



# St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

## News From The Pews

"And what I say to you I say  
to all: Keep awake." - Mark  
13:37



Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

November 29th, 2020 - First Sunday of Advent

# 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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## 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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# BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

## SLOW DOWN

We have been so busy the last many months being angry about all of the things that we can't do during pandemic lockdowns and closures and restrictions, that we have forgotten to take the time to be thankful for all of the things we 'can' do.

It was so normal to plan our days around working and getting our kids to some kind of practice, sporting event or after school activity. We were busy with so many things: the many errands we 'needed' to run, the meetings we needed to attend, grocery shopping for the best deals, having lunch with friends and visiting family, making dinner and cleaning up afterwards and doing the laundry. Before we knew it, it was bedtime. Everyone was exhausted from the events of the day and we went to bed knowing full-well that the next day would bring more of the same. Sometimes there was time for mass on Sunday. Sometimes not. There are many variations of the above, but at the end of the day, literally, it was the same thing: run, run, run!



That was our life prior to COVID-19. It's a bit different now, isn't it?

All that running came to a screeching halt in March. Whew! Many of us were really unhappy with what the Government was telling us, but there were also many of

us who enjoyed the time to just 'be'. There was time to talk to our loved ones, time to sit together, to have a meal together and to pray together. We didn't have to hope that by the end of the day everyone wasn't too exhausted or sleepy to say our prayers, read a few chapters of our bible or pray the rosary. We weren't too tired to be grateful to God that our family and friends were safe and healthy. The initial unrest, irritation and resentment we felt about the pandemic slowly turned to gladness and contentment. We suddenly had time to breathe and to get better acquainted with those in our life. Most importantly, we took time to be reunited with the Lord.



We have had many ups and downs in these past several months and we aren't really sure what our futures hold, but one thing that's been made clear is the need to slow down. No longer can we take the moments of quiet for granted. Rather, we need to hold those moments close because they have brought us a peace that we had so often ran past. We can no longer allow ourselves to lose or to forget these beautiful moments of peace.

In the morning, remember to get up and give thanks to God for another day. Before bedtime, thank Him once again for all of the good things that have come out of this pandemic. If we have spent the past 8 or 9 months being angry at God or angry at the world because of this, then we haven't really taken the time to be grateful for all that we already have or all that He's given us. We haven't taken the time either, to think of this as a gentle reminder to reset and truly remember what is most important to us.



# De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



This past Tuesday evening we hosted the first of two Hamilton Police Service Social Navigator/Action Team coat drives. Due to the new Red Zone restrictions it needed to be held outside in our back parking lot, but, all in all, it went well! We were able to hand out a couple hundred coats to those in need as well as hats, gloves, socks, hygiene items, pet food, goodie bags and more!



Our Parish CWL made hundreds of cookies and pre-packed them to be served, by both staff and volunteers, along with cups of steaming hot chocolate from the De Mazenod Door window. Many of our HPS friends in blue were in attendance. They really are a great bunch of men and women working together along with us for the good of the less fortunate within our community!

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

## Friday BBQ

This week's BBQ is sponsored by:

- Martine Holjevac



## Ways to Help



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



Ziploc Bags



Soft Breakfast Items (cereal bars, bananas, fruitcups)

## Thank You To Our Sponsors!



DIOCESE OF HAMILTON



## WEEKLY VOCATION REFLECTION

# ADVENT: AN INVITATION TO WAIT ON GOD

On this First Sunday of Advent, the readings set for us a journey of faith, trust and hope. This season gives us a constant invitation to be awake, to wait, to prepare ourselves, and to be alert as we are waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel reading ends with Christ Jesus telling us to "Stay awake."



The word "wait" comes from the Hebrew 'qavah' which means enduring patiently in the confident hope that God will act decisively for the salvation of his people... Those who wait in true faith are renewed with strength so that they can continue to serve the Lord while looking for his saving work.

Waiting for the LORD does not mean sitting back helplessly. St. Paul tells us "so in every way you have been enriched [in Christ] so you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 1:7). In other words, the Spirit of God is with you. God's grace provides us the strength and energy to walk in confident expectation that God is with us.

Two things come to my mind as we prepare and wait for His coming during this pandemic:

First, the renewal of hearts and minds: 'Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?' (Isaiah 63:17). Today, Prophet

Isaiah is reminding us through this prayer of penitence to amend our ways, renew our hearts and find favor in the presence of THE Creator. Mother Church incessantly encourages the faithful to renew and cultivate this ardent desire for his second coming: 'When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming...' (CCC 524).

Second, some may feel that this novel virus has sucked our energy out, drained our confidence, and pushed us into deep dark despair. Know that advent invites us to renew our strength by remembering the marvelous deeds that God has done for all of us. "O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand" (Isaiah 64: 8).

With this in mind, let us look at our own life as we enter into this Advent Season. What is it that we hope for? What is it that we wait for?

May this season bring newness in our lives. May it bring strength and hope. May the prayer of Matthew Kelly resound in our hearts throughout this season: "God of hope, I look to you with an open heart and yearning spirit. During this Advent Season, I will keep alert and awake, listening for your word and keeping to your precepts. My hope is in you."

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## WEEKEND READINGS



**1st Reading:** Isaiah 63: 16b-17, 64: 1, 3-8

**2nd Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

**Gospel:** Mark 13: 33-37

*"Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come."*

## 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](http://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](mailto: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 | December 1 | 12:15 PM**

- Vivien Massotti & Cathy Louise Baldwin
- Lucy Wheeler

**Wednesday | December 2 | 12:15 PM**

- Thanksgiving: Bozena & Dianne Sorman
- Special Int.: Neil & Marjorie Santos

**Thursday | December 3 | 12:15 PM**

- Special Int.: Vittorio Caldinelli

**Friday | December 4 | 12:15 PM**

- Theresa Ostrowski

**Saturday | December 5 | 5:00 PM**

- Joan Nowacki
- Kathleen O'Loan

**Sunday | December 6**

**9 AM**

- St. Patrick Parishioners

**11:30 AM**

- Emmett, Edna, Alton & Marlene Shields
- Francis, Isabel & Dale Richard
- Ava Silveira
- Special Int.: Gabrielle Ward

**7:15 PM**

- Special Int.: 25th Wedding Anniversary of Myrna & Rolando Perez

## WEEKEND STATS: ATTENDANCE



**Nov 21-22, 2020**

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Sat, 5 PM	110	28	11
Sun, 9 AM	80	23	9
Sun, 11:30 AM	85	88	53
Sun, 7:15 PM	65	70	34

## WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



**Nov 22, 2020**

Collected from Envelopes	\$5,822
E-transfers	\$60
Canada Helps	\$1,012
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$2,498
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,392</b>

# ADVENT

*Advent 2020 begins on November 29th  
and ends on December 24th.*



The Latin word “advent” means “coming”: This is the coming of Jesus into the world. As Christians, we use the 4 Sundays of Advent to prepare for the coming of the Lord; the real message of Christmas. In the Medieval times, Advent was a period of fasting during which people’s thoughts were directed to the expected second coming of Christ, but in modern times many have forgotten the symbolism and it is primarily a time leading up to Christmas.

The Advent Wreath or Advent Crown symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent in the Liturgical Calendar. It is an evergreen wreath with four Candles. Three are Purple and One Pink. However, in some traditions. There is a white candle, included in the centre of the arrangement. This one is lit on Christmas Eve at midnight or on Christmas Day.

The concept of the Advent wreath originated in the 16th Century among the German Lutherans. However, it was not until three centuries later that the modern Advent wreath took shape. The original Advent wreath was a large wooden ring, (built out of an old cartwheel) with 20 small red candles and 4 large white ones. A small red candle was lit on weekdays and a large white one on Sundays.

As the custom grew and the world modernized, the wreath evolved using evergreen, which is always available, and brings “life” inside the homes during the long winter months. The custom evolved into the smaller wreath and the 4 or 5 candles that we know today.

The candles represent the light of God coming into the world, through the birth of Jesus Christ.

- Week 1: The prophet’s Candle - Symbolizes Hope (Purple candle is lit).
- Week 2: The Bethlehem Candle - Symbolizes Peace and Faith
- Week 3: The Shepherd’s Candle - Symbolizes Joy
- Week 4: The Angels Candle - Symbolizes Love; the Pink candle is lit.

The White candle in the center is the Christ Candle and is lit on Christmas day, when Christ has arrived.

## ADVENT AT HOME: 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Set-up your own advent wreath at home and light the 1st candle with your family  
as you pray together.*

R1: O God, we light the first candle of Advent. (candle is lit)

R2.:We kindle it with hope. We long for you to come into our world to break through and reign with compassion, justice and peace.

R1& R2: We remember the times we longed for God to be present to us, gathered here. We recall all members of this family, gone before us and times when we have longed for God to come, to heal or to bring peace.

R1: The prophet Isaiah also cried out to God, to tear open

heaven and come down. He called God’s people to do right. Isaiah called them to be refashioned like clay by God the potter. This Advent, we call out to God.

R2: Mighty God, Creator of the world, break through all that keeps us from you. We ask for your mercy to transform us in your image. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love and peace. Amen

Together:

Shine on us O God of Justice; Guide our path through gloom of night; Bear within us Wisdom’s glory; Come to us, O Christ the Light.

## IN OTHER NEWS

# PUBLICATION OF BANNS: MR. PETER ROBINSON

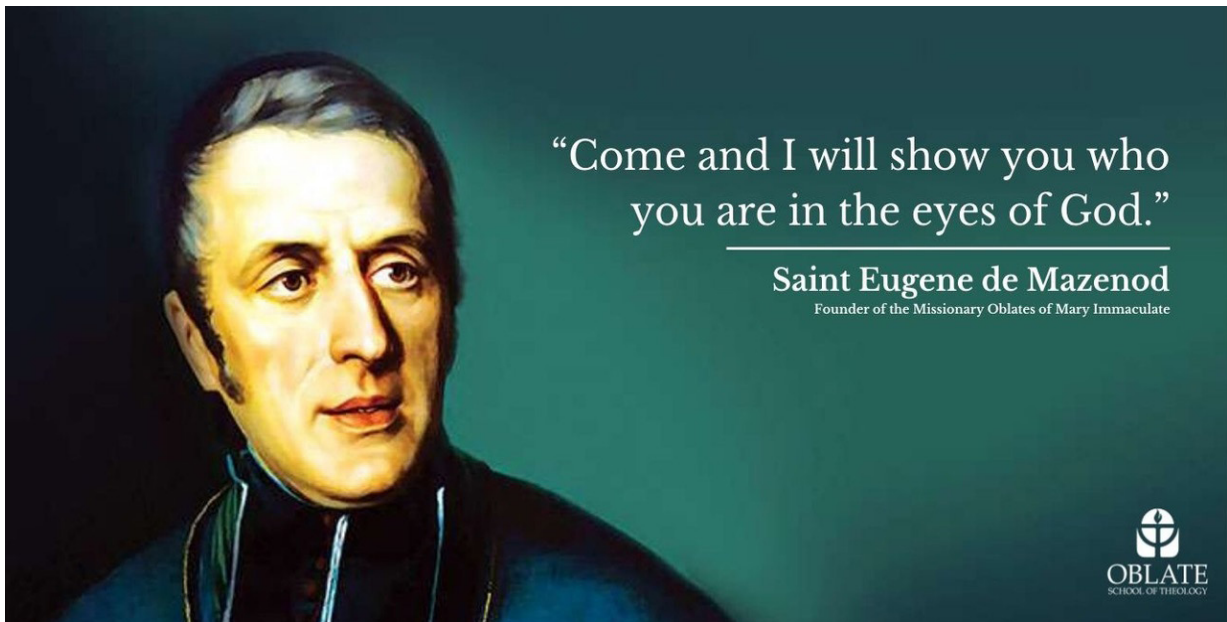


**DIOCESE OF HAMILTON**

Mr. Peter Robinson is scheduled to be ordained to the Transitional Deaconate at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 15, 2020 at Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Stoney Creek, Ontario. If anyone knows of a serious cause why this Ordination should not take place, please notify your Parish Priest.

Let us all pray that Mr. Peter Robinson will be a good and faithful servant of the Lord and His Church.

## 25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANONIZATION OF ST. EUGENE DE MAZENOD



“Come and I will show you who  
you are in the eyes of God.”

**Saint Eugene de Mazenod**

Founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate



On December 3, 1995, in the Vatican basilica, during the third year of the second mandate of Father Marcello Zago, OMI as Superior General of the Oblates, Saint Pope John Paul II proclaimed in his eighteenth year of Pontificate:

“For the honor of the Blessed Trinity, the exaltation of the Catholic faith and the increase of the Christian life, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and our own, after due deliberation and frequent prayer for divine assistance, and having sought the counsel of many of our brother Bishops, we declare and define Blessed Eugene de Mazenod to be a Saint and we enroll him among the Saints, decreeing that he is to be venerated as such by the whole Church. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”

St. Eugene de Mazenod is the Founder of the Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate and a saint patron of our Outreach Ministry in the inner-city of Hamilton. Join us in-person (30 percent capacity) or online for the Mass of St. Eugene in thanksgiving on the occasion of 25th Anniversary of his canonization: Thursday December 3, 2020 at 12:15pm.

# OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING

Offertory Envelopes for 2021 are ready for pick-up at the back of the church. Please speak with a staff member when you are here for mass to pick yours up.

We would like to thank all of our parishioners who have registered for pre-authorized giving! So far, we have 110 parishioners registered! If you would like to give your donation through pre-authorized giving, please speak with one of our staff members when you are here for mass or give the office a call at 905-522-9828. You may find that pre-authorized giving is an easier way to give to the church.

## SERRA CLUB: VOCATION SEEDS



The Serra Club of Hamilton/Hamilton/Kitchener recognizes and appreciates all Bishops, Priests, Religious and Deacons of the Church. They pray for these men who have answered God's call to their vocation and continue to

pray for more vocations. In an effort to encourage vocations, The Serra Club will plant "Vocation Seeds" for the next several weeks:

The season of Advent calls us to be vigilant in anticipation of the Master's return so that we live each day according to the teachings of Christ. Could God's "particular task" for you be a call to a Church vocation? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246.

Email: [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)

Website: <https://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/>

## FOSTER/ ADOPTION INFORMATION NIGHT

The next Foster/Adoption Information Night hosted by the Catholic Children's Aid Society of Hamilton is taking place December 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm. This information night will be virtual and take place via Zoom. Anyone interested can contact Jennifer Veenstra @ 905-525-2273 or [jennifer.veenstra@hamiltonccas.on.ca](mailto:jennifer.veenstra@hamiltonccas.on.ca) for more information and to register.

## NOVENA TO INFANT JESUS

The Sisters of the Carmel of Saint Joseph will pray for you during the Novena to Infant Jesus, December 16th to December 25th, 2020.

Are you troubled? Do you need spiritual support? You can participate in the Novena to Infant Jesus. Send your prayer intention slip with your name and address to:

Carmel of Saint Joseph (1127 Carmel-Koch Road, R.R. #1, St. Agatha, ON N0B 2L0)

## NOVENA TO IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Basilica of Our Lady Immaculate in Guelph will be hosting a Novena of Masses leading up to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Novena Masses will be held at 7 PM from Nov 29 to Dec 7, inclusive. Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, at 7 PM on Tues, Dec 8. All the faithful of the Diocese are welcome to take part. All Diocesan COVID protocols must be observed while at the Basilica. If you cannot come in person, please join this Novena in prayer from your home. Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, Pray for Us.

