

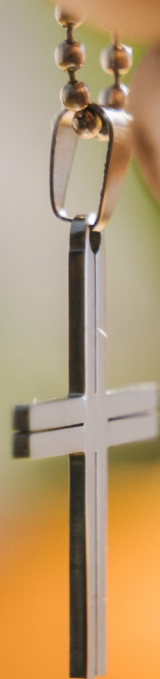


St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

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(Luke 14: 33)



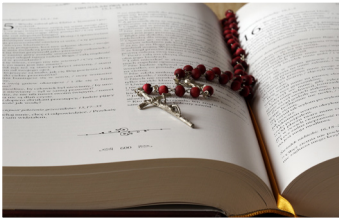
Love Others As Christ Loves Us.

September 4, 2022 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

This News From the Pews 'Stop' Press bulletin does not contain all of the weekly information typically found in our weekly bulletin, but rather a number of announcements we wanted to share with you all prior to Labour Day. We wish you all a safe and happy Labour Day weekend!

Liturgy of the Word

Please note: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - September 6th, 7th & 8th, there will be no weekday 12:15 mass here at St. Patrick's; as all Priests in the Diocese of Hamilton will be attending a Clergy Seminar. However, Br. Dan Dionne, OMI and Sherri Ramirez will host Liturgy of the Word during this time each day. Please join us in person or online.



Be a part of our Live Stream Team

Any Parishioner interested in helping the Parish Live Stream Mass from the tech booth at the Church will be very welcome.

- Participants need to be tech savvy.
- They have to be responsible, quick and reliable.
- They must know the sequence of the Mass, in order to post the responses.
- They have to be able to type in the responses and songs without spelling mistakes.
- They have to work as part of a TEAM, in a fairly confined space.

If you would like to try meeting these challenges and would like to apply, please contact:

**Diana at dquildon@stpatrickshamilton.ca
or parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca
or 905 522-9828**

ON THE COVER: Photograph by Tima Miroshnichenko

As a new school year begins...



Prayer for Teachers, School Support Staff and Parents.

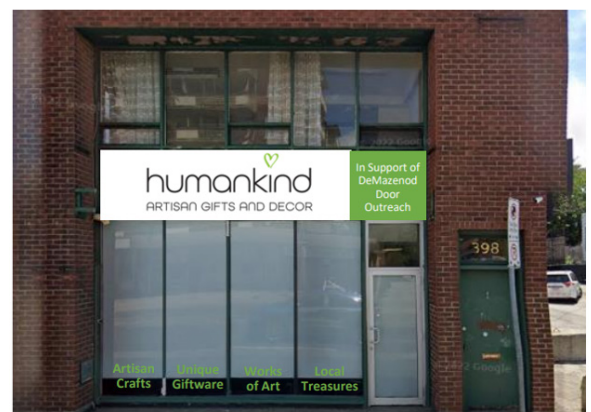
Dear Lord, you know how important teaching is and how challenging it can be. As our children sit in classrooms, renew teachers in their passion to help students enjoy the adventure of learning. Give educators creative ideas and resources to resolve their most challenging situations. Assist students in recognizing their opportunity to learn and grow and embrace the learning experience. Give parents the patience to help their children over the difficult hurdles and show them how joyful learning can be. We ask this for all teachers, parents, and students in our Catholic School System.

Amen

News from Fr. Tony

Fr. Tony continues to bring his dreams into a reality...

In the fall a very unique store will be opening in support of DeMazenod Door Outreach ministries! AND it is not another thrift store... If you have time or skills in the following areas renovating/painting - or just wish to help - please call the office at (905) 522-9828.



August 2022



Dear:

The De Mazenod Door Outreach Ministry has an exciting new project in the works! I am writing to see if you wish to be part of it... to share your *gifts* and kindness with those in need.

In an effort to generate more sustainable funding to support the DeMazenod Door, our Ministry will be launching a Gift Shop initiative this Fall. We are looking for donations of unique and eclectic handmade gifts and artisan crafts to sell. ***All proceeds from the sale of these goods will support our Outreach Ministry, and all donors will be given an in-kind receipt for the value of donated items.***

We have named the project “**humankind**” as a symbol and celebration of our common humanity and the ever-growing need for kindness. The project will create a community of artisan supporters, all eagerly sharing their gifts and talents as creative contributions to this initiative... all sharing their *human kindness*. This will come together as a spectacular retail store, a unique and creative space for consumers to gather, browse and buy one-of-a-kind artisan gifts and décor.

The best part of all... it's in support De Mazenod Door Outreach. The “Door” serves more than 124,000 meals to Hamilton’s poor and hungry each year. Starting with coffee and breakfast, then followed with a hot nutritious lunch, guests are served food and dignity, 365 days a year. Our dedicated staff and team of volunteers take the time necessary for nourishing souls and feeding spirits, ensuring that each ‘guest’ who knocks is pointed in the right direction for service and support. Sadly, the need keeps growing, and we have more and more guests to serve.

If you would like to be part of this exciting project, please complete the attached form and return it to us with a sample of your handiwork at the address below.

Please note that all products will be “juried” to ensure the quality and marketability of the items align with widespread consumer appeal and demand, as well as Christian values.

Thank you sincerely for considering this request to share your gifts.

God Bless,

Fr Tony

De Mazenod Door Outreach, St Patrick Parish Administrative Office
20 Emerald Street South, Hamilton, ON L8N 2V2



Artisan Donation Form

First Name/Last Name

Address Town/City/Postal

Phone

Email

Description of Donated Item:

Quantity of Items to Donate:

Approx. value of each item: (must be fair market value, or cost of labour and supplies)

Additional Comments:

Signature

Date

Please fill out form and e-mail to: humankind@stpattrickshamilton.ca or drop off to:
St. Patrick Parish Administrative Office 20 Emerald Street South, Hamilton, ON L8N 2V2



Would you like to join our team in making a difference in inner-city Hamilton? We are hiring!

Mission With Youth Coordinator: tinyurl.com/MissionWithYouthCoordinator

Pastoral Assistant: tinyurl.com/PastoralAssistant

Parish Director of Communications: tinyurl.com/ParishDirectorOfCommunications

Interested applicants can respond with Resume and Cover Letter to: opportunities@stpatrickshamilton.ca by end of day, September 30th, 2022.

TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

JOB POSTING

PARISH DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Nature of Position:

The Parish Director of Communications (DC) is a member of the parish staff that works with the pastor and staff to utilize all communication tools at the parish's disposal in order to (1) promote the overall mission of the parish. (2) encourage engagement and tithing among the parish family.

The Director of Communications would be **de facto** of the Parish Finance Council and Pastoral Team.

Reporting Function:

Reports only to the Pastor or his designate.

Job Description:

Duties may include any of the following:

- Facilitates the parish's utilization of the multiple means of digital and print communication (web, bulletin, newsletter, social media). This role includes (though not exhaustive) the following tasks:
 - Optimizing website communications, keeping website events and information up to date. (website needs to be revamped).
 - Governing all Church communications, both print and digital
 - Look into email marketing program (ie. Mailchimp, for sending out bulletin & other parish updates
 - Developing and facilitating a strategy for social media channels
 - Overseeing church platforms like a blog, social media, podcast, and/or church app
 - Managing the use or creation of design assets
- Takes responsibility for ensuring the facilitation of live streaming, liturgies and other events as is necessary, (and perhaps livestream themselves in cases of necessity).
- Include organizing live-stream volunteers and training new volunteers.
- Makes Mass slides, (including coordinating with music ministries, pastor, pastoral assistant to create accurate slides, or delegate mass slides to be made by volunteers.
- Initiate and update of the parish database system, including the possibility of exploring other database software to effectively communicate with parish tithing as a Christian way of life.
- Utilize the communication means of the parish, so that parishioners are encouraged to grow in faith by returning God's gift of time, talent and treasures in service to the Church and community.
- Collaborate with other parish leaders to collect and analyze data for pastoral planning (ie parish census, needs assessment, interest surveys, or area demographic research).
- Train volunteers (ie with working bulletin, live streaming, etc.).

JOB POSTING

Mission with Youth

Job Title: Mission with Youth Coordinator
Report to: The Pastor

General Description:

Responsible for coordinating a Parish pastoral ministry for youth, based on “Renewing the Vision” **A Framework for Catholic Youth Ministry:**

- Works under the direct supervision of the Pastor
- Coordinates Mission with Youth team of adults and youths
- Develops close communications with and mutual support from families of youth.
- Collaborates with other community and parish organizations and offices
- Focuses the Parish community on the spiritual needs and gifts of youth
- Strive in reaching the goals of Oblate Ministry with Youth people.

Job Responsibilities:

- **To** strive to lead young people to experience and share the love of God in Jesus Christ Crucified.
- To mature in faith through the experience of an Oblate Community.
- To responsibly participate in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith Community.

Program Development:

- To coordinate a core group of adults and youths to determine and direct programs and services, (offering them proper training and opportunities for leadership development).
- To develop the kind of relationship with parents that are conducive to open communication between parents and youth.
- To plan, schedule, and lead (or train leaders) for an annual retreat for teens, and for youths, focusing on some aspect of spiritual growth.
- Provide programs for social outreach and service, directly involving parish teens and young adults, to provide pastoral reflections on their experiences prior to, during and after the experience.
- To arrange seasonal or occasional small group Bible Study or reflection groups.
- To offer occasional gatherings for teens and for young adults.
- To provide pastoral guidance to teens and parents as needed on an individual basis and help teens and parents find professional referrals when needed.
- To arrange occasional parenting program for parents of teens and pre-teens
- Create or acquire other programs reflecting the components of Mission with youth as needed.
- Provide a catechetical component in youth and young adults gatherings, and offer catechesis in other practical ways.
- Works in collaboration with Diocesan Youth Ministry and Young Adults Ministries offices.
- Work in collaboration with the Oblate Vocation Office.
- Activate a strong Parish-School relationship through involvement in school life (i.e. helping during religious classes, sacramental prep, class visits etc.)

Goals: Following St. Eugene De Mazenod’s inspiration we are guided by three goals.

- **In becoming Human**, we endeavor to accompany young people towards their integral growth, to help them recognize their great dignity and that of others.

JOB POSTING

MINISTRY POSITION DESCRIPTION

MINISTRY	PASTORAL ASSISTANT
Accountability	Pastor
Purpose of Ministry	To collaborate with the pastor in areas of work not requiring an ordained priest.
Participant Group	Parishioners
Activities and Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of candidates and their families for reception of sacraments. • Inviting volunteers for roles in lay ministry • RCIA Team • Plan and conduct adult education programs • Liturgy Preparation; schedule liturgical volunteers & staff hospitality schedule.
Skills and Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practicing Roman Catholic with a knowledge of church and faith life. • Organizational, Interpersonal and Communication skills • Ability to collaborate and effectively communicate with the Pastor, Parish staff, Volunteers and Parish Community • Ability to use time wisely • Certification in Catechism in the Diocese of Hamilton * • Degree in Pastoral Ministry or equivalent • Balanced approach to church issues and concerns, • Ability to maintain confidentiality and trust.
Time Commitment	Minimum 34 hours weekly
Duration	2 year term, renewable
Orientation and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General parish orientation • Ongoing relevant workshops • Periodic spiritual retreats
Support	Pastor and Pastoral staff
Supervision	Feedback from parishioners, other staff and other participant groups
Evaluation	Reviewed annually, by Pastor
Position Level	HIGH TRUST!
Screening Procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive a position description • Complete forms A, B, & C

THE OLD T-SHIRT

"So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."
(Luke 14:33)



We all have that old t-shirt, a ragged pair of jeans, or well worn running shoes that we don't want to get rid of, right? So why do we hold on to a color faded t-shirt with a non-recognizable logo on the front of it, because it's been washed a thousand times? After all, the holes in our torn jeans are truly not a fashion statement! Even though they don't have any sentimental or emotional value to us, they are just so comfortable. Simply ours.

When Jesus tells us to "give up all your possessions", he isn't making a suggestion, but rather He's presenting a requirement in becoming his disciple. Certainly, he refers to the material possessions, but doesn't limit our attachments to them. In order to become his disciples, we have to focus on him - not on us. We have to give up our "possessions" of personal opinion, unhealthy behaviors or a close minded view of the world and the ways that the things should be according to us. We have to empty ourselves, allowing God to fill us with his grace, equipping us to fulfil his mission in this very place and time.

On Monday August 15th, 2022, the community of the Oblate General House in Rome gathered around the statue of the Oblate Madonna in the Chapel of the General house. That day marked the 200th Anniversary of the special experience of consolation that St. Eugene de Mazenod received as he prayed before the statue of the Oblate Madonna.

In his reflection, our Superior General Fr. Louis Lougen OMI said, "I agree with the Founder, ...our Congregation is truly inspired by God and contains within it not only the seeds of grace, but has become a

great tree, bearing abundant fruit to this day. Our Congregation is indeed worthy and has achieved immeasurable good for the Church and continues to do so. Our mission is sublime and our Rule of life has helped us as a guide to salvation and holiness." He also pointed out that in order to fulfil this mission, "We have the responsibility to prune this great tree with wisdom and discernment so that it continues to evangelize with vitality."

Pruning, just like throwing out the old t-shirt, is not an easy task. On a congregational level, it will require difficult decisions to leave long established traditional Oblate ministries. To refocus personnel and resources into the ministries God calls us to today. To embrace with hope new and unknown mission fields. On a personal level, pruning helps us to discern our own vocation; our place and role in God's mission of today. It's truly about giving up all our "possessions", because "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me, cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27)

Now is the time to toss our old t-shirts of our material as well as our opinionated attachments. Discovering vocation is not about holding onto our own desires and self-fulfillment of dreams.

Let's have the courage to put a new garment on God's vision for our life and the mission entrusted to us.

Just get rid of that old t-shirt!

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IN OTHER NEWS

Pick your Own Vegetables



And give **Help and Hope** to Hamilton's Hungry and Homeless.

The De Mazenod Farm has produced a bountiful harvest of fresh local produce. We are making some of it available to our community to raise funds for our Ministry. We need your support and welcome you to Pay what You Can.

Please join us for **Pick your Own** Farm Days

Every **Tuesday & Thursday** throughout the month of September at the De Mazenod Farm. Pick your Own Hours – 9 am to Noon

Tomato – Beans – Cucumber – Zucchini – Squash

Carrots – Cabbage – Broccoli – Eggplant – Pepper and more

204 Glancaster Road, Hamilton (Just south of Rymal Rd)


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Be a missionary, make the world a better place! 7-9 OCTOBER

An aerial photograph showing a large group of people standing in a paved area, forming the letters 'M' and 'I' in a large, stylized font. The people are wearing various colored clothing, creating a vibrant pattern within the letters.

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 Register here

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

RCIA CLASSES BEGIN IN THE FALL!



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) classes will begin in the fall. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic, we welcome you! Please call the office (905-522-9828) to express your interest and if you have any questions. The RCIA journey is one that is beautiful, challenging and fruitful. We invite and encourage you to take a leap of faith!