



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

“Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’... He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit.’”

John 20: 21-22



Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

May 23, 2021 - Pentecost

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LIVE-Stream Mass Schedule

The church is CLOSED for in-person masses until further notice. Our LIVE stream mass schedule is as follows:

Weekend

Sunday | 11:30 AM & 7:15 PM

Weekday

Tuesday to Friday | 12:15 PM

We stream through our Facebook page and our website.

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

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

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BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

SEE HOPE

We are beginning to slowly recover from this 3rd Wave where numbers were climbing in excess of 4,000 COVID cases per day here in Ontario – hundreds of which were here within our own city of Hamilton. The numbers have begun decreasing and some things may even begin to open up. We have to take baby steps though, because we've learned from what has happened when the steps taken are too big.

When it all first commenced more than a year ago, we all looked at things so differently, especially with the church doors being mandated to close. It was difficult to not come to church for daily and Sunday masses and we heard that from many of you. After all, we are Catholic, and for us, the mass is the peak of the practice and witness of our faith. The mass is where we are nourished: What would we do without it? What would we do without receiving Holy Communion? However, we moved quickly to address the void of not being able to go to mass by equipping our parish to live stream. Although Holy Communion still cannot be received with the church doors closed, the Liturgy of the Word can still be celebrated and we can all still pray together the Act of Spiritual Communion. We are separated physically, by the live streamed masses have powerfully brought us together spiritually. Yes, there is a longing to receive Christ through Holy Communion remains – this is something that the live-streamed masses cannot replace – but this experience has taught us to hope. We have learned to see things differently: the church doors are closed, but the practice of our faith sure isn't.

What's more is that if lockdown and the closure of our church never happened, I personally wouldn't have been going to mass as much as I have been. The result of this is that I have met an enormous amount of people. Many of their names I was familiar with, but this lockdown has given me the opportunity to put faces to those names. So much has changed, and for the better.

When I began attending and hosting online masses,

I realized that many of the people commenting were some of those same people. I sincerely got to know them through the wonders of social media. It has been such a pleasure and a blessing in disguise. Something else that was never expected was the friendships that have blossomed with people who live nowhere near St. Patrick's, many of which are outside the City, outside our Province of Ontario, and even in other countries on the other side of the world.

Recently one of these individuals sent me a private message that just touched my heart. I read it, bright and early on a Friday morning and it moved me to tears. Not only was she excited to share her love for the Oblate charism that oozes from all that St. Patrick's stands for, but for her appreciation of those on our Pastoral Team who host our online masses. It's a great feeling to know that we are making those who are attending our online masses, from wherever they're praying from, feel so welcomed and a part of the St. Patrick family.

Our mission, like Jesus' is to make Disciples of all the nations and to love others as Christ loves us. Ensuring folks feel welcome while at St. Patrick's, whether in person or virtually, is a big part of that mission. Doing it with a happy heart, cheerfully, openly and with kindness is just part of who we are.



As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday this weekend, let us all feel the Holy Spirit within us. Let us grow in friendship with Him, and with all those around us – everyone who is joining in our masses and supporting our ministries. May we all feel the Holy Spirit at work in their lives and strive to see hope, even at the most difficult times.

By Diane Downey



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



It is so nice to see the long-awaited beautiful Spring, almost summer like days we have been experiencing here. The long cold days of Winter are finally behind us, and no one enjoys these sunny days more than many of our guests and homeless who access both the Door and Rest and Hygiene station on a daily basis. They have spent many cold days and nights in the bone chilling cold and now we see them, faces up to the warm sunshine, just soaking it in. These are the little things that we so easily take for granted.

As we head into this long Victoria Day weekend, we are reminded that our students who in normal 'non-pandemic,' COVID times, would be eagerly signing up to volunteer at the Door to knock off some or all of their 40 Christian Service hours, mandated for graduating Grade 12. We urge students to consider using some time this Summer to do just that. Our regular volunteers are in need of a much needed break and the timing is perfect. If you are, or know of a student who might be interested, please contact the office at 905.522.9828 or email us at demazenod@stpatrikshamilton.ca. The Volunteer Form is also available on our website for download at demazenod-door.ca



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

Friday BBQ

May 28, 2021
• Anonymous



Ways to Help



Volunteer: Call the office or email Diana (our Volunteer Coordinator) at dquildon@stpatrikshamilton.ca



Donate: To support this program, go to our website: www.stpatrickshamilton.ca and click GIVE

Most Wanted Items

Hot Chocolate



Juice Crystals

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VOCATIONS REFLECTION

HE WAS AMONG THEM



Two things stand out to me in the readings for this coming Sunday. The first is hearing that Jesus appeared with the disciples while the door was locked due to their fear. I am fascinated with this part of the reading: "He was among them." Well of course he was among them; he had spent the better part of his ministry teaching them, living with them, and sharing his faith with them. They knew Him intimately, as well as his Father. Did he need to be there physically to be among them? I don't believe so; yet, it then states that he shared peace with them and proceeded to show them his wounds from crucifixion. They then rejoiced "when they saw the Lord". There are a number of times after his resurrection that Jesus is with people for some time before they realize it is him. Isn't this the same for us? How often do we need to be reminded that Jesus is always among us; or that we are called to see the face of Jesus when we look at others? Even though we may know Him intimately; we don't always recognize Jesus right away. And is it usually in others suffering that we recognize him? Is this why Jesus shared his wounds with the disciples, so that they could recognize him?

The other thing that I notice is that in both readings we hear about the Holy Spirit giving the disciples the gift of language. Language can be defined as: a system of communication used by a particular country or community. In order to share the Good news with new communities, we need to be able to talk with them. People from other places often speak another language, and in order to evangelize, we need to learn to communicate with them. Further to this, if we weren't meant to reach out to other communities, why would we need the gift of another language? The gift from the Holy Spirit. This must mean that we are

called to be with people from other places and communities; often with those that are not like us.

This was something that was very dear to St. Eugene de Mazenod, the founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He was driven by the belief that we are all God's children, regardless of which community we belong to. And in order to reach out to other communities, he found it necessary to learn their language. This is a gift that he had, that remains important to Oblates today. I encourage you to research St. Eugene to learn more about him.

And so, how will we reach out to communities that are not our own? Are we willing to learn and speak the language of those not like us? Will we try and recognize Christ among us and others? Will we let others into our suffering in order to let them see Christ in us? As we read today, Jesus can come through locked doors to be with us. All we have to do is be willing to see him among us.

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WEEKEND READINGS



May 23, 2021

1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 3b-7, 12-13

Gospel: John 20: 19-23

OR John 15: 26-27; 16: 12-15

"Receive the Holy Spirit."

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 stpattickshamilton.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@stpattickshamilton.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 | May 25

12:15 PM

- Special Int: Sister Eileen
- Claire & Cyril Lobo & Deceased Relatives

Wednesday | May 26

12:15 PM

- Lino Lobo
- Walter Lopata

Thursday | May 27

12:15 PM

- Special Int: Sister Mary Joanne, CSSF
- Domenico Versace & Family

Friday | May 28

12:15 PM

- Justine Detullio
- Bettina Cipriani
- Stefania & Andrew Nowak

Sunday | May 30

11:30 AM

- Special Int: Dartaignien Jovaine Casas
- Mary Calamai & Peter

7:15 PM

- Annamaria Rossini
- Calogero Mule
- Walter Lopata

*Mass Intentions that were requested for Saturdays before the stay-home order will be moved to Weekday and Sunday Masses until further notice. Thank you.

The 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom
Understanding
Counsel
Fortitude (Courage)
Knowledge
Pity
Fear of the Lord (Awe and Wonder)

WEEKEND STATS: ATTENDANCE



May 16, 2021

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Sat, 5 PM	-	-	-
Sun, 9 AM	-	-	-
Sun, 11:30 AM	-	104	91
Sun, 7:15 PM	-	77	43

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



May 16, 2021

Collected from Envelopes	\$515
Easter & Easter Flowers	\$100
E-Transfer	\$20
Canada Helps	\$417
Pre-Authorized Giving	\$2,502
TOTAL	\$3,554

IN OTHER NEWS



The One Heart, One Soul campaign here at St. Patrick Parish continues to succeed! The latest stats are as follows:

- Target: \$500,000
- Total Pledged to date: \$536,740 (107.3% of target)
- 147 pledges to date, 5 new this past week
- 35.3% parishioner participation

All that is raised is going towards supporting our Parish and our Diocese. We are building Church. The invitation is still extended to those who are contemplating their support. You are encouraged to continue to prayerfully consider supporting this campaign and how much to give (either as a pledge or as a one-time donation).

*"Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common."
Acts 4: 32*

PENTECOST: THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH



Pentecost marks the beginning of the Church. The Lenten and Easter seasons were significant celebrations of what and Who we believe in. Pentecost, then, calls us to put that faith into action. This day marks the end of the uncertainty, fear and waiting of the apostles as they received the Holy Spirit. This day was the beginning of their fearless pursuit to live out Jesus' commandment to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth.

May we all be filled with the Holy Spirit to continue to follow Christ's commandment and the apostle's footsteps to share Christ's love with all!

WELCOME TO THE PARISH!

Welcome, welcome, welcome to our newest parishioners! Please join us in extending a hearty "Hello" to:

- Collins and Nikita Olakanmi and children, Caius and Nova
- Charles and Reisha Olakanmi and daughter, Naomi

We hope that you will quickly be able to call our parish home with all the different ministries here.

We love it when our parish family grows! If you are interested in becoming a parishioner, please feel free to contact us at 905-522-9828 or email us at parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca



REAP WHAT YOU SOW

Every Friday, Cathedral High School teachers and staff release a "Feel-Good Friday" reflection for their students. This past Friday, the reflection was submitted by Mr. Ken John about Edison Young, a grade 12 student, who has immersed himself in the De Mazenod Door Farm!

"I came to know Edison Young 3 years ago, a young boy struggling with anger, conflict and despair. Many of his visits to my office were for disciplinary reasons.... using profanity, disputes with students, arguments with teachers and events as such.

My mother had given me a few plants that ended up in my office at school and when Edison was down for one of his disciplinary issues, he saw the plants and immediately was drawn to them. He started providing me with some tips as to how to take better care of my plants. I thought that I was an accomplished gardener, but not according to Edison! He became a frequent visitor to my office daily (out of choice and not for discipline), offering me advice on how to become a good gardener, even when I hadn't asked for it. We developed a friendship and we spoke about a lot more than plants and gardening.

There were days where he would come to my office unannounced, no words were exchanged, he would sit, decompress and pattered around my plants. He repotted things, grafted things, pruned things, fertilized, and watered things. He lost himself in his love of gardening. And as a result, found a way to center himself in a life that seemed turbulent at times. Our meetings became about problem solving and strategizing and not dealing with consequences to his previous poor choices.

Edison's love of plants and gardening gave me reason to connect with Mrs. Carmichael who runs our horticultural class at school. She was very familiar with Edison and his talents in the greenhouse. We both then worked together to inspire Edison to stay connected and engaged to his love of gardening.

St. Patrick's Parish recently acquired a working farm and desperately needed some volunteers. Edison was an ideal candidate to work on the community farm. I called Father Tony and Evelyn (runs the farm) to ask if they needed Edison. They were extremely excited to meet him. Edison is certainly in his element there. Both Father Tony and Evelyn have told me how much they love

Edison working on the farm and how helpful and knowledgeable he is. When I was watching the launch of the farm on CHCH and I saw Edison speaking about himself and how much the farm means to him, it brought tear to my eye. This young man who was so composed and eloquent in front of the camera, was the same kid who was unruly, aggressive, and lost at one time.

Edison's journey with establishing a path to future success will be a challenging journey at times, as it is for many of us. However, his love of nature, and of nurturing, have given him the tools of sensitivity and of caring that carry him through his challenging times.

I am so proud of this young man, perhaps more of us can learn something from Edison by connecting with nature, and using our hands to work with the beautiful, rich earth that sustains us all." ~ Mr. Ken John



Upon reading Mr. John's reflection about him, this is what Edison said: "If my story can help one person, that would be great! Honestly, all I really ever wanted was something to dive into while helping others at the same time and the farm has been just that for me. Admittedly, I have gone through many different struggles both mentally and physically and I know there are many others who have gone through similar situations or worse. I just hope for those people to be able to connect with that nurturing aspect of life as I did myself. I know that in the past it came into the conversation for the farm to be a place for some troubled youth to participate through completing their community service hours - the idea itself was very grounding and humbling to me. Hopefully, everything progresses as planned as I have much hope for the farm and how it will serve the community, especially those within our community who are troubled."

A "Feel-Good Friday" story indeed!

IN OTHER NEWS

REAP WHAT YOU SOW (Continued)

Gardening God's Way (A Prayer)

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Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind

Peace of heart

Peace of soul

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash grumbling

Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful

Lettuce be kind

Lettuce be obedient

Lettuce really love one another

No garden should be without turnips:

Turnip for meetings

Turnip for service

Turnip to help one another

Water freely with patience and cultivate love

There is much fruit for your garden

Because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden

We must have thyme:

Thyme for God

Thyme for study

Thyme for prayer

Thyme for each other

Thyme for friends

Amen

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Author Unknown



PENTECOST MESSAGE TO CATHOLIC MOVEMENTS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Spiritual realities are usually so sublime that we only understand them not by speaking about them directly, but by using images and allusions. Jesus was a master at this, especially when it came to speaking about the Kingdom of God. In fact, the Kingdom of God was the object of his parables. "To what can I compare it?" He asks (Mark 4:30). It is like a mustard seed, the smallest of seeds; it is like yeast that a woman mixed with measures of flour; it is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. These images challenge the listener to ponder the qualities and characteristics of the image itself, and then to grasp the meaning of the spiritual realities they reflect.

As we celebrate the solemnity of Pentecost 2021, let us linger a while on the action of the Holy Spirit in the Christian community. We speak of Pentecost as "the birthday of the Church". The earliest disciples, who had encountered Jesus during his time on earth, had sufficient teachings and instructions to continue His mission on earth. But they lacked the Spirit. With the coming of the Holy Spirit, they had the confidence and courage to proclaim Jesus and His message. The Church was indeed born.

The eminent Bishop and theologian St. Irenaeus of Lyons (130-202 AD) uses a fine image in speaking about the formation of the Church: "Like dry flour, which cannot become one lump of dough, one loaf of bread, without moisture, we who are many could not become one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes down from heaven." What water might that be? Irenaeus goes on to say, "*Through the baptism that liberates us from change and decay, we have become one in body; through the Spirit we have become one in soul.*"

Brothers and sisters, let us hold these images close to our heart. Jesus prayed that we may all be One in Him. This unity with the Risen Lord is our source of hope as we continue to face the challenges of the pandemic. We likewise receive hope through the solidarities of our communities. The differences of language and culture that distinguished Christian communities in the early Church did not keep them apart. We see in contemporary society (and sadly, in the Church in some quarters) unsettling cracks that arise from ideologies and alliances. "I'm for Paul." "I'm for Apollos." (1 Cor. 3:4) And who is for Christ? Only those who are imbued with the true Spirit of Jesus Himself.

During these days of Pentecost, let us be of one mind and one heart. There is but one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. (Ephesians 4:5)

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PENTECOST 2021: MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CIRCLE

Send forth your spirit and renew the face of the Earth (Ps. 104)

Greetings and blessings on the Feast of Pentecost,

As Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle, focused on the work of reconciliation between Indigenous and all Canadians, we want to renew and celebrate the Spirit of Pentecost. Still relatively new as a coalition we are convinced of the importance of language, the challenges of unity in diversity, and the impossibility of progress in reconciliation in our Church and communities apart from the work of the Holy Spirit. It is urgent that we pray for each other in these times when, even as we see signs that the Covid 19 pandemic is lifting, the effects of isolation, of our immense vulnerability and of our profound loss and grief still weigh on our spirits individually and as communities. Surrounded by this shared suffering, but also grateful for the many acts of love and compassion that we have all witnessed, may we find the strength as the disciples did on the first Pentecost, to step out in faith to build a new way forward together.

Holy Scriptures tell us that the Church was born at such a time as this. The first disciples found themselves still huddled together, with the windows of their souls guarded and the doors to their hearts locked. Into this reluctance and uncertainty, the Holy Spirit poured as a mighty wind and as fire. The Church at Pentecost was born with a oneness that welcomes and celebrates a wide diversity of languages and cultures. As a part of the Community of Faith born in this outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle strives to be a sign of that "one faith expressed in many different ways."ⁱ

In the Acts of the Apostles, we are told of people from many nations proclaiming with amazement, "we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God." (Acts 2:11). This action of the Holy Spirit highlights the importance of speaking and hearing one's own language. Convinced of the prophetic significance of this message, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle continues to emphasize the importance of Indigenous languages. We strongly support the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) which states "Indigenous peoples have the right to revitalize, use, develop and transmit to future generations their histories,

languages, oral traditions, philosophies, writing systems and literatures, and to designate and retain their own names for communities, places and persons"ⁱⁱ Members of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle are committed to encouraging and celebrating the revitalization of these teachings and languages.ⁱⁱⁱ

More than four centuries ago the Church was again birthed in this land among Indigenous Peoples amid crisis, conflict, and cultural diversity. Indigenous members of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle express one faith in Christ through their own cultural and spiritual diversity. The Holy Spirit through them and other Indigenous people, witnesses to the truth of the words spoken by Saint Pope John Paul II at Huronia: "There can be no question of adulterating the word of God or of emptying the Cross of its power, but rather of Christ animating the very centre of all culture. Thus, not only is Christianity relevant to the Indian people, but Christ, in the members of his Body, is himself Indian."^{iv} The Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle is committed to working to reconcile the participation of Indigenous members in the Church.



Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle

The gift of the Holy Spirit is not for the Church alone but is the Spirit renewing the whole world—the land, the people, and all living things. Moved by this Spirit and prompted by his Holiness Pope Francis we are sent to go boldly into our families and communities, into our educational, health, and social institutions, and even into the world of politics to bring the power of unity and love that are the true fruits of the presence of the Spirit of God. We are called to do the difficult work of justice and reconciliation, "to build a better kind of politics, one aimed at the service of the Common Good".^v The Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle sees in the United Nations Declaration on the

PENTECOST 2021: MESSAGE FROM OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CIRCLE (Continued)

Rights of Indigenous Peoples a framework to guide our work toward this goal. In language that is embraced by the international community this declaration helps us to concretize the goal set before us by Pope Francis when he stated, "it is essential to show special care for indigenous communities and their cultural traditions. They are not merely one minority among others, but should be the principal dialogue partners, especially when large projects affecting their lands are proposed."^{vi} With the boldness that is asked of us, we members of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle pledge to do what we can to help our Catholic community to increase awareness of the significance of UNDRIP as a framework for reconciliation and just relations in Canada.^{vii}

On this great feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Spirit of God, we invite you to pray with us the ancient song of the People of Israel: "send forth your spirit and renew the face of the Earth." (Ps. 104)

i Homily of Pope John Paul II at Martyr's Shrine (Huron) September 15, 1984.

ii United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Article 13.

iii Message of Support from Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle on the occasion of the United Nations 2019 Year of Indigenous languages.

iv Homily of Pope John Paul II at Martyr's Shrine (Huron) September 15, 1984.

v Pope Francis, Encyclical Letter Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship, October 3, 2020 (#154)

vi Pope Francis. Encyclical Letter Laudato si: On Care for Our Common Home, May 24, 2015 (#146)

vii Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle Statement on Including UNDRIP in Canadian Law

