



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews



**"Has not God chosen
the poor in the world
to be rich in faith
and to be heirs of the
kingdom that he has
promised to those
who love him?"
(James 2: 5b)**

Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

September 5, 2021 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

Connect With Us

Website:

www.stpatrickshamilton.ca

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fb.me/stpatrickshamilton

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

HUMILITY THROUGH HARDSHIP

A few of my Pastoral Team members and I were having a conversation last Friday which incidentally was the day chosen to celebrate the Homeless Memorial mass where we honor the dignity of the homeless and vulnerable who have passed away in our community. We were talking about a crazy passing storm that blew through the Hamilton area on the Thursday evening before. It was an interesting discussion and all three of us were on the same wavelength, sharing the same thoughts and feelings.

I had been out with another team member Thursday evening and was on the expressway heading home, driving through that horrible wind and rain. Thunder & lightning lit up the sky. I remember thinking it was terrible to be out in that weather amongst others on the same road – some taking it easy, while others drove almost as if nothing was any different, like the massive storm didn't even phase them. What were they thinking!

While I was driving I was also thinking about those who utilize our services at the Door every day, who either live on the streets or in encampments. What were they experiencing during that torrential rain and wind? Where were they? Were they safe? I then thought about how blessed I was to be in my car, dry and protected from the outside elements? Yes, I got wet when I had to walk to my front door after parking the car and then found my flower planters were all toppled over and upside down from the wind, but what a blessing to be able to say that that was all I had to deal with.

Another team member experienced the storm differently, choosing to run and play in that rain with her husband. They were enjoying the gift of rain after such a long stretch of very hot and extremely humid weather. For days it had been worrisome thinking about our poor & marginalized out in that brutal and unrelenting heat. The rain may have been a relief for them, but now the rain likely left their belongings and beds soaked.

When we're hot, typically we head inside to cool off and enjoy our central-air cooled spaces. Too many others aren't

so fortunate and we really need to remember that. They are people. Human beings. They have faces. They have names. They are someone's child and/or someone's parent. They too are a child of God. There is so much that we all take for granted every single day. So many different situations we find ourselves in with easy answers to making things better for ourselves, without having to give it even an ounce of thought.



Although the three of us all live in different parts of the city, we all went through that same storm. And although the experience of the storm was different for each of us, it brought us all to thinking about the homeless and vulnerable in the city who were also caught in that rain. Were there also others in the city who thought the same? Sometimes it's hard to remember them, but we must do our very best to take a moment to stop to think about the many men, women, children and seniors who so desperately need our help, even if only in the form of prayer. Remember the next time you are experiencing something that isn't the easiest or if you see someone going through hardships that you could never imagine yourself going through, just for a moment put yourself in their shoes and try hard to remember the words, 'there but for the grace of God, go I'.

By Diane Downey



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



A note from a new community friend:

"My just-turned 3 yr. old and I were driving home from the market on Ottawa St., loaded up with seasonal produce and we passed by St. Patrick's. There were people waiting around outside the church and my daughter, Vivian asked what they were doing. I answered that they were probably waiting outside for some food from the church.



We recently read a book called "The Last Stop on Market Street" where a Grandma and her grandson go to volunteer in a soup kitchen in a rough part of their city. As a result, we've talked about soup kitchens a fair bit lately. I explained to Vivian that it was like in book, that the people who were waiting probably didn't have good jobs or enough money to buy healthy food, like we did. Vivian said, "It's okay Mama, we can buy them some food and groceries, right?" Our dear girl was absolutely right, we can and should do a little bit too. As my mom said 'a little child shall lead them.'"

So that being said... Vivian and her parents Meredith and Christian stopped by De Mazenod Door to donate some desperately needed salty snacks along with a very generous donation of \$500.00 to help feed the hungry people Vivian saw while driving past St. Patrick's.

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

Friday BBQ

September 10, 2021

- Maria da Gloria Moniz and Jose Moniz in Memory of Antonio Moniz and Jose Cabral
- Patricia Amos in Memory of Paul Leon
- Kruno Electric Ltd.



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



Coffee Whitener

Chips



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VOCATIONS REFLECTION

BEING SIGNS OF HOPE



The prophet Isaiah speaks words of hope, reminding his listeners that God is always faithful, always present, and that God rights whatever is out of order. This “righting” was put in very concrete terms: prisoners set free, the blind see, the deaf hear, etc. God’s love would be extended to the poorest in society, those who had been pushed to the margins and forgotten or neglected.

Based on Jesus’ teaching, James admonished the community to give equal respect and dignity to all, rich and poor alike. They were to go another step further and help provide for the needs of the poor in their midst.

Through his actions, Jesus teaches the disciples of old and new how our relationship with God is to be lived out. Jesus spoke of God’s love and his teaching flowed out of his intimate relationship with Him. Experiencing the depth and wonder of God’s love, Jesus concretized that love in his actions which so often focused on “righting” what was out of order. In each case, his actions were deeply personal and intimate. Jesus did not simply pray over someone and ask God to heal, but rather often took the person aside, in private for an intimate encounter.

The heart of the Oblate charism is to “proclaim the Good News to the poor”. As Jesus demonstrates, and St. Francis of Assisi reminds us, our actions are more effective than

our words. Both our words and our actions are to flow from, and be informed by, our intimate relationship with the Trinity. St. James also reminds us that our words of faith are to inform our actions. As we reflect on our universal vocation as disciples, and our particular vocations within that discipleship, we are challenged by one question today: Do my actions continue Jesus’ mission and ministry of “righting what is out of order”? As we look to the future, we might ask ourselves “To what more am I being called as a disciple?” Might I be called to live the Oblate charism as a vowed religious or a lay Associate?

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WEEKEND READINGS



September 5, 2021

1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7

2nd Reading: James 2: 1-5

Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37

"They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'"

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 7 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Veronica & Sydney Pinto
- Jose Carvalho

Wed, Sep 8 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Sister Eileen (65th Anniversary of Religious Life)

Thurs, Sep 9 | 12:15 PM

- Joseph Nakazi

Fri, Sep 10 | 12:15 PM

- Paul Leon
- Wladyslaw & Maria Dobrowolski
- Jerry Kulchycky

Sat, Sep 11 | 5:00 PM

- Antonio Moniz
- Jose Cabral

Sun, Sep 12

9:00 AM

- St. Patrick's Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Francis Redix
- Jennie Di Luca
- Eleanor Bosey

7:15 PM

- Walter Lopata
- Norman Arthur Allerton
- Purita T. Eugenio

Miracles are not contrary to nature, but only contrary to what we know about nature.

-St. Augustine

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



Aug 22 & 29, 2021

Collected from Envelopes	\$6,172
E-transfer	\$205
Canada Helps	\$629
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$4,896
TOTAL	\$11,902

IN OTHER NEWS



The latest update from the Diocese regarding the One Heart, One Soul Campaign for our parish continues to point towards the success of the campaign. Although one pledge was withdrawn, we are still so grateful for the parishioners and friends who have launched us to reach and even surpass our set goal of \$500,000. Here are the latest statistics:

- Total pledged to date: \$659,255 (131.9% of goal)
- 161 total pledges
- 38.7% parishioner participation

May God bless you manyfold for the generosity you have shown to our parish and our diocese!

WELCOME!

The warmest of welcomes goes out to our newest parishioners!

- Catherine Torno
- Ma. Concepcion Pretal
- Turner, Malcolm and Marcus Blain and Krystale Spencer-Thomas



Welcome home! May you find joy and peace through being part of our parish community. May your journey of faith be blessed!

CWL PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

As you know, the CWL has been making sleeping mats for the homeless of the community, but they have also been keeping busy with making prayer shawls. These shawls were made to be given to those who are in need of comfort, such as those living in nursing homes. The shawls will be blessed at the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, September 12. Please come out to join us for the blessing!



MOM'S GROUP

Calling all moms! St. Patrick is launching an exciting ministry geared towards uplifting the vocation of motherhood. Come and be a part of an encouraging and supportive community of women and go deeper in your faith life. It really does take a village to raise children and as moms, we are not meant to figure it out all on our own. We have each other!

Join us Sunday, September 12 th at 2:30pm at the Parish Office – 20 Emerald St .South for our first meeting.



Please email momsgroup@stpatrickshamilton.ca if you have any questions. We hope to hear from you and to see you (and your children) soon!

IN OTHER NEWS

WEEKEND STATS: ATTENDANCE

Aug 21-22 & 28-29, 2021

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Sat, Aug 21, 5 PM	64	-	-
Sun, Aug 22, 9 AM	64	-	-
Sun, Aug 22, 11:30 AM	145	80	38
Sun, Aug 22, 7:15 PM	148	55	30
Sat, Aug 28, 5 PM	72	-	-
Sun, Aug 29, 9 AM	91	-	-
Sun, Aug 29, 11:30 AM	138	65	37
Sun, Aug 29, 9 AM	144	61	33

WORKSHOPS AT MOUNT CARMEL

Anne Racine, adjunct faculty at Mount Carmel Spiritual Center is hosting the following workshops:

Life Changes: Who Am I Now?, Sept 11, 2021, \$65

- For anyone going through or anticipating a major life change.

Session of Grief: Surviving Loss, Sept 17-19, 2021, \$290

- If you are experiencing loss through death, separation, divorce, lost relationships and life changes, come and examine your loss using the seasons as a metaphor to discover the personal impacts of loss and grief.

Forgiveness, Oct 23, 2021, \$65

- This interactive workshop identifies the stumbling blocks to forgiveness, and provides positive, practical methods to work through anger, blame and resentment.

For more information or to register, please call 905-356-4113 ext 4200 or email reservations@carmelniagara.com

OMI LACOMBE CANADA EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate are currently accepting applications to fill a Social Media Communications Specialist position, focused on delivering increased awareness in support of its mission and ministries.



This is a full time position with a certain amount of flexibility. The work may involve evenings and weekends; working from home may be an option. It is desirable that the successful candidate be close to one of our Oblate Centres (Ottawa, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Vancouver). Some travel will be required.

For the full job posting, please visit www.omilacombe.ca

To apply, send in an application with examples of your work or your portfolio and state salary expectations. Please send these in no later than September 17, 2021 to the hiring committee: information@omilacombe.ca

RCIA CLASSES WILL BEGIN SOON!

We will be starting our RCIA classes this fall. 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.