



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

"Prepare the way of the
Lord, make his paths
straight." - Mark 1: 3b

Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

December 6th, 2020 - Second 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

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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

WE, THE CHURCH

Although 2020 came in like a lamb those first couple of months, by mid-March that lamb had reared its ugly head and showed us a lion, hidden deep within. The year has brought with it so many tough changes and with them, many hardships, but it has also brought a lot of positivity and change for the good. These changes may have never been made if it weren't for the new struggles we have faced.

Attending Mass allows us to receive the Body of Christ through the Eucharist, which nourishes both the body and soul. This intimacy with Christ at the time of Communion is why the mass is the highest form of worship and prayer we have as Catholics. Although praying the Act of Spiritual Communion can draw us into the mass, it does not and cannot replace the physical intake of the Holy Eucharist – the very reason for attending mass. We long for the days when we can all fully experience the blessing of the Sacrament of Holy Communion.



In the meantime, as the circumstances of this year have limited our ability to attend mass in person, we have answered by building up our live-streaming capabilities. We have reached across the country and around the world touching hearts and souls thirsting for Christ. The names we see on social media or on our website have become very familiar. We excitedly say hello when we see them and notice when they aren't attending. We've become friends and so many are now a part of our St. Patrick Parish family. What a beautiful blessing from God! During our time away from the church, our St. Pat's family continues to build and to grow. No matter where we

join or pray from, we are still one church.

We aren't just reaching those who choose not to attend, but also the unchurched. Those who only attend mass during Easter, at Christmas, a wedding or a funeral, have found solace and comfort during this time of unease through our live-streamed masses. This is an important part of church: finding comfort in the Lord. He is the source of our strength and give us the courage we need through His word and the Eucharist.

Let us all continue to pray for each other, for an end to this pandemic and for mercy and guidance. We ask that God grant us the grace to face the many ups and downs of something far beyond our control. Wherever and whenever we pray, God finds us. Church refers to the people – us – and not the building. As church, let us continue to live out and be firm in our faith.

We have been given a world-wide pandemic to deal with, but God has given us a great gift in the ability to reach out and be Disciples of Jesus Christ. Let us spread the word of God, no matter how far away we are from the Altar.





De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



November has been an outrageously busy, yet rewarding month at the De Mazenod Door! Firstly, we received a major donation from the Kiwanis Club of

Hamilton East for \$10,000 enabling us to FINALLY be able to purchase TWO updated stoves! As well, we were able to get two new coffee thermoses! These upgrades are so greatly appreciated as we serve many meals and cups of coffee every day! Thank you to this amazing community partner for their incredible support!

As well, Santa Claus & Mrs. Claus from St. Margaret Mary School, Huntington Park & Hampton Heights communities stopped by on Monday morning with a truck AND trailer load of non-perishable food items from a Christmas neighbourhood food drive they held over the weekend. Santa and his elves drove through the streets, playing music and HO HO HO'ing to help lift the spirits of our community during these difficult times. What an amazing initiative to benefit the thousands of people we serve monthly! We were even able to share our haul with the Good Shepherd Centre! Thank you so much Sabrina & Andrew and community friends for your fantastic donation!



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

Friday BBQ

This week's BBQ is sponsored by:

- Bishop Douglas Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton & the Chancery Office of the Diocese of Hamilton



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



Ziploc Bags



Juice Crystals

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TRAILBLAZER

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight'" (Mark 1:3)



Trailblazers are known as the people who make a new track through a wild country. This task requires lots of practical skills, but also lots of courage and determination. They step out of their comfort zone and into the unknown in order to prepare the way. In a more figurative understanding, they embrace something new to show that it is also possible for other people.

On the day of Saint Eugene's canonization, December 3, 1995 – 25 years ago – Pope John Paul II said in his homily, "Eugene de Mazenod, whom the Church today proclaims a saint, was a man of Advent, a man of the Coming. He not only looked forward to that Coming, but, as a Bishop and the founder of the Congregation of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, he dedicated his whole life to preparing for it. His waiting reached the intensity of heroism, that is, it was marked by a heroic degree of faith, hope and apostolic charity. Eugene de Mazenod was one of those apostles who prepared the modern age, our age."

St. Eugene de Mazenod was a real trailblazer of faith who always explored the path, not out of curiosity, but rather in the sense of "preparing the way" for the One to come. Throughout his life he wholeheartedly dove into the discernment process and this helped him to discover the will of God and act upon it. It was a constant way of embracing God's mission in his life, beginning with priestly vocation, then founding a religious congregation,

and finally extending the mission to the foreign lands, constantly "preparing the way of the Lord". He would have assessed the situation with objectivity, prayed about it and consulted his spiritual director. He put into practice his final decision with zeal and conviction. It was this way of life that led him to sainthood. He was a trailblazer not a disoriented follower.

In every way of life, whether we are single, married or religious, we are called to "prepare the way of the Lord". Our discernment of God's will in our life is an expression of faith as we embrace the way with trust. It takes courage to step out of our comfort zone and away from the securities of life. It takes a "trailblazer" to walk the path of the Lord, not our own.

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WEEKEND READINGS



1st Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-14

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

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 8 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Yvette & Peter Lobo
- Special Int: Robert & Josie Lombardi
- Elaine Ditner
- Alejandra Viquiera

Wednesday | December 9 | 12:15 PM

- Victorio & Dettina Caiola

Thursday | December 10 | 12:15 PM

- Joseph Nakazi

Friday | December 11 | 12:15 PM

- John Tonski

Saturday | December 12 | 5:00 PM

- All Souls in Purgatory
- Dominador Osorio

Sunday | December 13

9 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Chafik Elkara

7:15 PM

- Gilbert DaSilva
- Dario Montelpare & Deceased members of the Montelpare Family

WEEKEND STATS: ATTENDANCE



Nov 21-22, 2020

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Sat, 5 PM	72	-	-
Sun, 9 AM	63	-	-
Sun, 11:30 AM	81	88	42
Sun, 7:15 PM	101	72	21

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



Nov 22, 2020

Collected from Envelopes	\$3,142
Christmas Donation	\$190
E-transfers	\$268
Canada Helps	\$660
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$2,498
TOTAL	\$6,758

ADVENT



ADVENT AT HOME: 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*This is the week of peace: We seek the peace only
Jesus can bring into our hearts.*

*With the 1st candle already burning, light the 2nd Advent
candle with your family as you pray:*

R1: O God, we light the second candle of Advent.
(With the first candle already burning, a family member
lights the second candle)

R2: We seek your comfort. Both mighty and tender, you
come. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you.

R1 & R2: We have sought such a God, both mighty and
tender. We recall: a family member recalls or describes a
time they sought the might and tenderness of God.

R1: The Prophet Isaiah announced God's coming to a
people exiled in a broken and parched wilderness. He

declares that God's redemption would make a highway in
the desert and change the rough places into plains. God
would come as a shepherd feeding, leading and cradling
the weary flock. This Advent we seek such a God. Amen.

R2: Saving God, look upon your world and heal your lands
and your people. Prepare us to be changed.
This Advent, teach us to be tender and just, as you are
tender and just. 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 BANNNS: 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.

IN OTHER NEWS

REGISTRATION FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

This year's Christmas will look a lot different, but the reason for the season remains the same! We hope that you will be able to join us either in-person or via live-stream to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. If you and your family would like to join us in-person, we require that you register (for free) for the mass of your choosing on our website: stpatrickshamilton.ca

As we can only accommodate 30% of the church's capacity, only a limited number of attendees will be registered per mass. You must register each member of your family/group that will be attending. The schedule is as follows (masses with an asterisk (*) beside them indicate that they 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

John the Baptist is sent by God to prepare the way for His Son. In our present time God sends priests, religious and deacons to prepare the people to receive His Son. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton, 905-528-7988 ext. 2246.

Email: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com

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

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)



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.



BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS December 2020

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH- Parenting Tip 125 – Christmas during COVID will change many of our traditional outings and gatherings as a family, but we can still easily take part in our faith traditions. Centering our celebration on the birth of Christ is a great way to remind our children that Christmas for Catholics is the same this year as in other years. During Advent set up an Advent wreath and each week pray and talk about what each candle represents: hope, peace, joy and love; read the story of the Nativity (more than once!) and set one up in your home; adorn the tree with symbols of the faith; attend Mass and reflect on the readings each week, especially on Christmas Day. The joy of Christmas is not gone because of COVID since Christmas reminds us of something that will never change, God's great love for each of us.

MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage Tip 105 - At the heart of every person is a desire to be known and loved for who we are. We fall in love with someone and then spend extraordinary energy and time on learning about the person. Once we marry, we can forget to keep on discovering who the person we love is becoming – because each of us is always becoming. Time and circumstance constantly change and as a result, the person changes. When the one we love stays interested in who we are, we feel secure, cared-for and loved. So spend some time asking about likes and dislikes, what bothers your spouse and what brings them joy, what is the one thing they would like to do if there were no limitations, what their favourite food is – the possibilities are endless and so is the benefit to your relationship! Make your Christmas gifts this year time and attention!

Anniversary Mass 2021 – The Anniversary Mass scheduled for June of 2021 has been cancelled due to restrictions and concerns around COVID-19. We invite you to register your 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60 plus years Anniversary starting in January on the Diocesan website. We will send you the certificate you would have received from Bishop Crosby at the Mass.

Re: Start – A Separation and Divorce Recovery Program – will resume once again in early 2021 - either in person or on line depending on the situation with COVID-19. We invite you to look on the Diocesan website www.hamiltondiocese.com to see the programs offered and then check back in January for dates and registration.

Struggling After an Abortion? Either your own, or someone else's? Do you feel alone, emotional, or angry? Project Rachel is available to help. This confidential service allows people to work through their feelings on an individual basis, with a trained counsellor, and find hope and healing. Please contact us at 905-526-1999 or toll free at 1-888-385-3850.

A Walk Through Fratelli Tutti – 'Fratelli Tutti': With these words, Saint Francis of Assisi addressed his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel. In his simple and direct way, Saint Francis expressed the essence of fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives." (FT#1) These are the opening words from Pope Francis in his latest encyclical, On Fraternity and Social Friendship. Join us on Wednesday, January 27th for a 90 minute Zoom webinar to walk through of this beautiful document. Written by Pope Francis to "all people of good will." Presented by Mrs. Teresa Hartnett, Director of the Family Ministry Office - register online at www.hamiltondiocese.com or by calling 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Catechetical Correspondence Courses - Programs available for children from Kindergarten through to High School not currently receiving religious instruction. Preparation for First Communion and Confirmation for children not in Catholic Schools also available. Families work through the programs at home. Contact Monica in the Catechesis Office at 905-528-7988, ext. 2238 or check out our website at www.hamiltondiocese.com and click on the Catechesis Office for more information, printable registration forms or to register online.