



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews



"You have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

Matthew 25: 21

Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

November 15th, 2020 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

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

Website:
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
stpatrickshamilton.ca/baptism

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Parish Office Hours

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

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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

CHANGE DOESN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT *... or does it?*

But... we have always done it this way! How many of you go through your daily life doing things you've done a thousand times over the way you've always done them? I would bet that most of us don't deviate from the 'norm'. How many of you have restacked the dishwasher after your spouse or children have put the dishes in? How many of you have refolded laundry that someone else has folded? There are a thousand examples I could give you and I would hear a thousand replies saying... 'oh yeah. I've done that! They didn't do it the 'right' way!' They didn't do it wrong, necessarily, they just did it differently. Different isn't wrong, yet we handle it the same as we do 'change'. People hate change! I can hear the words ringing in my ears. 'We can't do it that way, because we've always done it the other way'!



As Catholics we know that our children are usually Baptised soon after their birth. We know that once our children reach Grade 2, typically at the age of 7 or 8, they will make their First Reconciliation followed soon after by their First Communion. The ceremony is scheduled in the spring, very often in late April or early to mid-May after

the Feast of the Annunciation. Also in May, our 8th Grade students would normally celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation after they've had months and months of preparation. This is the way it has always been done.

However, April to mid-May came and went. Babies born at the beginning of the year waited months to be Baptised and our Grade 2 children of 2019/2020 finished the school year at home after a long extended March Break with no sign of First Confession or First Communion in sight. Our 8th Grade students missed being Confirmed

as well as their Graduation.

Well here we are in November and EVERYTHING has changed! It's amazing what can happen or how quickly change is made during something like the Coronavirus pandemic. We've all had to keep up and adapt!



And so, in the last few month of this crazy mixed up year of 2020, we were able to celebrate Baptisms for up to 6 or 7 infants and children at a time on available Sundays. Over the next number of weeks, all of the children who



"missed" their First Communion or Confirmation will finally be able to receive their respective sacrament.

The 'we have always done it that way' mentality has been our default but once this year is behind us, it's going to be very difficult to utter those words ever again! In 2020 almost everything has been done differently!



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



The numbers of those testing positive for Covid-19 continue to rise in the Province of Ontario and close to home. The same is true for the numbers of homeless and hungry in our City. Just like for many of you, many things have changed during these unimaginable times – but we've realized that many things have also stayed the same. We are so grateful that we are still able to find the good in things and in people, every single day!

Thank you to Elaine Latulippe, President of the Ancaster Agricultural Society Homecraft Pantry. A donation was made of non-perishables they weren't able to use for planned functions due to pandemic restrictions. Thanks for choosing DMDO!



Thank you to Maricris Cubacub, CWL President, and to Ray Johnson, Fr. David Reitzel & Benjie the Dog of Our Lady of the Assumption Parish for donating 5 trollies of non-perishable food needed to help sustain us through the cold months of winter. Their donation will allow us to make many hot meals for our guests.

Through the changes, we continue to be blessed by our community partners!

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

Friday BBQ

This week's BBQ is sponsored by:

- Rosemary & Rick Ferroni, in memory of Robert Mahler Sr. (25th death anniversary)
- Judy Sartor, in memory of Peggy Chisholm & in honor of the De Mazenod Door Outreach guests



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



Chicken Soup Broth

Thank You To Our Sponsors!



DIocese of HAMILTON



MY BRANCHES BEAR MUCH FRUIT

"For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but for those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away." Matthew 25: 9

Jesus knew us in our mothers' womb. He already had a plan for us, and that plan includes the talents he gives us. As we read in Matthew, those talents are not to be kept to ourselves, they are meant to be multiplied for the betterment of all. We are meant to take our gifts and use them to lift others up, and to help others use their gifts in the same way. In fact, our talents do not actually belong to only us, they belong to the community. If I have the gift of singing, it is not meant for me to use solely for my own good. I may be good enough to have a career in music that may help sustain me; however, that is not enough. I am called to share my voice with all. I must take my voice, and share it with the congregation. So, in essence everyone has the talent; as we now have music at mass to help us in our prayer.

As an Oblate Associate, I have come to appreciate community more than I could have ever imagined. As a religious order, the Oblates are called to live differently than most Diocesan Priests. They would typically live in community and everyone would work together to support that community as well as the broader community they serve. I know I have had a number of conversations over the years about how difficult it must be for priests to live alone.

Living in community as some religious do can be such a gift. Brother Anthony Kowalczyk is a great example of this. Brother Anthony came from Poland in 1896 and served in a number of congregations until his death in 1947. He lived for some time here in St. Albert as well as in Lac La Biche, Saddle Lake and eventually Edmonton. He was trained as a Blacksmith as a young man and he was able to use those skills to serve the Oblates and the communities he lived in for his entire life. By sharing these gifts with the community, it gave others the ability to share their talents. These skills were only part of what he brought to the Oblates and students at St. Johns school; he had a special gift of prayer. Students and colleagues came to him for support and prayers, that they may not have gone with to others. He contributed

in so many ways to those that he lived with and cared for; and everyone was better for it. He used his talents to support others so that they could share their gifts as well.

We are all a Brother Anthony in our communities. We all bring gifts that only we can bring; and because we do, the community has them to share as well. The man that had entrusted the talents was disappointed because he understood the talents could be multiplied and used for more than the one that was hidden away. And so, how will we invest in our community? How will we use our God given talents to create an abundance of joy, and love?



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WEEKEND READINGS



1st Reading: Proverbs 31: 10-13, 16-18, 20, 26, 28-31

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30

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MORE WAYS TO GIVE



As a parish, we are striving to share Christ and His message of love with everyone. One of the main teachings of the Church is the importance of community - we would not be able to progress in our mission without you. Please consider supporting us financially through the following outlets:

1. Drop off or mail your donation envelopes to the secure mailboxes at the:

- Pastoral Center: 440 King St. East, Hamilton ON, L8N 1C6
- Administration Offices: 20 Emerald St. South, Hamilton ON, L8N 2V2

2. Canada Helps

- Please visit stpatrickshamilton.ca - at the top right hand corner of the page, you will see a tab to "Give." Hover over it and select "Donate Now" - this will take you to the Canada Helps website.
- Choose to give to the "General" fund. This will go towards supporting the parish.

3. E-transfer

- You can transfer your donation right from your bank account to the parish. Please transfer to parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca

4. Pre-Authorized Giving

- This is the easiest method. Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your account at your chosen frequency.
- To set this up, please call our office at 905-522-9828 and ask to speak with Rita or pick up a form at our Administration Office or when you are here for mass.

MASS INTENTIONS



Tuesday | November 17 | 12:15 PM

- Vicente & Imay Quizzagan & Family
- Maria Novo
- Juanita Parent

Wednesday | November 18 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Stephanie Vamos
- Angela Panto

Thursday | November 19 | 12:15 PM

- Bruno Laranjeiro & Family
- Pasquale Valeriano & the reparation of the sins of his ancestors

Friday | November 20 | 12:15 PM

- Bob Mahler & son, Daryl
- Dorothy & Jimmy Toole & daughter, Dorothy
- Armando Ferroni

Saturday | November 21 | 5:00 PM

- Jose Faria & All Souls in Purgatory
- Anibal Afonso

**Sunday | November 22
9 AM**

- St. Patrick Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Czeslawa Kwoka

7:15 PM

- Special Int for those whose hearts are troubled

WEEKEND STATS: ATTENDANCE



Nov 7-8, 2020

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Sat, 5 PM	67	-	-
Sun, 9 AM	53	-	-
Sun, 11:30 AM	108	77	40
Sun, 7:15 PM	115	70	26

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



Nov 8, 2020

Collected from Envelopes	\$3,052
E-transfers	\$265
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$1,837
TOTAL	\$5,154

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

World Day of the Poor was established by Pope Francis in 2017 as a way to call and encourage Christians all around the world to more intentionally share God's love and Christ's charity with the last and the least among us. World Day of the Poor is a call to action to each and everyone of us to see Christ in the face of the poor and to respond courageously and with love.

The following is an excerpt from Pope Francis' message for World Day of the Poor:

"The ability to stretch forth our hand shows that we possess an innate capacity to act in ways that give meaning to life. How many outstretched hands do we see every day! Sadly, it is more and more the case that the frenetic pace of life sucks us into a whirlwind of indifference, to the point that we no longer know how to recognize the good silently being done each day and with great generosity all around us."

"A hand held out is a sign; a sign that immediately speaks of closeness, solidarity and love. In these months, when the whole world was prey to a virus that brought pain and death, despair and bewilderment, how many outstretched hands have we seen! The outstretched hands of physicians who cared about each patient and tried to find the right cure. The outstretched hands of nurses who worked overtime, for hours on end, to look after the sick. The outstretched hands of administrators who procured the means to save as many lives as possible. The outstretched hands of pharmacists who at personal risk responded to people's pressing needs. The outstretched hands of priests whose hearts broke as they offered a blessing. The outstretched hands of volunteers who helped people living on the streets and those with a home yet nothing to eat. The outstretched hands of men and women who worked to provide essential services and security. We could continue to speak of so many other outstretched hands, all of which make up a great litany of good works. Those hands defied contagion and fear in order to offer support and consolation."

"Stretch forth your hand to the poor" challenges the attitude of those who prefer to keep their hands in their pockets and to remain unmoved by situations of poverty in which they are often complicit. Indifference and cynicism are their daily food. What a difference from the generous hands we have described! If they stretch out their hands, it is to touch computer keys to transfer sums of money from one part of the world to another, ensuring the wealth of an elite few and the dire poverty of millions and the ruin of entire nations. Some hands are outstretched to accumulate money by the sale of weapons that others, including those of children, use to sow death and poverty. Other hands are outstretched to deal doses of death in dark alleys in order to grow rich and live in luxury and excess, or to quietly pass a bribe for the sake of quick and corrupt gain. Others still, parading a sham respectability, lay down laws which they themselves do not observe."



WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

Stretch out your hand to the poor

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR

THE LOGO EXPLAINED



The aspect of reciprocity is reflected in the logo for World Day of the Poor. You can see an open door and two people meeting at the threshold. Both stretch out their hand; one because he is asking for help, the other because he wants to offer it. It is difficult to differentiate which of the two is the real poor person. Indeed, it may be the case that both are poor. Whoever stretches out his hand asks for sharing and whoever reaches out to help is invited to share. There are two outstretched hands that meet, and each has something to offer thus inviting the other not to remain at the threshold but to go towards the other. The poor can enter the house once it is understood that the help from the house is being offered. In this context, the words that Pope Francis writes in his message becomes more significant than ever: "Stretch forth your hand to the poor" (cf. Sir 7:32). Ancient wisdom places these words as a sacred code to be followed in life. They resonate today with their wealth of meaning to help us focus our gaze on what is important and to overcome the barriers of indifference. Poverty always takes on different faces. Each face calls attention to its particular circumstance through which we can meet the Lord Jesus, who revealed that he is present in the least of his brothers (cf. Mt 25:40).

IN OTHER NEWS

NOVENA OF MASSES FOR THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



midst of the coronavirus pandemic. Novena Masses will be held at 7:00pm from November 29 to December 7 inclusive. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, at 7:00pm on Tuesday, December 8. All the faithful of the Diocese are welcome to take part in this Novena. Please note that all Diocesan covid protocols must be observed while at the Basilica. Even if you cannot come to the Basilica of Our Lady in person please join this Novena in prayer from your home. Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, Pray for Us.

In its capacity as our Diocese's Shrine to the Blessed Mother the Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph will be hosting a Novena of Masses leading up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This Novena will be seeking the intercession and protection of the Mother of God, and Mother of the Church, on our Diocese in the

SERENDIPITY AUCTION

The Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton will be hosting their annual Serendipity Auction virtually from Nov 19 at 9 AM to Nov 20 at 9 PM. This auction seeks to raise money to support children and families in need during the Christmas season. Items up for auction this year include Apple Air Pods, a signed Auston Matthews Jersey and a Dominos pizza a month for year! If you would like to register, please visit charityauction.bid/serendipity2020. For more information, please contact Lisa Hostein (lisa.hostein@hamiltonccas.on.ca OR 905-525-2012 ext. 3256).



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