY VOCATION REFLECTION

## DISCERNMENT: "I WISH THAT YOU WERE EITHER COLD OR HOT"

"A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went." (Matthew 21:28-29)



Pope Benedict XVI once wrote, "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction". Those encounters are the moments where God, just like the father in this weekend's Gospel, issues a specific invitation, a call to embrace a uniquely designed way of life.

I see those encounters as a continuous part of my journey of missionary discipleship. I call them "God's moments". They are never planned, scheduled or premeditated. They always happen in the most appropriate time by the grace of God. I experience those God's moments sometimes in prayer or during a walk in through nature, watching the sunset or simply getting into "the zone" during my morning run.

The question is, how do we respond to those encounters set in front of us "a new horizon and a decisive direction" ... As the Gospel shows, sometimes we might quickly say "yes", but actually never follow up on it. Sometimes we might initially say "no" and change our mind later on. However, the right decision, and more importantly, a committed one, is made after some time of discernment. It's not the initial "no" that counts, but the mind-changing "yes".

I recall the encounter that meaningfully marked my Oblate vocation journey. When I was approaching my final vows, I felt I wasn't ready to make the commitment.

I wasn't able to name a specific "problem"; it just didn't feel right to go through the motions just because it was time for it. I took my temporary vows that year and embraced the journey of an intense discernment which wasn't easy and sometimes was even painful. When watching my classmates make their perpetual profession, I felt "left behind". Then one day I came across the passage from the Book of Revelation, "I know your works; you are neither cold nor hot. I wish that you were either cold or hot." (Revelation 3:15). It was an encounter with God's word that challenged me to a total oblation. I knew I couldn't be lukewarm... It was a matter of "all in" or "all out". I knew that my only answer could be, "all in"! I often go back to this passage from the Book of Revelation renewing my commitment to the missionary discipleship as an Oblate priest.

"A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.'" What would your answer be?

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## WEEKEND READINGS



**First Reading:** Ezekiel 18: 25-28

**Second Reading:** Philippians 2: 1-11

**Gospel:** Matthew 21: 28-32

*"The tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of heaven ahead of you."*

## WEEKEND STATISTICS



There are many ways for you to join us in fulfilling your obligation to attend Sunday masses. The church is open if you are able to join us in person and we live stream our 11:30 AM and 7:15 PM Sunday masses (along with our 12:15 PM weekday masses from Tues-Fri). Here are the numbers of attendees who joined us for last weekend's mass:

Saturday, Sept 19:

- 5 PM: 62 attendees

Sunday, Sept 20

- 9 AM: 63 attendees
- 11:30 AM: 90 attendees + 99 via Facebook + 25 via website
- Wedding: 58 attendees
- 7:15 PM: 120 attendees + 69 via Facebook + 21 via website

Please note that our maximum capacity in the church is 120 attendees.

## MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday | September 29

12:15 PM

- Special Int: Anne & John Nazareth
- Special Int: Gabrielle De Souza
- All Souls in Purgatory Especially the Deceased Members of FOSS

Wednesday | September 30

12:15 PM

- Thanksgiving: Bozena & Diane Sorman
- Domenico Versace & Family

Thursday | October 1

12:15 PM

- Anne Balenovic
- Charles Ciruolo
- Romano Reginato

Friday | October 2

12:15 PM

- All Souls in Purgatory
- Theresa Ostrowski

Saturday | October 3

5:00 PM

- Sharon Vamos
- Umberto Paladino

Sunday | October 4

9 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Elvira Carusi
- Larry Curto

7:15 PM

- Bob Erdman
- Gloria Lucia Carmona-Madriral

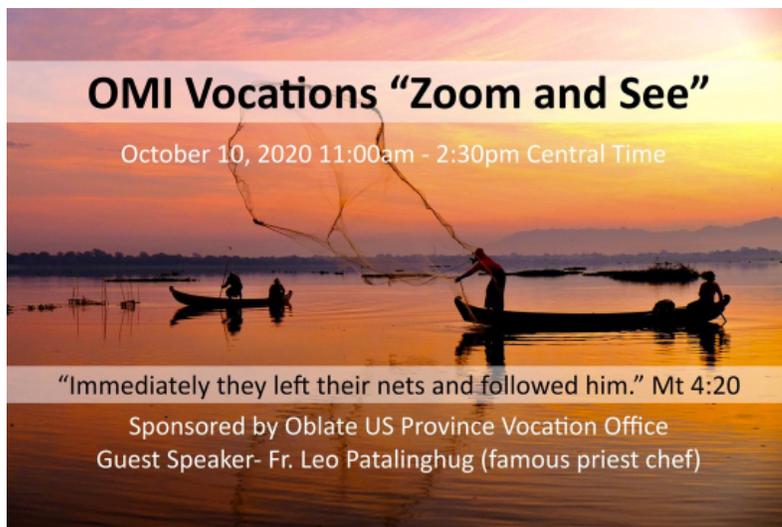
## COLLECTION REPORT



September 20, 2020

Collected from Envelopes	\$3440
E-transfers	\$45
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$2420
Donation to St. Patrick through the Diocese	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5905</b>

# IN OTHER NEWS



**OMI Vocations "Zoom and See"**  
October 10, 2020 11:00am - 2:30pm Central Time

"Immediately they left their nets and followed him." Mt 4:20  
Sponsored by Oblate US Province Vocation Office  
Guest Speaker- Fr. Leo Patalinghug (famous priest chef)



## ZOOM AND SEE

If you are a young Catholic man interested in the Oblate religious and missionary life, you are invited to "Zoom and See" on October 10, 2020 from 11 AM - 2:30 PM Central Time Zone. You will have an opportunity to hear the stories from Oblates and also from our guest speaker, Fr. Leo Patalinghug (who you may know as the famous priest chef). There will be also some time for "virtual" fellowship and Q&A. To register or for more info please contact Fr. Jarek Pachocki OMI - Vocation Director via email ([vocations@omilacombe.ca](mailto:vocations@omilacombe.ca)). Zoom and See!

## RCIA



The Catholic Church carries with her profound truth, ultimate goodness and a depth of beauty. What's more is that what she has to offer is for everyone - after all, the word "catholic" means universal. Are you or someone you know experiencing this call towards truth, goodness and beauty - towards God? Yes, this call can be scary, but answering it can give you the deepest peace you have ever known. Here at St. Patrick Parish, we will be starting up again with our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) classes in October. We want to walk with you on your journey as you experience this call to faith. The RCIA classes are structured to help you to know the faith and to live the faith as a Catholic Christian.

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic, please give our office a call at (905) 522-9828 and leave your name and contact information. The RCIA team will contact you with further details.

"But now, this is what the Lord says... Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine." Isaiah 43: 1

A very warm welcome to our newly registered parishioners! We hope that you feel like home here at St. Patrick Parish. There are plenty of opportunities here for you to continue to take steps towards growing in faith.

- Elise Dunn and Wander Baez
- Brock Erben
- Luciana Mancini
- Vivian Garcia, Miguel Mena and children (Christine Mena-Garcia and Christian Mena-Garcia)



## VIRTUAL PET BLESSING



Our parish pets, labradors Bailey, Nesbitt and Carlin, provide comforting ministry to the staff and visitors in the office, as well to the teachers and students in our Catholic Schools. Since the arrival of the Oblates in 2012, every year we invited pets, along with their owners, to come together for the Blessing of Animals on the occasion of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Since we are in the middle of a pandemic, we cannot gather in-person for the blessing. But we can certainly be creative considering the circumstances...

So we invite you online this year for the Virtual Blessings of Animals! Please send a picture of/with your pets to [stories@stppatrickshamilton.ca](mailto:stories@stppatrickshamilton.ca). We will recognize and appreciate the pets in our lives through a special video presentation and offer the "virtual" blessing during the LIVE streamed Masses next Sunday, October 4, 2020 (11:30am and 7:15pm). Join us in person or online.

"It is amazing how much love and laughter they bring into our lives and even how much closer we become with each other because of them." - John Grogan

You asked for my hands  
that you might use them for your purposes.  
I gave them for a moment  
then withdrew them for the work was hard.

You asked for my mouth  
to speak out against injustice.  
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.  
I closed them for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life  
that you might work through me.  
I gave you a small part  
that I might not get "too involved".

Lord, forgive me for calculated efforts  
to serve you only when it is convenient for me to do so,  
and only in those places where it is safe to do so,  
and only with those who make it easy to do so.

Father, forgive me, renew me,  
send me out as a usable instrument,  
that I may take seriously the meaning of your cross.

## UNLIMITED GENEROSITY

Written by Joe Seramane, South Africa, from Lifelines, Christian Aid, 198

