



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11: 9b

Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

March 28, 2021 - Palm Sunday

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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 15% capacity. Pre-registration is required to attend weekend masses only.

*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

Pastoral Centre

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

Administrative Centre

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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

We Have Hope

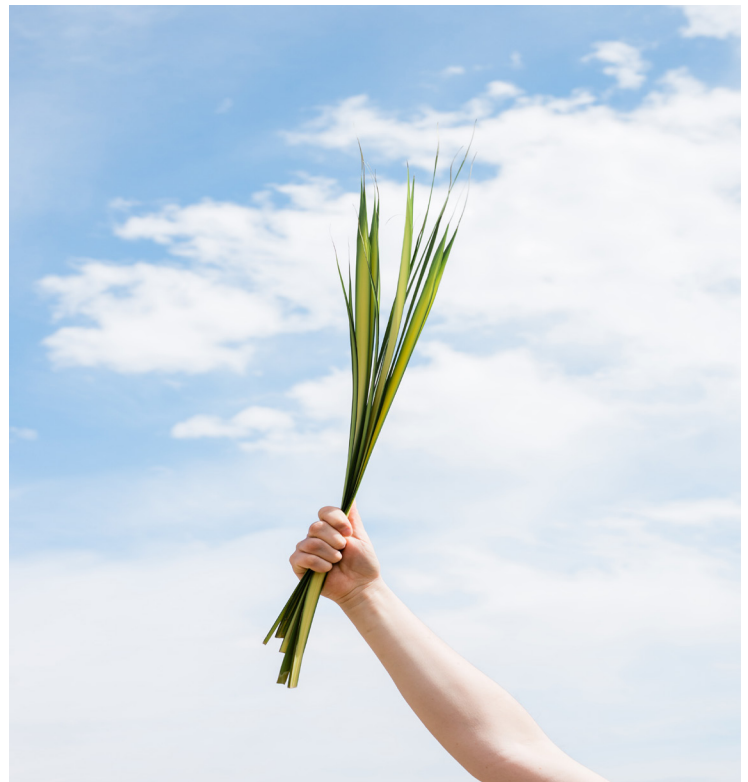
A lot has changed over the past year due to COVID restrictions and protocols: how we do things, how we shop, how we greet friends and family and how we interact with strangers. You can see how different masses are: rarely is there ever an altar server, readings are done using only one Lector, Communion is received in silence and there's no collection taken up. Even other sacraments are different. Confession is not done in the confessional - there isn't enough room to social distance. As we enter Holy Week, the changes are still evident. There will be no washing of the feet at the Holy Thursday Mass. The fire to light the Paschal Candle during the Easter Vigil will not be lit outside and the candle will not be processed. Yes, so much has changed.

What a blessing it is to be able to celebrate Palm Sunday this year, however the way we "used" to celebrate it will definitely be missed. This year, there will be no procession with the palms at the beginning of mass. On Passion Sunday, or Palm Sunday as we typically refer to it, we are marking the beginning and solemnity of Holy Week. The biggest most important week in the Catholic faith. This year we do it differently - serenely and unassumingly, but still with great intention.

Two thousand years ago, palms symbolized goodness and victory. Today, they also symbolize peace and eternal life. Some people leave them long and as is, some braid them or tie them into crosses, but you're likely to find at least one in most catholic homes. Mine is still hanging behind my crucifix, a little worse for wear since it's two years old, but the meaning behind it is still fresh and clear. It hangs as a witness to faith in Jesus and His Paschal victory.

This Sunday, while the Priest is not allowed to process into the church as Christ did entering Jerusalem, the meaning still remains and the thought is etched in our minds. We have been preparing for this day for 5 weeks. Palm Sunday is a day of hope. It is a day where we look

forward to a brighter tomorrow. We know the ultimate sacrifice that Christ made for us on His journey and how it will play out, so just because we'll physically see it and visualize it differently this year, the end result resurrection of our Lord doesn't change.



Many things have happened to change the course of our lives over this past long year, but it has not shaken our faith. We have not allowed that to happen. We have spent an entire year practicing and preaching faith over fear, and we can't quit now. Not when the promise of eternal life is so close that we can practically feel it. Easter is a week away. It doesn't matter how much change is made to how we're 'allowed to celebrate' this Sunday and/or the coming week. What matters is the end result and all the COVID in the world can't take that away. We have hope.

By Diane Downey



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



Remember the old adage 'an apple a day keeps the doctor away'? Well this plea is sort of based on that. As you may know by our many weekly 'most wanted' items, we go through a lot of soft fruit at the Door. Fruit like clementines or bananas. Soft fruits are easiest for many of our guests to eat as they are aren't terribly hard on your teeth and they're good for you as well. We don't think about it, but our bodies need the nutrients, like potassium that bananas provide. The same goes for clementines - they're full of vitamin C! These fruits are simple and easy to eat.



We've been looking for a weekly 'banana sponsor' these past months, as we could easily go through 500-700 bananas a week. It's important that we don't just provide 'something' to fill our guests, but that we're providing good nourishing meals. If anyone knows of someone who may be interested in ensuring that those we serve are able to get at least some of their daily requirement of fruit daily, we would love to hear from you!

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

Good Friday Fish & Chips



April 2, 2021
• Anonymous

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

Salty Snacks



Thank You To Our Sponsors!



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VOCATION REFLECTION

THE CROSS AT THE HEART OF DE MAZENODIAN SPIRITUALITY

Due to the COVID19 restrictions, the celebration of Holy Week and Easter will be different (again) this year. We all feel pandemic fatigue - many grieve the loss of loved ones, jobs or financial security. We all deeply seek some hope and consolation. As we look up to the Cross, we can see the power of God bringing sense out of confusion, hope out of despair and life out suffering and death. The Cross is at the heart of De Mazenodian spirituality.



When Eugene de Mazenod invited Fr. Tempier to form a missionary community, he directed him to “read this letter at the foot of your crucifix” in order to better discern his answer to his invitation to join the congregation. This approach echoes Eugene’s own experience, when the life-changing highlight of his journey of conversion happened as he contemplated the cross on Good Friday. The significance of the cross is mentioned in our Oblate Constitutions and Rules, “The cross of Jesus Christ is central to our mission.” (C.4), as well, “Through the eyes of our crucified Saviour we see the world which he redeemed with his blood, desiring that those in whom he continues to suffer will know also the power of his resurrection.” (C.4)

If we understand oblation as a dynamic, living sacrifice in the sense of drawing closer to God and accompanying people into the original vision of creation and intended intimate relationship with God, the cross can be seen as

a sign of oblation. “The Oblate cross which is received at perpetual profession is a constant reminder of the love of the Saviour who wishes to draw all hearts to himself and sends us out as his co-workers.” (C.63)

There is a direct connection between the sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifices offered by Christians. Jesus is the heart of that covenant commitment between human beings and God. For Christians, sacrifice is more so spiritual and moral rather than physical. Praise and thanksgiving, prayer and intercession, communion and celebration express offering given to God as a response to the gifts already received.

When we look at the cross from the perspective of God’s love, the reality of sin and offering a living sacrifice, we are reminded that the crucifixion cannot be reflected on as an isolated event from the whole Paschal mystery. During the Last Supper, Jesus entrusted to us the continuous living sacrifice of the Eucharist: His Body given up for us and His Blood as the new covenant poured out for us for the forgiveness of sins. This same evening, Jesus taught us about sacrificial love expressed in service to others. On Good Friday Jesus redeemed us through the ultimate sacrifice of the cross when God died in order to give us life. The fact of the resurrection opens the way to renewed relationship with God. “God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.” (1 John 4:9)

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WEEKEND READINGS



Mar 28, 2021

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 4-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 2: 6-11

Gospel: Mark 11: 1-10

"Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name 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 | Mar 30

12:15 PM

- Special Int: Jenrette & Lorraine Villanueva
- Special Int: Alaisa Jayed Villanueva
- Jennifer Lobo, for the success of her surgery

Wednesday | Mar 31

12:15 PM

- Thanksgiving: Shawn Kemp & Family

Holy Thursday | Apr 1

7:00 PM

Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday | Apr 2

3:00 PM

Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday | Apr 3

8:00 PM

Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday | Apr 4

9:00 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners, both living and those who have gone before us

11:30 AM

- RCIA Team, Candidates, Catechumnes & Sponsors
- Donors & Volunteers of the One Heart, One Soul Fundraising Campaign

7:15 PM

- Benefactors, volunteers and guests of the De Mazenod Door Outreach program & St. Patrick's Rest & Hygiene Station

WEEKEND STATS: LIVE STREAM



Mar 20-21, 2021

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Sat, 5 PM	73	-	-
Sun, 9 AM	58	-	-
Sun, 11:30 AM	105	92	62
Sun, 7:15 PM	133	84	48

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



Mar 20-21, 2021

Collected from Envelopes	\$3,696
Share Lent	\$576
E-Transfer	\$214
Canada Helps	\$500
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$2,562
TOTAL	\$7,548

IN OTHER NEWS



We are at the 60% mark of our target, which amounts to \$ 307,735.00! So far, we have received 72 pledges from 17% of our parishioners. This is only the third week of the campaign and we are doing great as we strive to reach our target goal of \$500,000.

One of the donors from our parish has reached out to us with their powerful testimony:

"Hi Father Tony, Father Jarek,

My wife and I were really struggling to figure out how much we could realistically commit to over the three years for the One Heart, One Soul campaign, but decided to go on the higher end of the range we were considering (still not the full request, but almost there) and planned to figure out how to make it work one month at a time ("God will provide" was uttered :)).

Anyways, we signed up online last week with this as the plan, This morning at work, my boss told me I'm getting the largest raise I've ever had at work retroactive to last week, and likely another one later this year. I was flabbergasted since our salaries had been frozen due to the pandemic (even reduced temporarily last year).

It reminds me of the similar story mentioned at mass last week – just wanted to share, sometimes you have to go with your heart to have a little faith and God will provide.

A parishioner"

God will never be outdone in generosity! We thank you all for your continuous generosity – whether it be in direct support of the campaign or through your prayers. There is no doubt that we have felt the blessings of your kindness here at St. Patrick Parish!

PALM SUNDAY: NO DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS



Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. We are so blessed to be able to celebrate it this year. As we are still in pandemic times, there are some changes to the celebration. This year, palms will not be handed out. There will be no Gospel reading at the beginning of mass and there will be no procession by the Celebrant.

Although Palm Sunday mass looks different, the meaning and intention of it all remains the same.

IN OTHER NEWS

MASSES AS WE RE-ENTER LOCKDOWN

As you may have heard, Hamilton will again be entering the Grey-Lockdown Zone on Mon, March 29 at 12:01 AM. This will only very slightly affect our Paschal Triduum services, Sunday masses and daily masses as regulations in the Grey Zone have changed for religious gatherings. We are now permitted to remain open at 15% capacity. Specifically:

- Only those registered for the Paschal Triduum services will be permitted in the church. There are still some spots left for some of our services. Please visit our website or call the office to register. These are the status of registration for the Paschal Triduum services as of Sat, Mar 27:

7 PM Holy Thursday Mass (OPEN)

3 PM Good Friday Liturgy (FULL)

7 PM Good Friday Stations of the Cross (OPEN)

8 PM Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil (FULL)

9 AM Easter Sunday Mass (OPEN)

11:30 AM Easter Sunday Mass (FULL)

7:15 PM Easter Sunday Mass (OPEN)

- Attendance to Sunday masses will now require pre-registration beginning the second weekend of April. This can be done through our website or by calling our office (905-522-9828).
- Attendance to daily masses will not require pre-registration.

Thank you for working with us to keep everyone in the church safe! Please note that we will continue to live stream our services via our website (www.stpatrickshamilton.ca) and Facebook page (fb.me/stpatrickshamilton).

“NUGGETS OF WISDOM”

The Liturgical Bible Study group met for the final time this past week. We looked at the readings that will be read this weekend during the Palm Sunday mass. The readings are simple and straightforward, but so powerful. They really emphasize Jesus' humility and strength as He entered into His Passion and Death. Below are the “nuggets of wisdom” that some members of the group wanted to share with you:

“Even though He was Lord, He showed his humanity. Even though He was divine He showed His humility.”

“Proclaim the name of Jesus: Hosanna in the highest! The humble king comes to reveal his divinity!”

“Jesus's life was full of highs (Palm Sunday) and lows (crucifixion). We experience highs and lows too and we must remember that God is with us throughout it all and in control.”

“To be humbled is to be like Christ, and to be like Christ is to be our destiny.”



BONUS: “The term ‘colt’ was originally used to for a baby donkey, this has since evolved to define baby horses. However, the original term for a baby horse is ‘foal!’”

It has been such an amazing and blessed experience to journey through Lent as a group. May you all have a blessed Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter!