



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

Num. 21:9; ch. 8:2
even so must the Son of man
be lifted up:
15 That whosoever
believeth in him should not per-
ish, but have eternal life.
16 ¶ For God so loved the
world, that he gave his only
begotten Son, that whosoever
believeth in him should not
perish, but have everlasting
life.
Rom. 5:8; 1 John 4:9
17 For God sent not his Son
into the world to condemn the
world; but that the world
through him might be saved.
18 ¶ He that believeth
in him is not condemned,
but he that believeth not

Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

March 14, 2021 - 4th Sunday of Lent

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Website:

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Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday | 5 PM

Sunday | 9 AM, 11:30 AM* & 7:15 PM*

Weekday

Tuesday to Friday | 12:15 PM*

The church is open for masses at 30% capacity.

*These masses are also live-streamed.

Sacraments

- The sacrament of reconciliation is available by appointment only.
- For more information about booking baptisms, weddings, marriage preparation, or other inquiries, please contact us.

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Parish Office Hours

Mon - Fri: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Location

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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

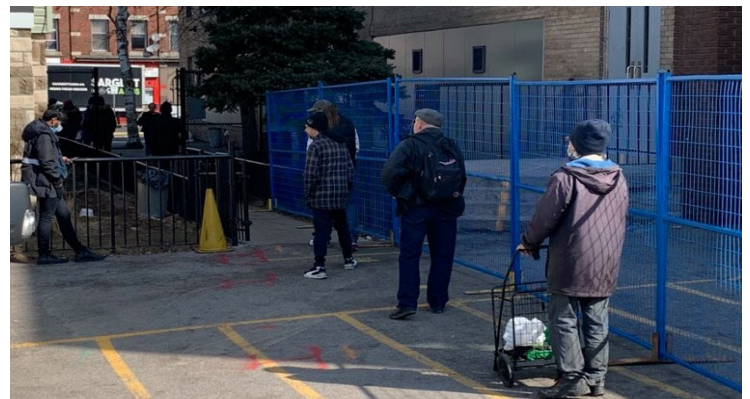
BREAKING DOWN IN ORDER TO BUILD UP

It's go time! It's been the talk of the parish for more than two years and the old St. Patrick School is finally coming down.

Just this past week, Fr. Tony spoke in a homily about his and Fr. Jarek's arrival here at St. Patrick Parish, Hamilton almost 10 years ago. Back then, there was the iconic black wrought iron fencing surrounding the church. I think maybe there were multiple reasons those fences were up. For beautification maybe? To preserve the grounds? To protect parishioners attending masses? Or maybe to keep out the rough-living, down and out and displaced. Those vagrants who were coming and regularly asking for money or for help truly needed it and they still need it today. It's inner-city Hamilton. We are at the gates to the downtown core where the homeless have gathered for decades. We are situated among the largest demographic of second level lodging homes in the city. These lodging homes house many men & women who are dealing with a plethora of mental health issues and they frequent the property. A lot changed when those iron fences came down. Now the Door is home, like a light-house in a sea of darkness to the hundreds who need to see that beacon.



This week, the demolition of the school began and the first thing to happen was that fences went up. These fences completely surround the school property, both front and back. Although the added fencing provides the necessary safety barriers, it closes off the parking lot, and more importantly, a couple major access points for our guests to access the Door – very reminiscent of those iron fences that once wrapped around the church.



Is it inconvenient for our guests at the Door and for our parishioners and friends to find parking for masses? Of course. But, the end result in two years' time will be a beautiful new building that will house the new St. Patrick Elementary School and its many students, as well as a new De Mazenod Door Outreach kitchen.

Sometimes we have to put up with inconvenience for the common good. That's why our province, City and Church complied with lockdown procedures twice this year. This is for the good of an entire community. There will be growth all around us – within the new school, within the parish and within the Door ministry. We are excited for the possibilities that these changes will bring.

We've spent a year in this pandemic already, so we know that time passes quickly. Let's just hold on tight and enjoy the ride and see what these changes bring. Sometimes inconveniences are just blessings in disguise.

By Diane Downey



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



What a beautiful week it was for those having their meals outside, but with the nice weather we see our numbers climbing quickly! We are also seeing a number of other changes: the long-awaited warmer weather, the clocks springing forward this weekend and the fences around the school going up as they begin demolition. Change insights anxiety, especially with our guests who visit the Door. They like routine. The lines will need to be adjusted, and we may have a few hiccups along the way, but one thing is certain, our volunteers and staff will be there daily, trying their best to answer the many questions our brothers & sisters may have.

It's easy to get a routine going and to be consistent with feeding those in need, but it's a little more difficult to reassure them through their fears and uncertainties with a word of kindness. We will move forward, doing our best to quell fears and ensure them that these changes that are happening are for the good of all. We ask for prayers for those we serve, that they may find comfort.



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

Friday BBQ

Mar 19, 2021

- Jose Moniz, in memory of Antonio Gabriel Vieira
- Mark Fernandes, in memory of Serge Nanos



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 Items



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COMPELLED BY GOD'S LOVE

"God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us... made us alive together with Christ."

Ephesians 2:4

As a young man, having returned home from exile, Eugene de Mazenod was confused about his future and feeling somewhat without direction. One Good Friday, Eugene had a life changing experience of God's rich, merciful love during the veneration of the cross. That experience, which could easily be summed up by Paul's words in the Letter to the Ephesians quoted above, was a turning point in his life and formed and shaped his thinking, teaching and actions for the rest of his life.

Having experienced God's immeasurable love, Eugene gave himself totally to a life of discipleship, no longer concerned with restoring the family fortune or making an advantageous marriage. His response to being loved led him to the priesthood and then to founding the Oblates of Mary Immaculate; his desire and passion was to share that same love with those who experienced it the least in his day. He felt called to "proclaim Good News to the poor", and he strove to fulfill that call every day of his life. That same gift of the Holy Spirit, the charism of St. Eugene de Mazenod, is still present in the church today in the lives and witness of Oblates and Associates and other members of the Mazenodian family.

The Word of God for this Fourth Sunday of Lent invites and challenges us to reflect on our own experiences of God's love for us. Each of us will have our own unique experiences but we are reminded that God's love is poured out on all people. As we experience this gift of love, we are invited to respond. Our natural inclination upon receiving a gift is to respond by giving a gift in return, in gratitude for what we have received. The question for each of us is "Where is God's love calling me, what am I being invited to give in return?" Our first call or vocation is to discipleship, and within that we are also called to respond in unique ways. To what are you being called today?



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WEEKEND READINGS



Mar 14, 2021

1st Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-17a, 19-23

2nd Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10

Gospel: John 3: 14-21

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son"

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 | Mar 16 | 12:15 PM

- All souls in purgatory
- Gord Downey & Jerry Creedon
- Adela & Lorenzo De Venecia

Wednesday | Mar 17 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Jacob
- Mark Ajandi & Filomena Merone

Thursday | Mar 18 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Josie & Rob Lombardi
- Hermine & Gilda Fajardo

Friday | Mar 19 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Ken Di Bartolomeo
- May McTiernan
- Jeanette Cooke

Saturday | Mar 20 | 5:00 PM

- Special Int: Joshua De Abreau & Selena Singh
- Gentile Janicas
- Anna Pimentel
- Rosita Mejia & Santiago Flores
- Alice & John Calero

Sunday | Mar 21

9:00 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Gianfranco Piro
- Jose Faria
- Fanny Biasutti
- Gena Kapolka

7:15 PM

- Special Int: Karin
- Special Int: Jacob
- Sharon Cote

WEEKEND STATS: LIVE STREAM



Mar 6-7, 2021

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Sat, 5 PM	77	-	-
Sun, 9 AM	46	-	-
Sun, 11:30 AM	80	104	70
Sun, 7:15 PM	93	74	52

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



Mar 6-7, 2021

Collected from Envelopes	\$4,608
Easter & Easter Flowers	\$295
E-Transfer	\$230
Canada Helps	\$496
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$3,108
TOTAL	\$8,737

IN OTHER NEWS



Just to give you an update on our Capital Fundraising Campaign as of Friday, March 12: So far we've pledged \$71,110. That brings us to 14.2 % of our target, with 6.3% parishioners participation. We are off to a good start! Let's keep the prayers and the pledges rolling in!

REST & HYGIENE STATION

We continue to run this program and we are very grateful for all the support that we have received from our parishioners and friends! We are so overwhelmed by your generosity that we have actually run out of storage space for donations! Until further notice, we can only accept donations of pre-packaged snacks and soft fruits. As always, thank you for your generous continuous support!

"NUGGETS OF WISDOM"

This week, the liturgical bible study group studied the readings for mass on the 4th Sunday of Lent. It was another fruitful meeting where we truly learned of God's great love and mercy for us. The one-liner message that tied all three readings together that we wanted to share with you is:

"When we lift up Jesus and turn from sins, He lifts us up and we are rewarded with His grace to live the life He has already prepared for us."

We will be meeting again on Thursdays at 7 PM for the next 2 weeks – it is not too late to participate! Please email JC (jasuncion@stpatrickshamilton.ca) for the Zoom link. You are more than welcome to join in and feel free to bring a friend!



CWL MILK BAG COLLECTION RETURNS



One of the missions of St Patrick's CWL is to make sleeping mats out of milk bags for those in our community who are experiencing homelessness. Any parishioners who buys milk in bags are asked to save the large coloured outer bag. This will be collecting before each Mass the weekend of March 20 and 21 by CWL members. The bags will be quarantined, cleaned, cut into yarn and then crocheted into mats. If you would like to help with making the mats, either by cutting the bags into yarn or crocheting the mats themselves, please speak with one of our members that weekend. You don't need to be a member to be part of the mission!

DON'T FORGET! CLOCKS *SPRING* FORWARD THIS WEEKEND FOR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME.



CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK & ST. JOSEPH

This is a special week of celebration for us. St. Patrick's feast day is March 17, followed two days later by the feast of St. Joseph.

The COVID-19 outbreak has put a damper on all the festivities, to be sure. But both saints are a special inspiration at a time like this. We all need strong models of courage and faith in God when things look bleak. Given that we are in uncharted territory when it comes to dealing with this global pandemic, praying to either of these saints (or both) is not a bad idea. Let's get to know them:



By Anne Louise Mahoney

Our Parish Patron - St. Patrick; a well known Saint who can help us on our Christian journey.

Let's face it – that journey is not for the faint of heart! Many trials and obstacles can arise, and it's often too much to handle on our own. We can all use a little help getting through this life in one piece as we try to build God's kingdom on earth.

St. Patrick, who likely lived in the fifth century, knew this all too well. When he was 16, he was kidnapped from his father's home in Britain and sold as a slave in Ireland, where he worked as a herdsman. Rather than sending him into despair, his ordeal rekindled his Christian faith. Even after he escaped back to Britain six years later, he nearly starved to death before making his way home.

Most people would have sworn off travel for life at that point, but Patrick felt called to return to Ireland some time later to spread the Gospel. This mission was an amazing success, and his writings offer a fascinating glimpse of the man behind the legends.

The prayer known as St. Patrick's Breastplate can be a source of strength and courage as we make our way in the world, today and every day. Here's a rousing part of that timeless prayer:



Christ, shield me today against wounding.

*Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of
me,
Christ in the eye that sees me,
Christ in the ear that hears me.*

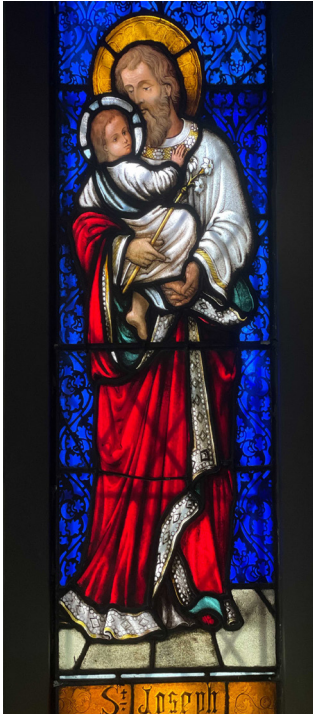
I arise today.

Through the mighty strength of the Lord of creation,

St. Patrick, pray for us!



CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK & ST. JOSEPH (continued)



By Joseph Sinasac, Publishing Director NOVALIS

St. Joseph, in particular, shows us how trust in God, despite uncertainty about the future, is especially important.

We don't know much about him, other than he served as the father of Jesus on earth, could have been a carpenter and that he didn't talk much. Or at least that's the impression you get from the gospels as there isn't a single word coming out of Joseph's mouth in any of the four accounts of the evangelists. But at key moments, Joseph played a vital role

in the life of the child Jesus.

Even before Jesus was born, Joseph had to decide what to do about Mary. He was betrothed to this young woman when he discovered she was pregnant with the unborn Son of God. His culture would have strongly supported a move to denounce her and break off the engagement.

But an angel — God's favourite busybodies — intervened. In a dream, an angel told Joseph to not fear taking Mary as his wife, and informed him that the child she carried was from God.

Joseph decided to ignore his community's custom and have faith that God knew what He was doing. The rest, as they say, is history.

Shortly after Jesus was born, Joseph faced another life-and-death choice. When Herod sent out his minions to kill the young children in his jurisdiction in an effort to eliminate what he saw as a threat to his dominion — that is Jesus — another angel, again in a dream, told Joseph to take the family to Egypt and wait out the danger. Once again, Joseph had faith enough in God to do as the angel advised. When Herod died and the threat had passed, the family returned to Israel, ultimately settling in Galilee.

In both instances, it would have been easier for Joseph to make less onerous choices. But even though he did not know what the future held for him, he obeyed God's instructions.

Very few of us will be instructed by angels in dreams on how to deal with the problems we face in our lives. And at the moment, life is looking rather scary. We do not know how the current global crisis will unfold, or how long it will take for our lives to return to normal. It's quite possible they will never go back to the convenience we took for granted only a short time ago.

Yet, as Joseph showed by his actions, God knows our needs and will not leave us alone to deal with our problems. It is not easy at this time, but we need to dig a little deeper inside to trust in God. It will take some big breaths, and a lot of prayer.

St. Joseph, patron of Canada, pray for us.

Sign of the Cross.

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.
Amen.