

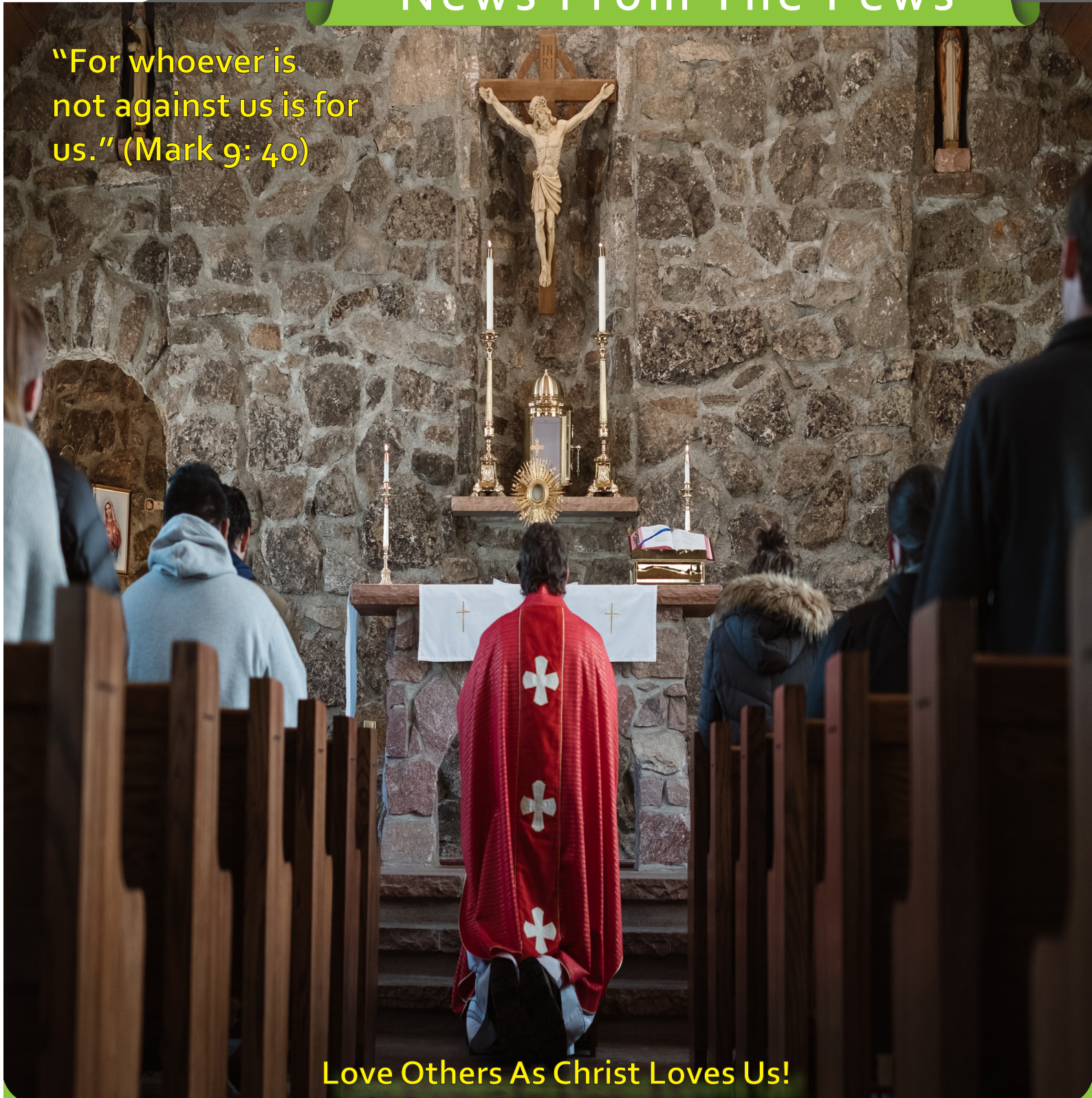


St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

"For whoever is not against us is for us." (Mark 9: 40)



Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

September 26, 2021 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

Connect With Us

Website:

www.stpatrickshamilton.ca

Facebook:

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Mass Schedule

The church is OPEN for in-person masses to a 15% capacity. Seating is on a first-come-first-serve basis.

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

PLANTING SEEDS

"A Sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." (Matt 13:3b – 9)

In the reading of this scripture from Matthew Chapter 13, it seems that the sowing of seeds needs some explanation. If you expect something more to come out of just the seed, preparation is needed. If the promise of the seed is knowledge and a deeper desire to know God, then that seed must be valuable to us. We might want to plant it where it would reap a fruit of 100 or 60 or 30-fold.

To use a similar analogy: farmers usually prepare the land and spend quite a bit of time making sure the land is ready to receive the seed. Without preparation, the chance of a good harvest would be slim. In the same way, the haphazard distribution of that seed of knowing the true nature of God ought to be considered carefully. Even though the seed is freely offered because it deserves to be appreciated, we ought to prepare the minds and hearts that hear it.

The cynical person might say that many people are guarded when it comes to what their hearts hear and their minds absorb. This may very well be true. Knowing that this is often the part of the world where Jesus sought to sow the seeds of love of self, of neighbor and of God Almighty helps us. There must be a countless number of ways a creative person could spin the tale of God's love but we must bear in mind that God's ways are really not our ways. The truth about a loving God can, and still does, capture the human heart and mind all on its own merit.



The invitation to lower our defenses is all the cultivation God needs; just a crack in our armor and God can enter in and do the healing work that Jesus and all his disciples began so long ago. The hope that began was fulfilled in Jesus Christ and our part is to merely put our hand to the plow and walk with our brother or sister. Waiting to witness the most wonderful harvest in this life is that it leads us beyond death and to the fruitfulness of eternal life. All we have to do is to step beyond the walls to see the multitude of rich fields.

By Brother Dan Dionne, OMI



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



No matter how necessary this ministry in the inner city of Hamilton is, It isn't too difficult to feel the environmental impact of serving upwards of 400 meals per day - 7 days a week. Our footprint has been extremely heavy, however the need for this program here is vitally important and an absolute necessity.

The DMDO crew are working diligently to transition into 'greener', environmentally friendly containers and are phasing out the use of styrofoam and plastics. There is a significant cost difference, but we believe that we are all called to be good stewards of our earth and it's integral that we do our part.

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

Friday BBQ

October 1, 2021

- Anonymous
- Dr. Cynthia Cupido
- Dale & Susan Williams
- Cathy Wood, in celebration of her 65th birthday



Ways to Help



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



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

Most Wanted Items



Large Canned Fruit Cocktail

Bananas



At last Fridays BBQ we began using new paper boxes for the sausage and cheeseburger meal, rather than the typical styrofoam containers. For the volunteers and staff it was a little more work however, our guests who received them were very appreciative and responded with super positive feedback.

Thank You To Our Sponsors!



DIocese of HAMILTON



VOCATIONS REFLECTION

ONE WHO HAS LOVED HIM TOO LATE



This weekend's Gospel reading brings us rather terrifying images of a great millstone hung around the neck, cutting off hands and feet, torn out eyes... Jesus is a master in parable teaching; and he knows how to use shock value. Obviously, Jesus' comments cannot be taken literally here. It's an invitation to make a radical decision to follow Jesus in missionary discipleship through witness and action.

There is the famous painting "The Light of the World" by William Holman Hunt, illustrating the figure of Jesus preparing to knock on an overgrown and long-unopened door. The door in the painting has no handle on the outside, and can be opened only from the inside. Jesus just stands there knocking. But he will not enter unless someone standing at the other side of the door opens it and lets him in.

The original painting is in St. Paul's Cathedral in London. There was a story told that a number of years ago that during the restoration of the painting, a discovery was made. When the restorer took the picture out of its frame, he uncovered a message written by the artist and hidden by the molding of the frame. The artist wrote; "Forgive me, Lord Jesus, that I have kept you waiting so long." There is that longing of a heart that is just waiting!

We can hear the same sentiments in St. Eugene's memories of his Good Friday experience. He recognizes the promptings of the Holy Spirit that he felt, but didn't have

the courage to commit himself to answering and following the Spirit; "How often in my past life had my wounded, tormented heart taken wings for God from whom it had turned away!" Eugene looked for happiness outside of God where all he found was "affliction and chagrin". It was an essential element of conversion when he turned from being self-focused to God-focused. This refocusing of Eugene's life is confirmed by his conscious decision as he followed with a strong commitment to make God the priority from that day forward; "What more glorious occupation than to act in everything and for everything only for God, to love him above all else, to love him all the more as one who has loved him too late."

The Gospel message invites us to open the door to our hearts, to remove obstacles that prevent us from answering God's call to fully refocus our life from ourselves unto God.

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WEEKEND READINGS



September 26, 2021

1st Reading: Numbers 11: 25-29

2nd Reading: James 5: 1-6

Gospel: Mark 9: 38-43, 45, 47-49

"Whoever is not against us is for us."

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, Sep 28 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int.: Arthur
- Vincent Conlon

Wed, Sep 29 | 12:15 PM

- Jose Rodrigues & Family

Thurs, Sep 30 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int.: Verna Spracklin
- Special Int.: Jover Chino Villanueva

Fri, Oct 1 | 12:15 PM

- Fedele Vario
- Anna Belanovic
- Theresa Ostrowski

Sat, Oct 2 | 5:00 PM

- Angela Sedran

Sun, Oct 3

9:00 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Special Int.: Priyanka
- Mario Sekowski

7:15 PM

- Sharon Vamos
- Walter Volpata
- Special Int.: Dianne Sorman

WEEKEND STATS: ATTENDANCE



Sep 11-12, 2021

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Sat, 5 PM	68	-	-
Sun, 9 AM	79	-	-
Sun, 11:30 AM	118	58	39
Sun, 7:15 PM	120	57	27

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



Sep 11-12, 2021

Collected from Envelopes	\$2,626
E-transfer	\$20
Canada Helps	\$110
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$2,318
TOTAL	\$5,074

IN OTHER NEWS



There are no new updates regarding the campaign at our parish. Here are the standing statistics:

- Target: \$500,000
- Total Pledged: \$659,255 (131.8% of target)
- Number of pledges: 141
- Parishioner Participation: 38.7%

NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

On September 30th, the country will be partaking in National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Here at St. Patrick Parish, we will be hosting and participating in a few events and we welcome you to join in.

- 9:00 AM | Prayer Service at the Cathedral High School in Hamilton, ON. The Liturgy will be celebrated in the school's forum with a limited number of in-person participants. It will be streamed LIVE to the classrooms for all students, teachers and staff. Fr. Jarek will be participating offering prayer and reflection. Br. Dan will provide music ministry. We ask that you pray for the students and staff of Cathedral High School as they participate in National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- 11:30 AM | The Rosary Prayer for Truth and Reconciliation in the Beyond the Walls garden in front of St. Patrick Church among the DeMazenod Door Outreach guests. Everyone is invited to join us in prayer in-person or virtually. It will be also streamed LIVE fb.me/stpatrickshamilton
- 12:15 PM | Mass for Truth and Reconciliation. Everyone is welcomed to join us in prayer either in-person or online. It will be streamed LIVE fb.me/stpatrickshamilton and on the website www.stpatrickshamilton.ca



COVID VACCINES & THE CHURCH

I HAVE FAITH IN COVID-19 VACCINES.

HERE'S WHY:

- "Vaccines protect my health.
- Vaccines protect my coworkers.
- Vaccines protect my parishioners.
- Vaccines protect us all."

The official position of the Catholic Church is that all available COVID vaccines are ethical and all Catholics who are able are encouraged to receive the vaccine. All employees serving in the Diocese of Hamilton are encouraged to be fully vaccinated or to submit to a COVID rapid test every Monday and Thursday in order to carry out their responsibilities. Volunteer liturgical ministers are required to be fully vaccinated. Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI, encourages every member of the Catholic Church within our Diocese of Hamilton to be fully vaccinated.

IN OTHER NEWS

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

It's that time of year again - we are having our annual Blessing of the Animals! Last year we weren't able to do it in person so we are very happy to welcome you to bring your furry, feathery, scaly, or otherwise friend to receive a blessing. It will be in front of St. Patrick Church on Sun, Oct 3 at 3 PM. See you then!



RCIA CLASSES WILL BEGIN SOON



We invite all those who are seeking to become Catholic to our RCIA classes. They will begin on Wed, Oct 13 at 7 PM in the church. The RCIA process is one that seeks to help participants to know the faith as well as equip them to be able to live it out. If you are unsure, we encourage you to courageously take a step towards seeking answers to your questions of faith.

For further inquiry, please feel free to contact JC (905-522-9828 or jasuncion@stpatrickshamilton.ca).

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

All young adults (19-30 years old) are invited to join our ministry kick-off event on Sat, Oct 2 from 2-5 PM here at the church. This is the first in-person meeting we will be having in a long while and are excited to have you back! Our first event will be Game Night! Feel free to bring a friend!



This year, we are collaborating with St. Catherine's Campus Ministry. They bring to us great leadership as well as young adult members. We are excited to grow in faith a fellowship!



WORKSHOPS FOR LAY MINISTERS

The Liturgy Office of the Diocese of Hamilton extends the invitation to current Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to take part in workshops. These workshops are intended for individuals currently serving as ministers in their parish or those, with approval of the pastor, who wish to serve as ministers.

The workshops will be in-person with all COVID-19 safety regulations set out by the Government of Ontario in place. Workshops are limited to 25 people and are available only to those who have been fully vaccinated. Proof of vaccination, along with one piece of photo identification, will be required upon entry into this event. PLEASE NOTE: if you are unable to provide proof of vaccination, along with one form of identification, we are not permitted to allow access into the event.

For more information and instructions on how to register, please contact our parish office (905-522-9828).



IN OTHER NEWS

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tues, Sept 28th

- 6 PM – First Reconciliation (for students in Gr. 3 or 4)

Thurs, Sept 30th

- 11:30 AM – Praying the Rosary for Truth and Reconciliation
- 6 PM - First Reconciliation (for students in Gr. 3 or 4)

Sat, Oct 2nd

- 5 PM - First Communion (for students in Gr. 3 or 4)
- 2-5 PM - Young Adults Group: GAME NIGHT!

Sun, Oct 3rd

- 9 AM - First Communion (for students in Gr. 3 or 4)
- 1:30 PM - Confirmation (for students in Gr. 8)
- 3 PM - Blessing of Animals

Tues, Oct 5th

- 6 PM - First Reconciliation (for students in Gr. 3 or 4)

Sat, Oct 9th

- 6 PM - St. Dymphna's Group (Mental Health Support Group)

Sun, Oct 10th

- 1:30 PM - Confirmation (for students in Gr. 8)
- 2:30 PM - Mom's Group

Wed, Oct 13th

- 7 PM - RCIA: Introduction Class

Sun, Oct 17th

- 1 PM - Baptisms



**If you have any questions regarding any of these events, please contact the office at 905-522-9828.*

COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH OF CANADA

Each year, and with the generosity of Catholic faithful from coast to coast to coast, the Bishops of Canada continue their work on relations with Indigenous peoples, important doctrinal and ethical questions; ecumenical initiatives and interreligious dialogue; international relations; evangelization, faith education and catechesis; questions of social justice; responsible ministry, and the development of a culture of life and family. In addition to their national Conference, the Bishops of Canada also meet in four Regional Assemblies (Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and the West). The CCCB and the regional assemblies include the Bishops of the Latin Church, as well as the Eparchial Bishops of the Eastern Catholic Churches. On behalf of all Bishops of Canada, the Most Reverend Richard Gagnon, Archbishop of Winnipeg and CCCB President, shares his gratitude for the continued support of the Church's pastoral mission through prayers, gestures of kindness, encouragement, and generosity. "On behalf of all Canada's Bishops I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. May the Lord to extend his grace and love upon you and your loved ones.