



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

"I am the voice crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord'" - John 1: 23

Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

December 13th, 2020 - Third Sunday of Advent

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

Pastoral Centre

440 King St. East, Hamilton, ON L8N 1C6

Administrative Centre

20 Emerald St. South, Hamilton, ON L8N 2V2

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Sherri Ramirez | De Mazenod Door Outreach Coordinator

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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

A CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS

As one of those who tune into online mass due to COVID19-related health concerns, it has been absolutely beautiful to see so many who are also attending church online from other cities across the Province, across the country and even across the world. We are all praying and celebrating together. Those tuning in from a great distance have never met our Pastors, pastoral team, or parishioners, but they've fallen in love with our church and our mission to love others as Christ loves us.

They've listened to homilies about the poverty and marginalization taking place just outside our doors in our community. They've heard about the many individuals coming to De Mazenod Door Outreach for meals, daily. They've listened intently about the concerns for our homeless and those in crisis. They have become familiar with our brothers and sisters who are suffering with addiction and have heard the stories of those who received the help they needed. We are the church and that means we must carry our faith and the love of God beyond our walls.

We have made these online viewers feel welcome and a part of our parish. They have responded with unimaginable enthusiasm! They now call us their St. Patrick family! Not even a pandemic saw that coming. We simply wanted our parishioners to not feel disconnected from God or our parish family. We wanted to encourage them to have faith over fear and more than that, we wanted to do it together. We are a community of faith.

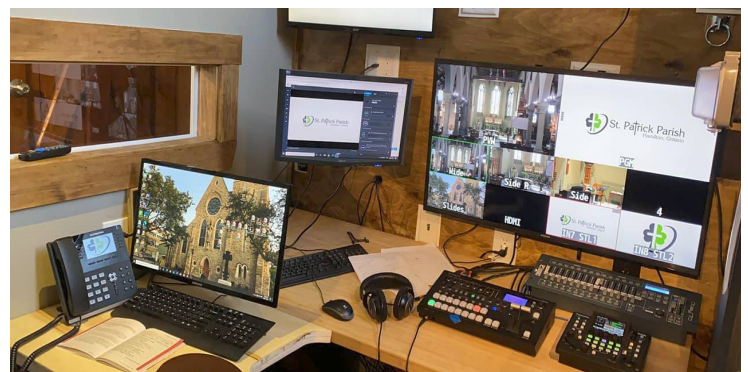
Our new St. Patrick family members know we are – they know Fr. Tony and Fr. Jarek by name. They give praise to the different music ministry ministers by name, often thanking Br. Dan Dionne, Christina, Joe, Katrina, Anthony, and all the others for their beautiful gifts of music and



praising their talents.

Evidently, it doesn't matter how far apart we are when we celebrate the Eucharist – what matters is that we are all present. In our faith community, we pray together, especially with the help of the Felician Sisters who are our daily prayer warriors. We even see participation beyond mass through social media interactions! We are one church, and we can't wait until the day that our parishioners and friends from far and wide can come to mass in-person to celebrate the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist! Coming to mass and celebrating together is the true pinnacle of our Catholic faith community.

Through the difficulty of this pandemic, St. Patrick's remains a church without walls reaching far and beyond what any wall might contain.





De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



During the last week of November, a number of students from St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School took part in a 'silent demonstration' showing solidarity with those in our community who don't have a voice. Individuals taking part, including family and friends, each pledged a minimum of \$20, to not speak, text or email for 18 & ½ hours. The response was amazing! In total, \$6,025.00 was raised for De Mazenod Door Outreach and a formal cheque presentation was made to Sherri Ramirez, Outreach Coordinator and our DMDO mascot, Maz on Thursday.



We sincerely thank all involved for their support and generosity. St. Mary's, you truly are making a difference in the lives of others through your kindness and acts of mercy. Go forth and do great things! These awesome students and Crusaders are also spreading the joy of the season by writing Christmas letters and making a Christmas music video for the residents of St. Joseph's Villa in Dundas.

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

Friday BBQ

This week's BBQ is sponsored by:

- Jose Moniz, In memory of Jose & Libanna Cabral
- Francesca Lobo, In honour of Fr. Tony and Fr. Jarek



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



Coffee Whitener

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JOHN THE BAPTIST

The witness who summons all to faith in Jesus

John the Baptist had a central role to play in the coming of the Saviour. He proved to be a courageous and effective witness. He had a very strong personality and was a man of principle. He did not choose a life of comfort, rather he lived in the desert. His was a living example of what he preached. Yet, his vision of what the Messiah would be like was very different from what Jesus modeled. Their approaches were also very different.

For John, the Messiah would be an uncompromising judge and give a fiery judgement on all the sinners. But Jesus made it clear that he did not come to condemn the sinners but to save them. While John preached bad news, (focused by sin) Jesus preached good news. John prophesied the judgement of God and Jesus prophesied the salvation of God. John was an ascetic but Jesus mixed with the people, eating and drinking with all including sinners.

Their approaches and differences raised questions among many: Who is who? John the Baptist declares that he is not the Messiah. Nor is he Elijah, who was expected to precede the Messiah. Nor is he the prophet who was to come. He is merely the voice in the wilderness spoken of by the prophet Isaiah. His task was to prepare the way for the Messiah who has already come and stands among the people, though they did not recognize him.

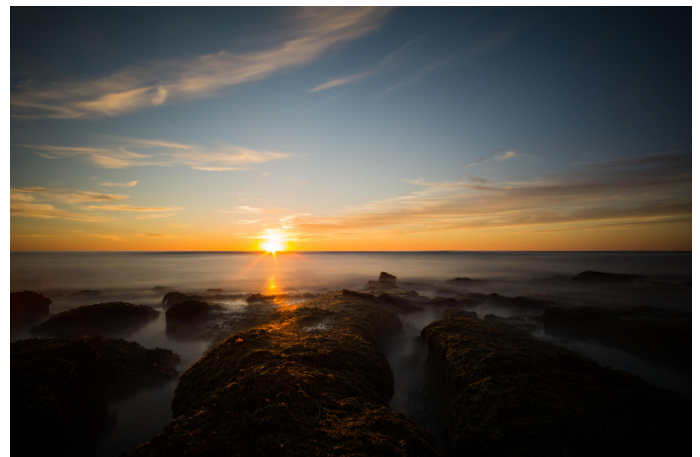
John declares, "There stands one among you whom you know not." Despite the prophecies that were made about John, he disclaimed that he was the Messiah. Further, he considered himself unworthy to untie the sandal of our Lord. Jesus would surpass John in humility, as Jesus would wash the feet of the Apostles. The greatness of John consisted in the fact that to he alone was given the privilege of running before the chariot of the King saying, "Christ has come and He is here among you."

Dear Brothers and Sisters, St. John in his Gospel says, "He was in the world and the world did not know him." (John 1:11) Even when he finally came into the public arena, not everyone recognized and believed in him. Even John the Baptist did not recognize him at first. He recognized him only when he saw the Spirit come down on him like

a dove at his baptism. (John 1:31-32). This can happen to us not only during the advent and Christmas seasons but all the time. Without the witness of Christ in our lives, we will offer a blurry sign of Him to the world. Jesus will continue to stand among us, unknown and unrecognized.

The Oblate vocation is a call to be a voice in the wilderness of our confused world, just as John was. But Oblates are to be more concerned with salvation rather than judgement. Just as Jesus witnessed. In this way, we will likely disappoint some, but greatly delight others. However, it is important to remember that the more that we are seeking God and the kingdom, the more we will get a taste in the life joy of which is to come. Above all, the Oblate vocation is to stand with people in the wilderness and not against them.

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WEEKEND READINGS



1st Reading: Isaiah 61: 1-2a, 10-11
2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

*"I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
 'Make straight the way of the Lord.'"*

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 | December 15 | 12:15 PM

- Atina Siriban & Family
- Mark Ajandi & Sirino Pirro
- All Souls in Purgatory, especially the deceased Members of F.O.S.S.

Wednesday | December 16 | 12:15 PM

- Francesco Loreta & Giuseppe Rubino

Thursday | December 17 | 12:15 PM

- Severino & Francesca Ciaccia & Family
- Andrew Burghardt

Friday | December 18 | 12:15 PM

- Simplicio & Gaetana Ciaccia & Family
- Domenico Versace & Family
- Victorio Loresto

Saturday | December 19 | 5:00 PM

- Elizabeth Smith
- Bertha & Herb Himmen
- Gertrude & Nick Kovacs

**Sunday | December 20
9 AM**

- St. Patrick Parishioners
- 11:30 AM**
- Fedele Vario (10 year death anniversary)
 - Maria Do Rosario Roque & Maria Da Gloria De Braga
- 7:15 PM**
- Pasquale Spinozzi
 - Anna Spinozzi

WEEKEND STATS: ATTENDANCE



Dec 5-6, 2020

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Sat, 5 PM	63	-	-
Sun, 9 AM	48	-	-
Sun, 11:30 AM	99	84	46
Sun, 7:15 PM	95	83	42

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



Dec 6, 2020

Collected from Envelopes	\$4,954
Christmas Donation	\$55
E-transfers	\$90
Canada Helps	\$375
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$3,015
TOTAL	\$8,489

ADVENT



ADVENT AT HOME: 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Week 3 of Advent, also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means "rejoice": We rejoice as we draw closer to the coming of our Lord and Saviour.

With the first two candles lit, we light the Pink candle from their flame as your family prays:

R1: We light the third candle of Advent.
(Light the Pink candle).

R2: We look to John, the one whom you sent, to point us to your light. The light will come into our world and enlighten everyone.

R1 & R2: We have known people who have changed us and called us into God's light. They seem, like John, called by God to prepare us for a deeper faith. We recall. (family members can describe a person who have impacted their life and called them to a deeper, sometimes; more challenging faith).

R1: God sent John the Baptizer to prepare the people for the coming of Jesus Christ, the true Light of the

world. John called for people to repent of their sins and live faithfully. He baptized with a cleansing water and proclaimed the new life that Christ, the one who would follow him will bring. This Advent, we ask for God's mercy and a joyful new beginning.

Together: Merciful God, we give thanks that you send messengers like John to call us to greater faith. We ask that in these troubled times we prepare for you, in prayers and acts of holy compassion. Forgive us and lead us to your light. 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

BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAMS

Please be aware that email scams have been reported using the names of priests in order to solicit gift cards for fake emergency situations.

Two such cases in the Diocese are known in the past 24 hours alone. In both situations, fake email addresses were created, and the name of the respective pastors used. It is known that at least one parishioner found the fraudulent email plausible and transferred a large sum of money.



REGISTRATION FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

Registration is still open for most of our Christmas masses. Remember that due to the restrictions on capacity for church gatherings, we can only accommodate 30% of our normal capacity. That means we have limited seating. Our Christmas Eve masses have already filled to capacity. There are still seats available for our Christmas Masses, however they are filling up quickly. If you would like to register yourself and your family, please do so as soon as possible at our website: stpattickshamilton.ca

Our Christmas mass schedule is as follows. Please note that masses with an asterisk (*) beside them will also be live streamed.

Thursday, December 24

- 6 PM Christmas Eve Mass
- *8 PM Christmas Eve Concert + Mass

Friday, December 25

- Midnight Mass
- 9 AM Christmas Mass
- *11:30 AM Christmas Mass

When you are here in person, please be reminded that we adhere to all the COVID-19 safety precautions set out by Public Health. This means that we strongly recommend that you wear a mask, maintain social distancing and perform hand hygiene as you enter and exit the church. The church is thoroughly sanitized before every mass to ensure the safety of all.

If you do not feel well and develop any COVID-19 symptoms (see below) prior to the mass you have registered to attend, please stay home. Contact your health care provider or Telehealth Ontario (1-866-797-0000) for further information about COVID-19 testing.

COVID-19 symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Coughing – new or worsening
- Sore throat, trouble swallowing
- Runny/stuffy nose or nasal congestion
- Digestive issues: nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain
- Decrease or loss of smell or taste
- Pink eye
- Not feeling well, extreme tiredness, sore muscles



SERRA CLUB: VOCATION SEEDS

There was a man named John, sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the Light, so that through this person all people might believe. Is it possible God could be calling your name to witness to the Light of Christ in our day? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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

CAR MAGNETS



A great way to spread the true meaning of Christmas is through these "Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets! They are available to you for a minimum of a \$5 donation. All of the money raised will go back to keeping our parish operating and our mission alive. They

would be a great stocking stuffer! If you are interested, please speak with a staff member at any of our weekend masses or call the office at 905-522-9828.

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.

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.

IN OTHER NEWS

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS: CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING, HAMILTON

His Excellency, Bishop Crosby, will celebrate Christmas Midnight Mass from the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton. The Midnight Mass will be preceded by a Carol Service beginning at 11:30 p.m. Both the Carol Service and the Midnight Mass will be broadcast on Salt+Light Media and shared with CHCH-TV. The Mass will be repeated on CHCH-TV at 8:00 a.m. on Christmas morning.

Due to COVID restrictions, all seating for Midnight Mass has already been reserved. Join us for the broadcast and share in the joy of this Christmas feast!



SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION AVAIL- ABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



The sacrament of confession is one that allows us to constantly keep our relationship with God in check. Although it can seem like a nerve-racking experience, there is so much goodness and beauty in it! This is the sacrament where the priest, in persona Christi, absolves you from your sins – the very things that distance you from God!

The sacrament of confession is available by appointment only here at St. Patrick Parish. Please call the office to book your appointment (905-522-9828). You can leave your name or you can choose to remain anonymous.

PURCHASE A MASK TO SUPPORT THE PARISH

As the pandemic continues, the safety rules and regulations remain in place. One of those is the requirement of wearing a mask whenever you are in an indoor public place. Lifted Thinking Co. makes excellent masks that both keep you safe and looking your best! For every \$20 mask purchased from them, \$5 will be donated to St. Patrick Parish. You can choose from standard designs and even customize your own mask! These masks would make a great gift for your loved ones (and why not yourself as well!). You can visit their website to view their products at liftedthinkingco.com

If you are interested in purchasing from Lifted Thinking Co., call/text 647-233-4120 or send an email to liftedthinkingco@gmail.com

Be sure to let them know that you are a parishioner of St. Patrick Parish!

