

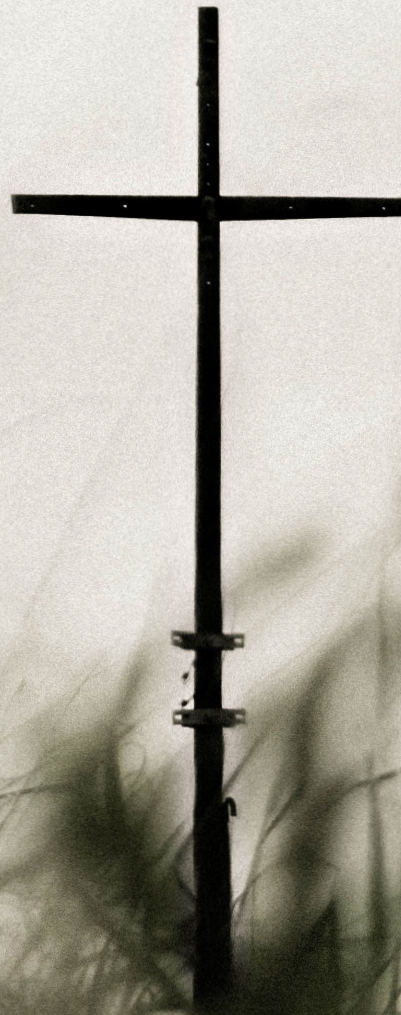


St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

"Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit"
John 12: 24



Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

March 21, 2021 - 5th Sunday of Lent

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

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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.

Connect With Us



Parish Office Hours

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

Location

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Administrative Centre

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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

HOME SWEET HOME?

I'm not sure if any of you have looked at the price of housing in the city of Hamilton over this past year: real estate has skyrocketed. The price of an old war time house is somewhere upwards of \$600,000. I bought one of those same houses, my very first home in 1981 for \$26,900. Wow! That was 40 years ago! And now those same houses are not obtainable or affordable for those classified as 'middle class', let alone for those with low income. This is especially true in the cases of those we serve at De Mazenod Door, many of whom have no income. People from out of town continue to move to Hamilton for housing, because it's much cheaper than for example, in the Toronto and surrounding areas. Who can blame them?

But, what has this housing boom done to the rental market? Have you looked lately? It's through the roof! Can you even fathom paying \$1,500 for an apartment in the downtown core or centre city? Remember the \$500 rooms for rent? They no longer exist. There is nothing obtainable for under a thousand dollars. Folks on any kind of social assistance receive the bare minimum for shelter allowance. A single person on Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) receives a maximum shelter allowance of \$489 dollars. A single individual on Ontario Works (OW) receives a maximum shelter allowance of \$390. Take that in for a moment and try to wrap your head around it. \$390 dollars. It has become unaffordable to live indoors - to have a basic roof over your head, a basic necessity of life. People don't choose to live on the streets. It's handed to many of them.

Something's gotta give. Be it Federal or Provincial or Municipal, something needs to be done. Everything's been said. All levels of Government are aware of this crisis, but it's easy not to think about it when you're home, tucked in for the night, nice and warm with your TV or iPad. We all tune out the outside world. We shut down, turn off our brains and forget about the thousands of people who dream of having our lives, our luxuries - on the out-

side, feeling nothing of what we are feeling.

I worry that if the government doesn't do something to cap rents, we will have a city of homeless with more and more people falling into the homelessness category. People are losing jobs on a constant basis. This pandemic has forced so many small businesses to close. They simply can't hang in there or hang on and have already giv-



en everything they've had to give to get to where they were - many times there is nothing left to give. Many of us are a paycheque or two away from having to give up our homes or cozy apartments - a very frightening yet real threat. I don't know about you, but it scares me to death to think that if I lost my job at 60 years of age, I'd be in trouble. Imagine having nothing else to think about.

I hope this read gives us new perspective when we see a homeless person on the street when we come across them. It gets me in the feels, because they were us once. I pray our government does something to fix this. It's already way past too late.

By Diane Downey



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



Here at DMDO we didn't just wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day, we made sure it WAS a Happy St. Patrick's Day for all of our guests at the door. Many people contributed to the spirit of the day - which was indeed coloured with green cheer! The good people at KOC Columbus Club of Hamilton prepared a wonderful Irish Stew (Thank you, Dave Rogerson) that was serving with slices of Irish soda bread (made by volunteer, Kathleen Roberts), and delicious green icing cupcakes made with love by the Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ, Hamilton. Our Wednesday volunteers had no trouble getting into the spirit of the day with their St. Patrick's day outfits, green necklaces and dancing a jig to the Irish music we shared with our guests outside in the warm sun.



In a time where the days roll into each other in monotonous COVID-19 fashion, we leaped (like a leprechaun to a pot of gold) at the opportunity to spread lightheartedness and good cheer to our guests at the door. We hope they enjoyed the day as much as we did!

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

Friday BBQ

Mar 26, 2021

- Claudette Morneau, in memory of Errol Stang
- Jose Moniz, in memory of Manuel Antonio Moniz & Jose Cabral
- Priyanka Comfort



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



Soft Fruit

Yogurt Cups



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SIR, WE WISH TO SEE JESUS

The Greeks, the new converts to Judaism came to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. They had seen or heard about Jesus and his extraordinary things that Jesus had done. These Gentiles were curious to see or have a conversation with Jesus. They approached Philip, one of the disciples of Jesus with their request to see Jesus. According to John, the Greeks never got an audience with Jesus. Philip took their request to Andrew, and, together, Andrew and Philip told Jesus, but Jesus did not say yes or no. Instead, he said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit." Probably, Jesus used the image of the grain to speak of his forthcoming passion, death, and resurrection to his disciples.



What do you make of this reference to a grain of wheat falling to the ground and dying today as we reflect on this passage? What does it mean for us today as we enter this Sunday? Somehow death and seeing Jesus are interrelated and interconnected. As followers of Christ, if we want to see Jesus, we must learn to die like the grain which dies and bears fruits. Seeing Jesus means dying to all parts of our life that blinds or hides us to see a new life. Seeing Jesus means learning to die to resentment, hatred, self-centeredness, obsessions and compulsions, discrimination, and indifference to bear the fruits of love, peace, justice, forgiveness, unity, and solidarity. Henri

Nouwen in his prayer 'A cry for Mercy' elucidates, "Yes, Lord, I have to die. ... There is so much in me that needs to die: false attachments, greed and anger, impatience and stinginess". Therefore, in dying to self-life, we discover an abundant and new life as St. Francis of Assisi beautifully says, "it is in dying that we are born to eternal life."

As followers of Jesus, we are challenged by the message and example of Jesus today. The Lenten journey requires us to live more intensely the rhythm of dying and rising so that we may continue to witness Christ and Christian virtues in our lives. As St. Pope John Paul II says, "We must also let him be "seen" somehow through the eloquent witness of our own life (Novo millennio ineunte).

The season of Lent is to give us time once again to die to our old sinful ways of life and rise out of the tomb with Jesus to a new way of life – renewal attitude. The second preface of Lent states, "For you have given your children a sacred time for the renewing and purifying of their hearts, that, freed from disordered affections, they may so deal with the things of this passing world as to hold rather to the things that eternally endure". May this Lent be a time of special grace for each of us. As we are approaching the paschal feast of death and resurrection of lord Jesus Christ let us prepare ourselves for that celebration by dying to sinful ways and rising to new life with Jesus.

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WEEKEND READINGS



Mar 21, 2021

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31: 31-34

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5: 7-9

Gospel: John 12: 20-33

"No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour."

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 23

12:15 PM

- Special Int: Alicia Brown & Family
- Domenico Versace & DeLeonardo Families
- Healing for Anna Latus through the intercession of Br. Anthony Kowalczyk

Wednesday | Mar 24

12:15 PM

- Tomas San Andres
- Bertha Kelly
- Healing for Anna Latus through the intercession of Br. Anthony Kowalczyk

Thursday | Mar 25

12:15 PM

- Vincent Fazari
- Anna Belanovic
- Healing for Anna Latus through the intercession of Br. Anthony Kowalczyk

Friday | Mar 26

12:15 PM

- Novena of prayers of the members of AMMI

Lacombe Canada MAMI

- Healing for Anna Latus through the intercession of Br. Anthony Kowalczyk

Saturday | Mar 27

5:00 PM

- Steven Settle
- Barbara Janicas
- Benito Viquiera

Sunday | Mar 28

9:00 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners
- Special Int: Amelia Chow
- Mary & Peter Calamai
- Maria de Rosario Roque

7:15 PM

- Special Int: Neil & Marjorie Santos
- Special Int: Karin
- Norma Jean Strecker

WEEKEND STATS: LIVE STREAM



Mar 13-14, 2021

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Sat, 5 PM	77	-	-
Sun, 9 AM	39	-	-
Sun, 11:30 AM	115	115	57
Sun, 7:15 PM	115	79	37

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



Mar 13-14, 2021

Collected from Envelopes	\$2,055
Easter & Easter Flowers	\$60
E-Transfer	\$20
Canada Helps	\$394
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$3,108
TOTAL	\$5,637

IN OTHER NEWS



As of Friday, Mar 19, the pledges that have been received for the One Heart, One Soul Campaign total \$109,000.00! That brings us to 20% of our target with 10% parishioner participation. Your continuous prayers and supports are much appreciated!

“NUGGETS OF WISDOM”

We met the day after St. Patrick's Day this past week, but that didn't stop us from bringing our St. Patrick's spirit! This week we dove into the readings of the 5th Sunday of Lent. The themes of suffering, God's great love and sacrifice for us as well as resurrection were recurring throughout all three readings. In one sentence, we summarized the message of the readings as follows:

“God is with us and loves us through our suffering and when we choose to be obedient to Him despite them, we claim His promise of resurrection.”

We will meet for our last session this coming Thursday at 7 PM. You are more than welcome to join us! Please email JC (jasuncion@stpatrick-shamilton.ca) for the Zoom link. We hope to see you there!



LENTEN MISSION 2021:

Ite Ad Ioseph (Go to Joseph)



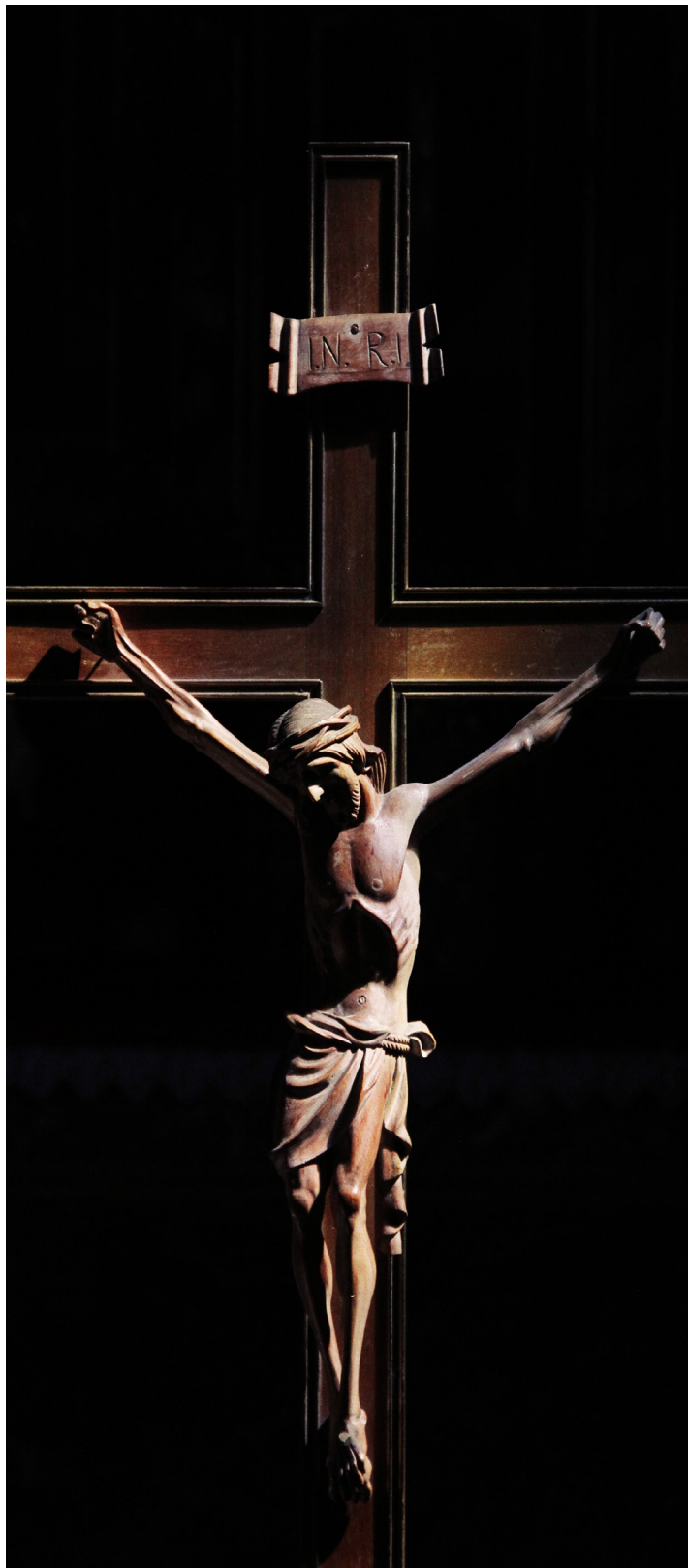
Canadian Martyrs and the Catholic Chaplaincy at McMaster University are hosting their first ever Lenten Mission 2021 with Bishop Wayne Lobsinger. The focus of this mission is to deepen our Lenten experience with St. Joseph. This event is in-person (limited capacity) and virtual. Meetings will be on Tuesday, March 23rd, Wednesday March 24th, and Thursday March 25th, at 7:00pm, Mass and Mission together. Visit canadianmartyrs.com for the link.

CWL MILKBAG COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

The CWL will be collecting milk bags before each mass this weekend to make sleeping mats for those in need in our community. All collected bags will be quarantined, cleaned, cut into yarn and crocheted into mats. If you have any milk bags that you can donate, please bring them with you to mass this weekend. There will be a sign with a bag at the front doors of the church where you can drop them off. Thank you in advance for your help.



REGISTRATION FOR PASCHAL TRIDUUM SERVICES



The Paschal Triduum is the celebration of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection. It is the highest point of the Liturgical Year because we celebrate His great sacrifice for love of us. Through Him, we are redeemed. We will be celebrating Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday services here at St. Patrick Parish and we welcome you to join us in person.

Due to the pandemic, registration for these services is required. Registration will open on Mon, Mar 22. Please visit our website (www.stpatrickshamilton.ca) for the link. Alternatively, you can call our office and register over the phone. You must register 1 ticket per person for your family/group. There is no need to register a ticket for children aged 5 and under. Registration is free. There are a limited number of tickets, so please register as soon as possible.

The schedule of Paschal Triduum services is as follows:

April 1:

- Holy Thursday Mass, 7 PM

April 2

- Good Friday Liturgy, 3 PM
- Stations of the Cross, 7 PM

April 3

- Easter Vigil, 8 PM

April 4

- Easter Sunday Mass, 9 AM, 11:30 AM & 7:15 PM

Please note that all of these services (except for the 9 AM Easter Sunday Mass) will be live-streamed in the event that you are unable to register.

When you are here, we ask that you help us maintain the safety of all by abiding by the COVID19 safety precautions (i.e. wearing a mask, maintaining social distance). If you do not feel well or develop any 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, extreme tiredness, sore muscles) 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.