



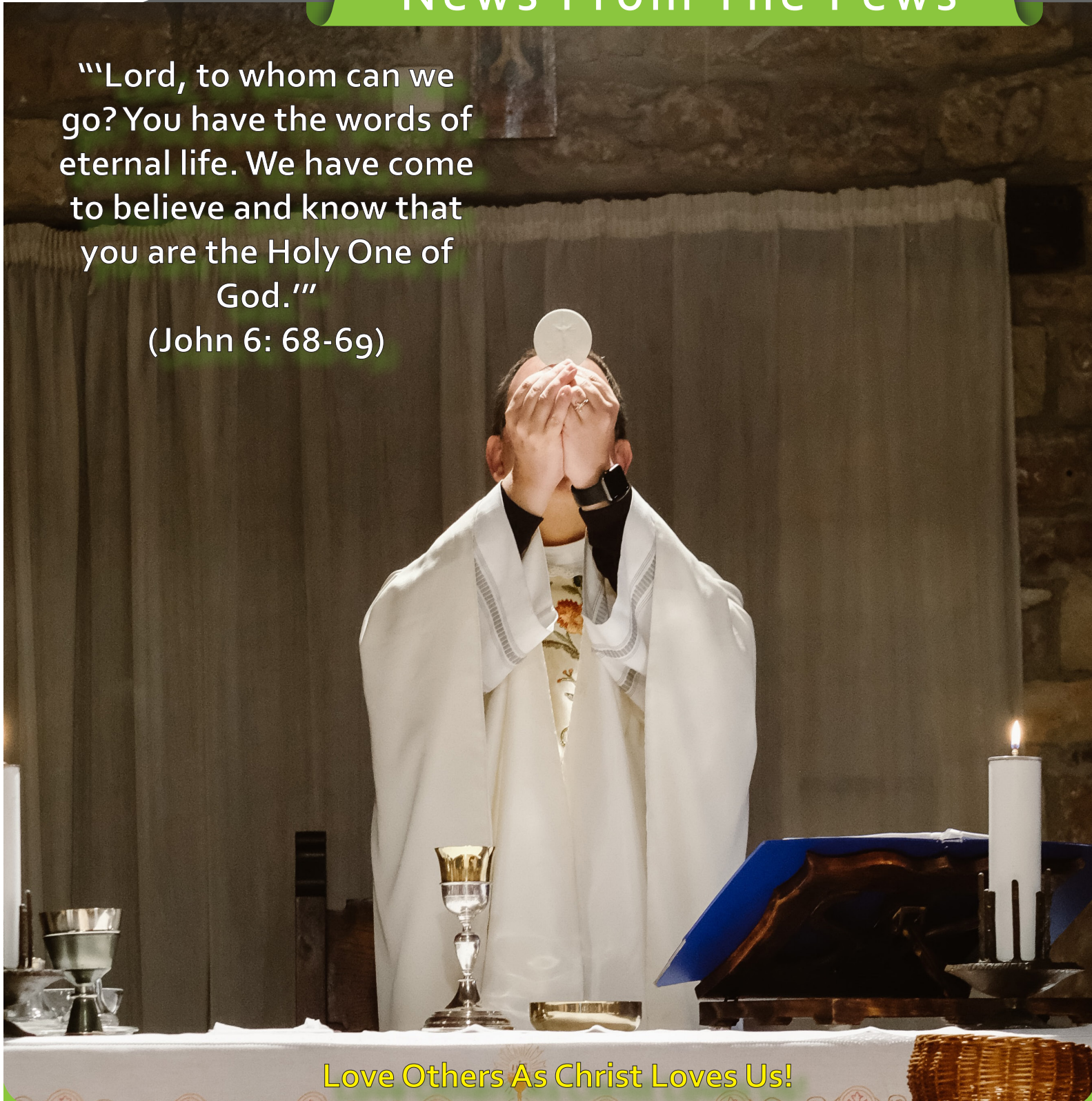
St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

“Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

(John 6: 68-69)



Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

August 22, 2021 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

Connect With Us

Website:

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LIVE-Stream Mass Schedule

The church is OPEN for in-person masses. Social distancing and safety precautions remain in effect. Seating is first-come-first-serve.

Weekend

Sat | 5 PM

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

Weekday

Tues to Fri | 12:15 PM*

*Live streamed via our Facebook page and 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.

Connect With Us



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

FORGIVENESS, EVEN IF..

So once again, Fr. Tony tweaked my ear while listening to one of his homilies in the recent past. He was speaking about the importance of reconciliation and forgiveness in all of our relationships.

Way too often in life we tend to let all of the ugly little things happening between family, friends, loved ones or colleagues build up to become incredibly heavy burdens. Troubles in the form of resentment, hurt, grudges and even betrayal that we walk around carrying from day to day until they almost seem too heavy to cart around. These are all extremely heavy weight-bearing feelings and attitudes that many of us have spent so much time practicing, that they've become normal behaviours and part of our regular every day practice. Our normal way of life.

Saying sorry for hurting each other or apologizing for causing conflict and misunderstandings as well as for tense or broken relationships – as well as forgiving those hurts may be bittersweet, but is just as vitally important in everyday life as it is for committing an atrocity. It doesn't matter what the size of the offence is, what matters is the tenderness and discomfort or sadness caused by it. Sometimes it's about swallowing our pride and humbling ourselves. Sometimes we even have to accept the apology that we never received.

Forgiveness necessitates great effort as well as diligence and conscientiousness. It isn't easy work. It's heavy and laborious work that requires a lot of mental, and often-times, physical exertion. Letting go of the bitterness is a struggle, because it's so much easier to be mad or hurt and to let it fester and grow. It's far more difficult to let go of it and forgive and reconcile with someone. However, we cannot be whole in God, if we are not one with His other children.

None of us are perfect. We all make mistakes. We are all sinners. Finding resolution and compromise to lead to

some form of understanding or reunion has to begin somewhere, because as Father said 'no sin is bigger than God's love'. There is no room for animosity or division, only peace and love and kindness, treating everyone equally as Christ did. There is no place for us and them. Only one. As one. There's enough animosity in this big old world without looking at it or living with it when we absolutely do not have to.

Let us do our very best to dump the bruised ego and to practice humility and kindness and compassion with each other – that we live with, that we work with. May Jesus give us the ability, strength and grace to treat each other with love and understanding and respect and bring us together, like He did – as one.



Find time in your day to pray for each other and to sincerely want what is best for each other, because through prayer, we will all get there.

By Diane Downey



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



Summer just seems to be flying by at De Mazenod Door. We continue to host CMHA here on Thursdays for outreach and the Hep C/Aids testing clinics with Care Haven & Grenfell Ministries on Fridays. As well for the past few Friday afternoons we have hosted pop up Vaccine Clinics with Dr. Kerry Beal. These clinics are ongoing, so if you know of anyone looking to get vaccinated against COVID-19, please feel free to share this info with them.



We want to say thanks & Godspeed to Kate & Troy from Rebel's Rock who have done so much for us in the past. Rebel's Rock Irish Pub closed for good just recently and we will miss not only the fine fare often donated and cooked for us, but the atmosphere that Kate & Troy provided to

our volunteers who often used this as their gathering place. We'll miss you!

Although a memo was emailed to all DMDO volunteers, we just want to remind volunteers & donors that the back lot will no longer be accessible and locations for parking off site have been sent out. If you have a donation to drop off at the Door, please come to the front entrance off King St. between East Ave. & Victoria.



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

Friday BBQ

August 27, 2021

- St. Luke Elementary School Staff

September 3, 2021

- Alin Chan
- Brian Hinchey
- 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



Hot Chocolate

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VOCATIONS REFLECTION

FREEDOM TO CHOOSE

God didn't create us to keep us under absolute control rather, God gave us freedom. We have the power to choose. We can choose to obey or to disobey, to do good or to do evil. We all highly value our personal freedom. In fact, freedom is God's greatest gift to us. Therefore, to be deprived of freedom is to be like a bird without its wings. But with freedom comes responsibility. Because we are free, we are also responsible for our own choices and we have to answer for them. There are benefits for choosing wisely and there are also consequences for choosing wrongly. After having given us freedom, God will never take our freedom away from us, even when we abuse it.

Jesus never forced anyone to follow him. Jesus knows that the only thing that has moral value and which helps us to grow is what is done freely. Virtue is when we have a choice to do good or evil. Virtue also cannot be imposed. It has to be freely chosen. In fact, virtue has great strength when it is deliberately chosen.

This Sunday in the first reading, we see how Joshua puts a choice before the people just after they had entered the promised land. Their choices were to serve the true God of their ancestors or to serve the false gods of their neighbours. Joshua himself chose to serve the Lord. But he didn't impose his choice on the people. They had to make their own choice. In the Gospel, we see the disciples of Jesus having to make a choice. In front of the Eucharistic bread, we also must decide whom we should follow. When we eat the Eucharistic bread, we must be clearly aware of what we commit ourselves to - to totally believe in all that Jesus taught and accept it so as to identify ourselves with Him.

Jesus realizes the difficulty that His disciples encountered in making a choice. In spite of the difficulties of his listeners, Jesus does not withdraw or make any compromise to the demands he has made. After this, many of his disciples went away and followed him no more. Jesus respects their freedom and does not force anybody to share his mission and does not compel anyone to eat his flesh.

Therefore, it is very important that we present the Gospel clearly, as our Master Jesus did, without adding or taking anything away from it. Each one of us should be free to decide and there should be no constraint and no threat. Everyone chooses differently. Jesus had definitely disappointed the majority of his followers, but a small group of disciples accepted to remain faithful to him.

Finally, a life of love is neither easy nor comfortable. It demands self-denial, self-sacrifice, self-donation and struggling with one's passions. This is why so many people prefer to follow an easier way. And this is the central challenge of today's Gospel.



We are most free when we follow that subtle, personal and challenging call that is our vocation. Christian freedom flows from doing what God asks of us. Christian freedom is the realization of our life's purpose. Christian freedom implies life in abundance which is what Jesus came to share. But what we all have to face is that most of us, most of the time, don't want to be free, we want to be comfortable. But by admitting how we prefer comfort to freedom is actually a step toward freedom because through this admission, we are being honest with ourselves. By praying honestly, we can say we are afraid of God's call, but prayer also deepens our relationship with God and ourselves. In the depths of prayer, we begin to taste the richness of freedom, which is one of the flavors of life in abundance. The more we feast on God's abundant life, the more we will want to share it with the world as God invites us to do in our vocation.

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WEEKEND READINGS



August 22, 2021

1st Reading: Josh 24:

1-2a, 15-17, 18b

2nd Reading: Eph

4:32-5: 1-2, 21-32

Gospel: Jhn 6: 53,
60-69

August 29, 2021

1st Reading: Deut 4:

1-2, 6-8

2nd Reading: Jas 1:

17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel: Mrk 7: 1-8,
14-15, 21-23

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



Tues, Aug 24 | 12:15 PM

- Liberio Medeiros
- Yorrick de Souza

Wed, Aug 25 | 12:15 PM

- Doug MacDougall
- Romano Reginato

Thurs, Aug 26 | 12:15 PM

- Joseph Nakazi

Fri, Aug 27 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Meg Fitzpatrick
- Anna Szrajber
- Rev. Jacky Merlin, CSSR

Sat, Aug 28 | 5:00 PM

- All Souls in Purgatory

Sun, Aug 29

9:00 AM

- St. Patrick's Parishioners
- Special Int: Ramona Lacsamana
- Maria do Rosario Roque
- Manuel Medeiros

7:15 PM

- Special Int: Linda Adams
- Special Int: Laura Marina Lamiño Morales
- Special Int. Zoran "Zeke" Benasich

Tues, Aug 31 | 12:15 PM

- May McTiernan
- Manuel Carlos Pavao

Wed, Sep 1 | 12:15 PM

- Joe Sawyer

Thurs, Sep 2 | 12:15 PM

- Conceicao Pereira
- Esperanza Casinillo Lao

Fri, Sep 3 | 12:15 PM

- Theresa Ostrowski

Sat, Sep 4 | 5:00 PM

- Artur & Conceicao Pereira
- Anne Brennan

Sun, Sep 5

9:00 AM

- St. Patrick's Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Aida Granata
- Conceicao Pereira
- Gus Wojtowicz

7:15 PM

- Special Int: Priyanka

If it is "daily bread," why do you take it once a year? . . .
Take daily what is to profit you daily. Live in such a way that you may deserve to receive it daily. He who does not deserve to receive it daily, does not deserve to receive it once a year.

--St. Ambrose of Milan

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



Aug 8 & 15, 2021

Collected from Envelopes	\$5,007
E-transfer	\$20
Canada Helps	\$716
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$5,670
TOTAL	\$11,413

IN OTHER NEWS



There are no new updates for the campaign this week. Again, we are so blessed by the generosity of our parishioners and friends! It is truly amazing to know that we have all come together to not only meet our target goal, but to surpass it!

Matthew 6: 19-21

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

We thank you for treasuring our parish and our mission!

OBLATE VOCATIONS CAFE

On Fri, Aug 27 at 3 PM ET (1 PM MT), Fr. Jarek will be speaking with Fr. Susai Jesu, OMI and Fr. Mark Blom, OMI from Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples in Edmonton, AB. They will share their personal vocation stories and experiences of ministry with Indigenous People. It will be streamed LIVE on fb.me/missionaryoblates



OBLATE VOCATIONS FACEBOOK DISCERNMENT GROUP



The Oblate Vocations Team is excited to introduce a new initiative: a Facebook group for young men who are discerning about Oblate religious life and priesthood. More details about the group can be read in the article, "How to 'google' your vocation" available on OMI Lacombe

Canada website (<https://omilacombe.ca/how-to-google-your-vocation/>).

To join the group, go to:
www.facebook.com/groups/oblatevocations

COME & SEE WITH THE SISTERS OF THE POOR OF JESUS CHRIST

The Sisters of the Poor of Jesus Christ are hosting a Come & See weekend on Fri, Aug 27 at 6 PM to Sun, Aug 29 at 9 AM at their mission house on 177 Sanford Ave N, Hamilton ON. All young women who are discerning their vocation are invited! The Sisters are beautiful, joyful and vibrant - they carry the love of Christ with them in all that they do! Please bring with you a bible, notebook/spiritual journal, personal hygiene items, comfortable clothes and an openness to experience the community's charism. For more information and to RSVP please email vocation.skateritekakwitha@ocaminho.org or call 905-512-8493.



IN OTHER NEWS

CWL MILK BAG COLLECTION & MAT-MAKING WORKSHOP



St. Patrick's CWL members have been busy working on sleeping mats for people experiencing homelessness. These mats are crocheted using milk bags and we are grateful to all who have been saving them for us. Members will be collecting milk bags again this month, before each mass during the weekend of Saturday, August 28 and Sunday, August 29.

If you would like to help with this project, the CWL will be hosting a yarn-making workshop in the church courtyard on Tues, Aug 24 from 2-4 PM. Attendance will be limited to 10 people. Please bring a mask, a pair of scissors, and your sense of humour. Another workshop will be held on Sat, Sept 11, also from 2-4 PM.

The CWL will also be holding a workshop on weaving the mats on Thurs, Sept 2 from 2-4 PM. This will be hosted by CWL President Evelyn Shoemaker.

For more information and to sign up for any of the above workshops, please email your name and phone number to cwlstpatrickhamilton@gmail.com and you will be added to the list (or to the waitlist).

WEEKEND STATS: ATTENDANCE

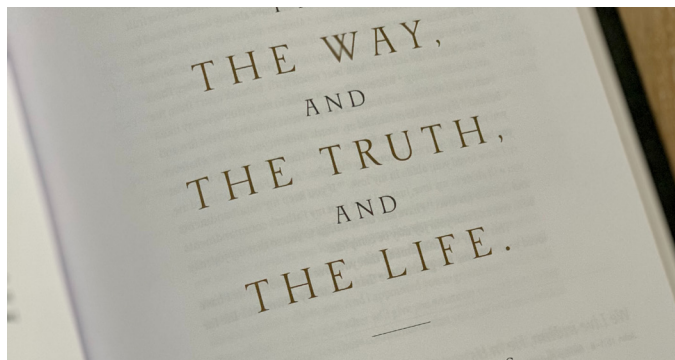
Aug 7-8 & 14-15, 2021

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Sat, Aug 7, 5 PM	58	-	-
Sun, Aug 8, 9 AM	62	-	-
Sun, Aug 8, 11:30 AM	101	62	41
Sun, Aug 8, 7:15 PM	160	50	28
Sat, Aug 14, 5 PM	78	-	-
Sun, Aug 15, 9 AM	65	-	-
Sun, Aug 15, 11:30 AM	112	78	35
Sun, Aug 15, 9 AM	154	54	25

RCIA CLASSES WILL BEGIN SOON!

It's almost that time again! We will be starting our RCIA classes this coming October 2021. We welcome all who have been discerning and are ready to make a concrete step towards becoming a Catholic. If this is you or someone you know, please contact the office for more information and to register (call 905-522-9828 or email jasuncion@stpatrickshamilton.ca).

The classes run on a weekly basis up until Easter 2022 where you will receive the sacraments of initiation (baptism, confirmation and communion). The St. Patrick RCIA team is honoured to journey with you.



ROSARY GROUP



The Rosary Group will one again be meeting after weekday masses to pray the rosary together. If you are interested in participating, the group will begin meeting after the 12:15 PM mass on Tues, Aug 24. After mass, the church pews will first be sanitized and then the group will sit in the first couple of pews to say the rosary together. Everyone is invited!

WELCOME TO THE PARISH!

This month, we welcomed a few new parishioners to our parish family. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to:

- Editha & Raul Manabat & Katherine Anne
- Lonna & Chadwick Labelle-Harper & Alison Harper-Civello
- Karen J. Golightly

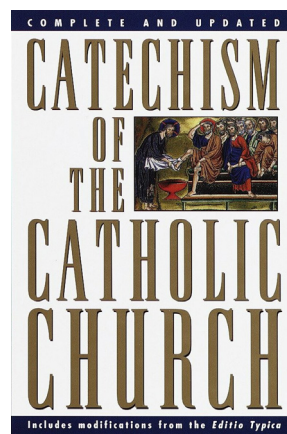
If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a parishioner at our parish - one whose heart is centered on Christ and His call to welcome and to serve all, especially the last and the least among us - please contact our parish office (905-522-9828). Rita, Louella or Diana, our friendly team members, will be happy to speak with you and walk you through the process. Come as you are. All are welcome.



EVENINGS WITH HIS EXCELLENCY



Interested in learning more about our Catholic Faith? Join Bishop Lobsinger for “Evenings with His Excellency” (formerly called, “Fridays with Father”) on the second Friday of each month at 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Canadian Martyrs Church, (1349 Main Street West, Hamilton).



Each month we will methodically go through the “Catechism of the Catholic Church”. There is no registration, no fee and no homework. Come ready to learn and ask all the questions you always wanted to ask about our Catholic Faith. The first “Evening with His Excellency” is Friday, September 10, 2021.

Note that all COVID 19 protocols will be required, including masks while in the church and proper social distancing.)

If you are unable to attend in person, you are welcome to watch live at:
<https://www.canadianmartyrshamilton.com>

IN OTHER NEWS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ERMA BRITTON

Erma Britton, a long time member of the parish who had worked as the parish secretary for 48 years passed away last week. She was a member of the CWL and is fondly remembered by parishioners still active in the parish today. Please lift up a prayer for the repose of her soul. A mass will be offered in memory of her on Tues, Aug 24 at 12:15 PM. All are welcome to join in-person or via live-stream.

She is remembered by parishioners:



"Erma worked for the parish for 48 years. She was hired right out of high school (in 1948) after the priest had asked parishioners who could type the fastest. For her retirement, Fr. Bob had a great party for her at the Connaught ballroom and invited all of the priests that were alive while she was working for the parish.

It seems to me she was a scuba diver - I know she was a great swimmer and swam everyday. She was also a huge Notre Dame football fan and would change the mass she went to if it interfered with the football game. She was a very active parishioner."

- Lynne Pollard

"Mom remembers her kindness and friendliness. She always extended a smile to mom and dad whenever they saw her at mass or at the rectory. Mom said that even their broken English did not deter her from engaging in conversations with them. Mom said, "A beautiful soul!"

Mom also remembers that Erma would explain things that she didn't understand about the happenings and events at the church more simply for her and dad. She was very patient and thoughtful. Mom remembers that on Dec. 8 (Feast of Immaculate Conception) in 2010, she went to mass and Father George announced that my dad was in hospital and asked the parishioners to pray for him. After mass, Erma offered to drive mom home but mom said she was going to the General to visit dad so Erma drove mom there. She even went with mom to visit dad. Mom said it was a very snowy day. Dad never came home and passed away that same December on the 23rd.

We are saddened by the news of her passing and extend our sincere condolences and heartfelt prayers to her family. May she rest in peace."

- Anna Vario & her daughter, Mary Crawford

"I was trained by Erma after Fr. Bob Sims had called to ask her if she would train me. I trained with her for a week. I was amazed that she knew almost all of the parishioners by name! I thought that there was no way I could remember all of those names! She had also worked with many priests. She would tell me not to worry because "the priests will come and go, but you stay."

After retirement, she would come to my office for mass cards but wouldn't stay for more than a few minutes stating, "I've had enough of this place!" She definitely had a sense of humour!"

- Rita Kara

