



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

"Therefore keep watch,
because you do not know
the day or the hour."
Matthew 25: 13



Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

November 8th, 2020 - 32nd 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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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

In memory of our loved ones who have gone before.

Does anyone remember the year 1999? It was the year many of us wondered and worried while anxiously waiting for the impending and upcoming 'Millennium'. The so-called 'Millennium Bug' led to anxiety and to the Y2K (Year 2000) scare. When complex computer programs were first written in the 1960's, engineers used a two-digit code for the year, leaving out the '19'. Many believed that the systems would interpret the '00' correctly, therefore causing a major glitch in the system. As the year 2000 approached, computer programmers realized that computers might not interpret 00 as 2000, but as 1900 – setting us back a hundred years. A million changes needed to be made.

There were SO many concerns: banks, stocks, radiation levels, power plants, air travel, missile launches and the list goes on. So many things around the world depended on correct computer information. There was even talk of the world ending. However, on January 1, 2020 almost nothing happened. We all breathed a sigh of relief – we made it through together! You know what none of us saw coming? A global pandemic exactly 20 years later! And here we are, making a million changes once again. Well, we've made it to November. Such an important month in the liturgical calendar. It is the month of remembrance. The month where we take time to remember all of our Canadian Veterans and those around the world lost to war. It is the month where we pray for All Souls who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. As Catholics we typically inscribe those names in our Book of Remembrance, set close to the Altar, where every parishioner or friend of the church is welcomed to write their loved one's names, who have passed before us. It is important that we continue to pray for the dead. It is a beautiful part of our Catholic tradition.

So what changes in 2020 for November? There is no physical 'Book of Remembrance' allowed in the Church as it would pose as a method of indirect contact between many people. So, how do we pray for and remember the many souls of our beloved who have gone before?



Just as that old adage says, "where there's a will, there's a way!" We have put a basket at the side altar (Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Jude) where you can place pieces of paper with the names of your deceased loved ones. We are asking that you take a few moments at home to write the names of your loved ones passed on a piece of paper and place it in the basket when you are here for mass. For those who cannot yet come to church in person, feel free to send us the names via email (parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca), call them in (905-522-9828), or message them to us through Facebook or our website. From there, using precautionary measures, our Pastoral Team will ensure these names are written in the Book of Remembrance to be remembered and prayed for so that this beautiful tradition is preserved. Different, yet the same.

Like the scare of Y2K, the 2020 COVID pandemic also stirs fear within us. However, we deal with changes as they come and because we make it a point to practice #FatihOverFear, we know once again, that we will make it through together.



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



Even during a world-wide pandemic, we couldn't let Halloween go by unnoticed. We still have individuals, families, seniors and children coming every day for both breakfast and lunch, so the very least we could do was hand out some great treats to our guests on Halloween day! Chocolate & chips are always a hit, but this year one of our awesome volunteers took it upon herself to beautify 150 clementines by decorating them to look like little pumpkins. Thank you Marti Dahl for your creativity and loving heart! It wasn't just a great treat, it was also a wonderful source of Vitamin 'C' for our guests to enjoy!



Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) Parish in Winona continues to support us by providing two totally awesome hot meals per month for lunches. Last week they made an amazing pork chop dinner, served with scalloped potatoes, vegetables, rolls and even dessert! Thank you IHM and your Social Justice warriors who work tirelessly collecting donations to provide such great meals for our guests! Faith in action!

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

Friday BBQ

This week's BBQ is sponsored by:

IECA Transport Inc. - In thanksgiving for family



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



Soft
Breakfast
Bars

Thank You To Our Sponsors!



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BE PREPARED

The center of this parable is the oil. Oil has always been an important part of life. For example, we use it in our cars, at home for cooking, and for medicinal purposes. We use oil in four of the sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Sacrament of the Sick. Anointing with oil represents the strengthening, healing and enlightening power of the Holy Spirit. Oil also represents good works, faith, spiritual practices, acts of love such as acts of mercy for ourselves and others etc. Therefore, the core of the parable is about the oil. All ten maidens were ready and had to wait. All of them were also drowsy and all of them slept. All of them heard the sound or shout and all of them got up to light their lamps. Then what happened?



The wise ones took a flask of oil along with them in order to keep their lamps burning. It wasn't much but it was enough for their vigil, enough for the party, enough for the day or enough for the night. What is most important is how much oil you carry with you. When we have enough oil with us, then we can draw the resources necessary to live our faith-filled life today, tonight and tomorrow as well. The smallest drops of oil are like the small things of daily life: like a simple smile, a handshake, a word of encouragement, a phone call, a card, an embrace, a present, a visit, a financial contribution, a gesture of support, a helping hand, etc. Through these drops of oil or drops of love, we will always be ready to meet the Master of Love any time He returns. Blessed are we who continue to keep these drops of love in our daily life.

The five foolish bridesmaids ran out of oil. They had beautiful containers and very good lamps but sadly they were empty. This is where this parable tells us that sometimes we run out of the strength and power of God's grace in our life. Our oil can easily run out through our neglect of our spiritual exercises. Therefore, the parable reminds us all that we were filled with oil at our baptism,

at our confirmation and at our marriage or ordination. As time goes by, something always seems to come up that prevents us from having enough love to meet the day's challenges. Nevertheless, Jesus reminds us and warns us of the need to keep storing drops of oil needed for every day. Every moment is a beautiful opportunity for our soul to meet the beloved Bridegroom, not out of fear but with joyful hope.

Another lesson this parable teaches us is that there are some things that we cannot borrow from others. We cannot borrow someone else's faith, grace and spirituality. We are completely responsible for our spiritual condition. It makes no sense for us to blame the world for our failure to prepare our soul to meet our Master when He returns.

It is never too late to discern your vocation about how to serve at the wedding banquet. Whatever our age or state in life there is a way for us to participate in and spread the kingdom of God. The vocation to the religious life or priesthood is best discerned and prepared for in early adulthood. The total commitment and conversion of mind and heart required for total consecration to vowed community life and service, means burning up our superficiality and false sense of self. Love for Jesus is the oil that fuels the fire that purifies us and forges us for service to God and others. This fire is not to be feared. In it, we are cooked into mature disciples and joyous human beings. Through this fire we become part of the feast itself and food for the life of the world with Jesus, our Beloved Bridegroom and master.

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WEEKEND READINGS



1st Reading: Wisdom 6: 12-16

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-28

Gospel: Matthew 25: 1-13

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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 10 | 12:15 PM

- Norberto Trinidad & Family
- Aniello & Anita Lombardi
- Charmaine Cruz

Wednesday | November 11 | 12:15 PM

- Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
- Gertrude Kovacs

Thursday | November 12 | 12:15 PM

- Filippo Costanza Sebastiani
- All Souls in Purgatory, especially deceased members of F.O.S.S.

Friday | November 13 | 12:15 PM

- Thanksgiving - Bozena & Dianne Sorman
- Thanksgiving - Anita & Joe Stuermer

Saturday | November 14 | 5:00 PM

- Antonion Spaziani
- Patricia Anzovino

**Sunday | November 15
9 AM**

- St. Patrick Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Leopolda Zawierucha
- All Souls in Purgatory, especially deceased members of F.O.S.S.

7:15 PM

- Patricia Anzovino
- Edith Duplessis

WEEKEND STATS: ATTENDANCE



October 31 - Nov 1, 2020

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Sat, 5 PM	67	-	-
Sun, 9 AM	53	-	-
Sun, 11:30 AM	93	98	42
Sun, 7:15 PM	114	59	20

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



Nov 1, 2020

Collected from Envelopes	\$6,887
E-transfers	\$180
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$1,837
TOTAL	\$8,904

IN OTHER NEWS

COPING WITH THE HOLIDAYS

.. when someone you love is gone.

Each year the Diocese of Hamilton offers this program for those who are grieving at Christmas. For those who have lost a loved one, whether it be a recent or a distant loss, Christmas can be a difficult time. All are welcome. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, this program will be offered via Zoom this year on Mon, Nov 30th from 7-8 PM. It is free to attend. Please register by calling 905-528-7988 (ext. 2249) or register online at hamiltondiocese.com



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE RCIA?



We are 2 weeks into our RCIA classes and so far they have been spirit-filled! We look forward to seeing how this journey will unfold. This week we learned about the Holy Trinity. In the coming week we will be talking about Creation, the Fall and Redemption. If you or someone you know would like to join the classes – whether it is to become a Catholic or just to learn more about the faith – it's not too late! Please contact the office (905-522-9828) or email JC Asuncion (jasuncion@stpatrickshamilton.ca).

ST. DYMPHNA MINISTRY MEETINGS

Next Sat, Nov 12, 2020 at 6 PM, the St. Dymphna Ministry will be meeting at St. Patrick Parish. Enter the church through the King St doors. The St. Dymphna Ministry is one that supports those with mental illness, those who care for the mentally ill and those who take compassionate interest in mental illness. These meetings hope to offer supports through fellowship and the teachings of the Catholic Church. The group will continue to meet on the second Saturday of each month moving forward. If you would like to learn more, please contact the parish office and ask to speak with Brother Dan Dionne, OMI or send him an email (ddionne@stpatrickshamilton.ca).



2021 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The 2021 collection envelopes will be ready for pick up next weekend (Nov 21 & 22) at all the masses. Please remember to pick them up if you are currently using envelopes for your donations. One of our Pastoral Team members will assist you with your envelopes at the King St doors. If you no longer wish to use envelope and would like to use the more convenient option of pre-authorized giving please call the office (905-522-9828) or send us an e-mail at parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca Please also contact us to update any recent changes to your address or contact information.



IN OTHER NEWS



A CALL TO ACTION FROM THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul is reaching out to the parishioners and friends of St. Patrick Parish to ask for volunteers. They are looking to be able to open the store for an additional day. Available volunteer positions include cashiers and sales associates. Training for all volunteer position will be provided. If you are interested, please contact the store at 905-549-3902 or send them an email ssvphamilton@gmail.com

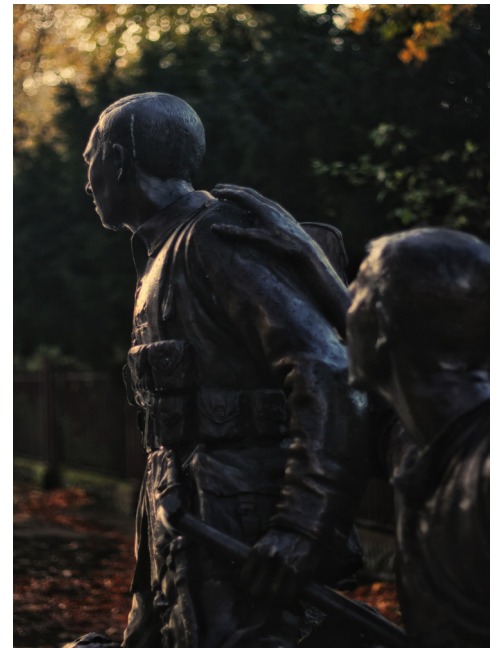
In addition, the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is looking for new members to join their Vincentian family. Their mission is to love God and to love their neighbours through working directly with the people in need. From their website, they indicate that they have "a proud tradition of supporting and championing the rights of the poorest members of our community." If this is something that you would be interested in and would like more information, please contact president@ssvphamiltonont.ca

REMEMBRANCE DAY - NOV 11

We remember them.

Remembrance Day is observed by most nations of the Commonwealth on the 11th of November. This day marks the end of the conflict of World War I. In 1918, the hostilities formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. This was in accordance with the multilateral armistice signed by representatives of Germany and France. An armistice is an agreement in which both sides agree to stop fighting, rather than a surrender. For both sides, armistice was the fastest way to end the war's misery and carnage. Of the 60 million soldiers who fought in the First World War; over 9 million died.

In Canada, Manitoba, Ontario and Quebec do not observe Remembrance Day as a Statutory holiday; however, the other provinces and territories do. Every year Canadians pause in a moment of silence to honour and remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve Canada during times of war, military conflict and peace. We remember more than 230,000 Canadians who have served throughout our nation's history and the more than 118,000 who have made the ultimate sacrifice.



The red poppy is the symbol of Remembrance Day. It is sold by the Royal Canadian Legion to raise funds to provide assistance to Veterans. In return for their service, Canadians should understand the price of freedom – we must continue to honour the memories of Veterans and value the sacrifice they made, fighting for all of us to live in freedom. It is everyone's responsibility to educate the younger generations, so the memory of their sacrifice will not be forgotten; and the values they fought and died for, will live on in everyone of us.

Whenever you meet a Veteran, please thank them.