



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

**“Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb”
(Luke 1: 42)**

Love Others As Christ Loves Us!

December 19, 2021 - 4th Sunday of Advent

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

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Website:
www.stpatrickshamilton.ca

Facebook:
fb.me/stpatrickshamilton

Mass Schedule

The church is OPEN for in-person masses.
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.

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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

LOVE BEYOND THE WALLS

Love can be characterized by many things but perhaps the greatest is "self-lessness".

The helplessness of a newborn baby soon sheds away any selfishness we may hang onto because that baby is 100% dependent on the love and care that we give him or her. Although we are still a week away from Christmas, love is the theme that leads us through the 4th week of advent. We have been preparing ourselves throughout the four weeks of advent with the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and now Love; we will need all of these themes to see us through the Christmas season to the Epiphany. Perhaps we can even add a few more virtues that would support the meaning of Advent.

Prepare is an important one in many ways because if we are unprepared, we may miss the impact of the incarnation. Christ, God's Son, enters into the world. How would we prepare for that? Peace is something we can certainly benefit from more of. There is a kind of peace that is deeper than any peace we have known. It surpasses all understanding and refreshes the soul. Listen to the voice of God who speaks below the noise of the crowded spaces we visit. One quiet voice can lead us in a direction that would truly be a blessing for us. Give a gift of time or something that really has the receiver in mind. Remember that not all profound gifts come from wealth. Think of the gift children are to us and remember, they have very little. Being creative is key in the way we invest in each other. Expressing ourselves in new ways says that they were worth the time it took to prepare for.

Love has an eloquent meaning - articulate and strong in its ability to clearly express itself. It crosses many bridges that may have previously been considered "Burnt" or uncrossable. Without a doubt, love will go through many barriers and is a necessary ingredient for healing. Many love relationships between couples and even friends take on a special meaning because it will connect people where there was once little connection. The opportunity to form meaningful bonds is perhaps the thing most sought out by people everywhere. If I could think of a thing that is opposite of this it would be loneliness. We all know or have an idea how many people suffer loneliness

today. Perhaps if we could pledge ourselves to one thing, it could be, reaching out to someone who seems lonely.

Christmas cheer is great. Wouldn't it be better still if we included someone that felt left out? Remember, if someone doesn't have a smile; give them yours. Don't worry, it will grow back right away. If that's all it takes to start, just think what could happen if our heart got involved and then had an effect on other people? I want to wish you a great Advent preparation for a wonderful Christmas season. Once Jesus comes, we will need all the creativity and eloquence we can gather in order to speak of the King of Love.

By Br. Dan Dionne, OMI





De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



A big shout out of thanks to our parishioners, community groups and supporters from around St. Patrick's Parish and the De Mazenod Door for answering our call for the items needed for our Christmas gift bags! We have been blessed to have had many things donated to fill all the bags that will be handed out to our guests on Christmas day. Everyone was so quick to ensure that those we serve feel loved and cared for, especially since many have very few or even no family ties - a really difficult and challenging situation for so many, especially during the holidays. Thank you!

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

Friday BBQ



Dec 24, 2021

- Rosemary & Rick Ferroni
- Manrique Donoso Family



As well, we want to say thank you to Cliff McDonald, one of our regular Sunday volunteers. Cliff has been stepping up and helping us out with large pickups that require a large truck. We couldn't be more grateful for the help! Thank you Cliff for not changing your phone number and for very rarely saying 'NO'!

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

As we wind down toward the end of the year, there are still all kinds of happenings here on-site at 440 King St. East: De Mazenod Door Outreach at the Pastoral Centre. On Friday, Liver Care Canada will be here for Aids & HIV testing as will be the Shelter Health Network providing COVID-19 Vaccines and boosters. First come, first served!



Most Wanted Items

Salty Snacks



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THE STORY WE ARE MEANT TO HEAR

Elizabeth and Mary are both carrying their first children, Mary has gone to see Elizabeth so they can support each other; what an exciting time for both! These are the times in our lives that we feel very connected to our community, when things are going well, and we feel we can contribute and support each other. Everything comes easily, especially loving one another.



But both Mary and Elizabeth had likely recently gone through very difficult times of judgement in their communities; Elizabeth for being barren for so long and Mary for being with child out of wedlock. I know this isn't the usual story we think about when this passage is read, however, considering that Mary and Elizabeth were females during the 1st century in the Mediterranean, this is exactly what it would have meant for them. It would have been a very difficult time for Mary especially, who would have pushed to the margins of society. It's times like this when it feels as if the world will come crashing down; the times we feel isolated and alone, maybe even shunned, that we need each other. It is during those times that it is so important

to have people to be in solidarity with. Mary would have felt lost and abandoned. This is the real reason that Mary went to see Elizabeth, this is the story we are meant to hear.

Now, during Advent as we are waiting for Jesus to come and redeem us, I believe this is the message we are called to reflect on. Where are the lost and abandoned in our community; it's likely we don't have to look very far. Yet we must look, we just can't do life alone. It's too difficult; and even though we may be following the path that has been prepared for us, it doesn't mean that we won't need help along the way. We are called to be there for each other, in community; to support one another, to care for all, to love each other when that doesn't seem possible. Community is the only place we can find the help we may need, as well as the help we are meant to give. We will find it in the people that have gone through something similar, in the people that have gone through something totally different, in the people that haven't struggled much at all, and in the people that need us. It takes all of us together, in all our uniqueness. This is where we will become everything God wants us to be, in the messiness of life, on the margins; where we can share everything we have and receive everything that we need.

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WEEKEND READINGS



December 19, 2021

1st Reading: Micah 5: 2-5a
2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45

"Why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?"

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



Tues, Dec 21 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Casy Ducay
- Rosina Mauro
- Deceased Members of Belanovic & Butkovic

Team Members
 12 Midnight

- Benefactors & Guests of the De Mazenod Door Outreach

Wed, Dec 22 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Jeff Walsh & Family
- Domenico Versace & DeLeonardo Family
- Tederico Tiotangco

Sat, Dec 25
 9:00 AM

- Antonietta Pacenza
- Betty & Reg Jackson

Thurs, Dec 23 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Sionnie Villanueva & Family
- Special Int: Rachel Hi
- Fedele Vario

Sun, Dec 26
 9:00 AM

11:30 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners
- Special Int: Jerome Jefferson Villanueva
- Special Int: Sr Eileen Brunton, CSSF
- For Deceased Family Members of Denis Keane

Fri, Dec 24

6:00 PM

- Special Intention of the donors, volunteers & guests of the De Mazenod Door Outreach

7:15 PM

- Walter Lopata
- Linda Adams
- Eduardo Villasenor

8:30 PM

- St. Patrick's Parishioners & Pastoral

WEEKEND STATS: ATTENDANCE



December 11-12, 2021

MASS	In-Person	Facebook	Website
Sat, 5 PM	83	-	-
Sun, 9 AM	77	-	-
Sun, 11:30 AM	170	56	42
Sun, 7:15 PM	100	50	22

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



Dec 11-12, 2021

Collected from Envelopes	\$3,614
E-transfer	\$250
Canada Helps	\$2,299
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$3,339
Christmas Offering	\$0
TOTAL	\$9,502

IN OTHER NEWS

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

(No regular 12:15 PM weekday mass)

6 PM - Christmas Eve Mass

- In-person only
- 8:30 PM - Christmas Eve Mass
- Christmas Carols will be sung before mass starting at 8 PM.
- Both the carols and the mass will be in-person and live-streamed.

Midnight Mass

- Christmas Carols will be sung before mass starting at 11:30 PM.
- Both the carols and the mass will be in-person and live-streamed.

Saturday, December 25 - Christmas Day

9 AM - Christmas Mass

- In-person only

11:30 AM - Christmas Mass

- In-person and live-streamed

Sunday, December 26 - Feast of the Holy Family

9 AM - Mass

- In-person only

11:30 AM - Mass

- In-person and live-streamed

7:15 PM - Mass

- In-person and live-streamed

*There is no need to register for these masses. Seating is on a first-come-first-serve basis. Doors open 45 minutes before mass (or before the carols). While you are here, we ask that you help us to maintain the safety of all by wearing a mask (unless medically exempt) and by maintaining social distance.

HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE

Please be advised of the following dates that the Administrative Office will be closed:

- Monday, December 27, 2021
- Tuesday, December 28, 2021
- Monday, January 3, 2022

For all other weekdays in the holiday season, there will be a staff member present at the office.



SERRA CLUB: VOCATION SEEDS

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 19, 2021

Are you called to follow in the footsteps of Mary as a priest, deacon or religious to carry the Good News of God's great Love? Contact Bishop Wayne Lobsinger, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton (905-528-7988).

Email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
www.hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

ROUND 2: VIRTUAL FAMILY GAME NIGHT



Calling all families to join us for our 2nd annual Virtual Family Game Night! Families are invited to join in on some friendly competition in celebration of the holiday season. There are prizes to be won and some great fun to be had - and you can do it all right from the comfort of your own home.

Round 2 will be on Tues, Dec 28 at 7 PM EST. For more information and to register, please visit bit.ly/stpatsGAMEON (case-sensitive). If you have any questions, please call our office (905-522-9828) or email JC (jasuncion@stpatrikshamilton.ca).