



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

Happy Thanksgiving



Love Others As Christ Loves Us.

October 9, 2022 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

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Website:

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Mass Schedule

The church is OPEN for in-person masses to full capacity.

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 from 4:00 to 4:45, prior to the Saturday 5:00 PM mass.
- 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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WEEKEND READINGS



October 9, 2022

1st Reading: 2 Kings 5.14-17

2nd Reading: 2 Timothy 2.8-13

Gospel: Luke 17.11-19

*"The Lord has revealed his victory
in the sight of the nations"*

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 Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your account at your chosen frequency.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, Oct. 11 | 12:15 PM

- Ignac Kata & Iva Rataic
- Maria & Pasquale Cosco
- Special Int.: June Welsh-Livingstone

Wed, Oct. 12 | 12:15 PM

- Marie-Ann Castonguay

Thurs, Oct. 13

9:30 AM

- St. Patrick School Mass

12:15 PM

- Duarte Costa
- Arturo & Gina Mancini

Fri, Oct. 14 | 12:15 PM

- John Duffy
- Special Int: Micheal DiGiacomo

Sat, Oct. 15 | 5:00 PM

- Tony Strabac
- Jim Robichaud
- Daniel Robinson

Sun, Oct. 16

9:00 AM

- St. Patrick's Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Cesar Mejia
- Giorgio DiRenzo
- Alberto Marques
- Joseph Nakazi

7:15 PM

- Tullio D'Intino
- Special Int.: Ana Gonzalez

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



October 1/2, 2022

Collected from Envelopes	\$3,164
E-Transfer	\$400
Canada Helps	\$34.00
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$3,170
TOTAL	\$6,734



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



Fr. Con O'Mahony from St. Andrew's Parish, Oakville hosts a retreat with a number of education professionals, annually. This retreat is called "Information to Transformation." Last Friday, they came, they listened and then went to the Altar of Mercy to receive the grace and

strength of the Holy Spirit, to go forth and become what they have received, as Fr. Tony so often reminds us.

The group took turns working at a variety of stations set up to show them some of the work that takes place at the De Mazenod Door. During the presentation given by Outreach Director Sherri Ramirez, there were tears shed as she shared some of the realities of the crisis and the need for help, faced at the Door daily.



They returned to the Chapel to listen to a brief self-testimony given by Outreach Liaison, Leon Blais. Leon shared some of his own trials of his childhood & young adult life and the importance of having supportive people around him that believed in him,

and just how beneficial that is. As he phrased it "I am living my best life, here at St. Patrick's & DMDO". They were moved when Leon openly answered questions and shared the genuineness of his soul. For many of our guests, Leon is a sign of hope. They have openly told Leon that if HE could get his life together, then there is hope for them.

This Sunday Oct. 9, the guests of the Door will enjoy a delicious thanksgiving luncheon served by our staff and volunteers. We wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving. Let us always remember all we have to be thankful for.

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

Friday BBQ

October 7

• Rosa Ribaud & Joel Begin
In Memory of Evan Hewitson



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



Sandwich
Bags



Juice
Crystals



Cooking Oil

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A LITTLE ABOUT OUR CANADIAN THANKSGIVING

Did you know?

Canadian Thanksgiving started in 1859 when Protestant leaders called on the colonial government to create a day for giving thanks. As many Canadians gather this weekend to enjoy a feast with loved ones, some Indigenous households are reclaiming the holiday and practicing Indigenous gratitude instead.

Thanksgiving or Thanksgiving Day, is an annual Canadian holiday and harvest festival, held on the second Monday in October, which celebrates the harvest and other blessings of the past year.

Thanksgiving began as a way to thank the Indigenous people, who taught the European Settlers how to survive in the new land, what crops to raise, what plants to eat and which to avoid. They were key to the survival of the settlers during the first year they arrived in this new land. That first meal was to thank God for the success of the crops they were able to harvest.

They taught the Europeans, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants. They also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag, a local tribe, which would endure for more than 50 years and tragically remains one of the sole examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans.

In many North American households, the Thanksgiving celebration has lost much of its original religious significance; instead, it now centers on cooking and sharing a bountiful meal with family and friends. Turkey, a Thanksgiving staple so



ubiquitous it has become all but synonymous with the holiday.

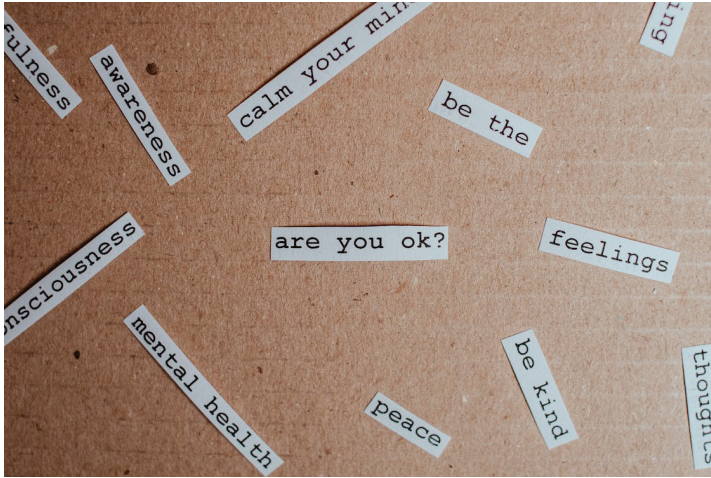
However, you choose to celebrate this meaningful holiday in your home, remember to give thanks to God for all that you have and for all that He has blessed you with in your life.

Happy Thanksgiving!

BEYOND THE WALLS

What Happens Here Doesn't Stay Here

REACHING OUT BEYOND THE WALLS



As I have heard and like to believe, many kinds of activities are Good for Our well-being. Whether that's taking care of our Body or our Mind or our interactions with others. In the same way I hold fast to the belief that there are activities that are good for our soul. Reaching out to people can take care of yourself and help all the aspects of being human. The more we learn about ourselves, through our own experience and through the learning from others; we expand our awareness of living as the person God created us to be.

In order to appreciate these things, there are a few things that need to be accepted as truth. For one, many activities that we do to help ourselves will also help other aspects of our person. Many people often say that physical exercise can clear the mind and even engage a spiritual wellness. The main point being investing in ourselves benefits our ability to take an interest in others. In order to reach out beyond the walls in the truly unique way that only we can, requires some thought and the ability to be truthful with ourselves.

Most people we meet who are in need are looking for a truth that reflects how the world might see them in a way that gives hope. The downcast often feel they are not worth very much and their disposition tends to show that. One easy way we can help is to lift that person up in a real way without the use of catch phrases or Pious platitudes. Only through a love that Christ teaches us are able to be there for others. Another aspect is in the way that we have been loved and lifted up by others in our own life. In anyway we can, it would be powerful if we try to find a way to seek out inspiration. There are many ways to do this but one way is to surround ourselves with people who care for us. This is witnessed through the way the disciples of Jesus were sent out together. The reason for this is that in order to teach Christian community and good works, we must practice it in our support groups.

Reaching out beyond the place we feel at home means that we find the courage and motivation to go there. If we are struggling or are intimidated, let us take small steps every day to allow lifegiving things to enter our life. Then, just like a great idea, we may feel motivated to share it with others because we have made it a part of our hearts.

*Submitted by:
Br. Dan Dionne, OMI*

AWARENESS, ATTITUDE, AUTHENTICITY

The topic of authenticity seems to be coming up a lot lately. In an age where it feels like everyone is under a certain amount of scrutiny, being able to say that one is (or is not) authentically 'something' seems to have taken on a bit of weight. "She's an authentic expert on Covid vaccines." "He's not an authentic Conservative." "Our company is authentically Canadian!"

But that leads to a few questions. What does it really mean to be authentic? More importantly, what does it mean to be an authentic Christian?

Authenticity is the degree to which our actions agree with our values, despite external pressures to social conformity. If we extend this concept a bit further, authentic Christianity means that what we do is congruent with our desire to grow closer to Christ and to bring others to him, even if the people around us don't necessarily appear to be doing the same.

How can we foster this sense of authenticity in ourselves and, by example, in others? I suggest that one way that we can work toward achieving this is with a simple equation. (It has to be simple. Because I authentically hate math.)

$A + A = A$ Awareness + Attitude = Authenticity

The Samaritan in Sunday's Gospel (Luke 17:11-19) shows us how it's done. It begins with an awareness of the fact that he's just been healed by Jesus. Follow that with an attitude change – from sadness or hopelessness to gratitude. And that then leads to an authentic action: despite the fact that no one else around him is doing it, he makes a point of praising and thanking God for the incredible gift he's just received. Doubtless, it changed his life for good. (In every sense of the term.) And that gift allows him to live, more authentically, the life God meant for him: a life of joy, purpose, and praise, which not only draws him closer to Christ, but encourages others to draw near as well.

So, how do we incorporate this handy little equation in our own lives?

Start with awareness. Everything in creation is designed to lead us to God. Where in your life, today, have you been gifted with something wonderful? It could be something as momentous as a raise, the news of an illness in remission, or a new baby. But it could also be as simple as a sunrise, a compliment from a stranger, or a perfectly buttered piece of toast. (Admit it. It's a thing of beauty.) Signs of God's love are all around us, and one critical step toward living an authentic discipleship is seeing and recognizing these signs everywhere, and in every moment. (While you're at it, take a moment to appreciate the awesome wonder and joy of spelling "sacramentality" on a triple word score.)

Then add attitude. An attitude of gratitude. Get into the habit of



saying "thank you" for each beautiful thing that blesses you in a day. Thank God for the profound gift of comfort in sad times, for deep healing in painful moments, for radical forgiveness when you least deserve it, for unfettered joy in times of celebration. And while you're at it, thank God for warm socks, purring cats, green lights, chai lattes, and Shreddies with brown sugar. (The ultimate comfort food. Don't bother disagreeing with me.)

And here's the most beautiful part: the more you are thankful for, the more you'll notice. The more you notice, the more you'll be thankful for. And this amazing little cycle of attitude feeding awareness, and awareness feeding attitude, is where authenticity lies: when every fibre of our authentic being – the very essence what God had in mind for us when he created us – is oriented toward God. When we recognize the gift of God's outrageous love in every moment of our lives, we can't help but shout "thank you!!!!" in the midst of a group of people who might not (yet) be doing the same.

Like the Samaritan, rush back in thanksgiving, day after day, and praise God loudly enough to make people wonder what the fuss is about. They'll come looking.

And when they do... show them how to do some authentic math.

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ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE GENERAL CHAPTER OF THE MISSIONARY OBLATES OF MARY IMMACULATE

Clementine Hall
Monday, 3 October 2022

Dear brothers, good morning and welcome!

I am pleased to meet you, on the occasion of your General Chapter. I thank the Superior General – poor thing, taken from the desert and brought here to Rome! – for his introduction, and I wish serene and fruitful work to him and the new Council. And let us thank the Superior and the Counsellors who have concluded their service.

You are a religious family dedicated to evangelization, and you are gathered to discern together the future of your mission in the Church and in the world. You have chosen, for this Chapter, a demanding theme, very similar to what has been chosen for the Church's next Jubilee: "Pilgrims of hope in communion". It is a theme that sums up your identity on the streets of the world, to which, as disciples of Jesus and followers of your founder Saint Eugène de Mazenod, you are called to bring the Gospel of hope, joy and peace. It is a world that, on the one hand seems to have reached seemingly unreachable goals, yet on the other is still enslaved by selfishness and full of contradictions and divisions. The cry of the earth and of the poor, wars and conflicts that shed blood on human history, the distressing situation of millions of migrants and refugees, an economy that makes the rich ever richer and the poor ever poorer, are some aspects of a scenario where only the Gospel can keep the light of hope burning.

You have chosen to be pilgrims, to rediscover and live your condition as wayfarers in this world, beside the men and women, the poor and the least of the earth, to whom the Lord sends you to announce his Kingdom. Your founder too was a wayfarer, at the origins of your religious family, when he went walking with his first companions in the villages of his native Provence, preaching the popular missions and restoring to the faith the poor who had turned away from it, and that even the ministers of the Church had abandoned. It is a tragedy, this, when the ministers of the Church abandon the poor.

Pilgrims and wayfarers, always ready to set out, like Jesus with his disciples in the Gospel. As a missionary Congregation, you are at the service of the Church in seventy countries throughout the world. To this Church, that the Founder taught you to love as a mother, you offer your missionary zeal and your life, participating in her exodus towards the peripheries of the world beloved by God, and living a charism that leads you towards the furthest, the poorest, those whom no-one reaches. Walking this road with love and fidelity, you, dear brothers, render a great service to the Church.

You have heard the call to rediscover your identity as priests and brothers united by the bonds of religious consecration. Pilgrims of hope, you walk with the holy people of God, living in fidelity your missionary vocation, together with laypersons and young people who share in the Church the charism of your saintly Founder, and who wish to play an active part in your mission. Saint Eugène taught you to look at the world with the eyes of the crucified Saviour, this world for whose salvation Christ died on the cross.

You have already dedicated one of your preceding General Chapters to the theme of hope, when you heard a particular call to be witnesses to this virtue in a world that seems to have lost it, and that seeks elsewhere the source of its happiness. Being missionaries of hope means knowing how to read the signs of its hidden presence in the daily life of the people.

Learning to recognize hope among the poor to whom you have been sent, who often succeed in finding amid the most difficult situations. Letting yourselves be evangelized by the poor you evangelize: they teach you the way of hope, for the Church and for the world.

In addition, you wish to be witnesses of hope in communion. Communion today is a challenge on which the future of our world, the Church and consecrated life depends. To be missionaries of communion, it is necessary first of all to live it among ourselves, in our communities and in mutual relations, and then to cultivate it with everyone, without exception. You frequently referred, during your Chapter, to the ecclesial pathway of this time, which is rediscovering the beauty and the importance of "walking together". I urge you to be promoters of communion through expressions of solidarity, closeness, synodality and fraternity with all. May the Good Samaritan of the Gospel be an example and a stimulus to make you close to every person, with the love and tenderness that drove him to take care of the robbed and wounded man (cf. Lk 10:29-37). To make yourself a neighbour is a daily job, because selfishness pulls you in, pulls you down; to make yourself neighbour is to get out.

In this Chapter, you have also often evoked your commitment to the common home, seeking to translate it into concrete decisions and actions. I encourage you to continue to work in this direction. Our mother earth nourishes us without asking for anything in exchange; it is up to us to understand that she cannot continue to do so if we do not also take care of her. They are all aspects of that conversion to which the Lord calls us continually. Returning to the common Father, returning to the source, returning to the first love that impelled you to leave everything in order to follow Jesus: this is the soul of consecration and mission!

May your Founder, the charism he transmitted to you, and his missionary vision be and remain points of reference for your life and your work; to stay rooted in your missionary vocation, above all by living the testament of your Founder, in mutual love among yourselves and in zeal for the salvation of souls. It is the heart of your mission and the secret of your life, and this is why the Church still needs you. In the immense field of the mission that is the entire world, may Jesus always be your model, as he was for Saint Eugène. Before the crucified Saviour, he decided one day to offer his own life so that everyone, especially the poor, might be able to experience the same love of God that had restored him to the path of faith.

This year you have celebrated the memorial of a special grace that Saint Eugène received two centuries ago, before the statue of Our Lady Immaculate in the church of the mission in Aix-en-Provence. This renews to you the invitation to take Mary as your travelling companion, so that she may always accompany you on your pilgrimage. Mary the pilgrim, Mary journeying, Mary who arose in haste to go and serve. After saying her "yes" to God through the archangel Gabriel, she departed in haste to go to her cousin Elizabeth, to share the gift and to place herself at her service. In this too, may Mary be an example to you, for your life and for your mission.

Dear brothers, I wish you a good conclusion to your Chapter, and I accompany you with prayer. I heartily bless all of you and your confrères, especially those who are sick and frail, and those who are in difficulty at this time. And you too, please, pray for me. Thank you!

FALL CLASSES

Please note that the following Fall classes and workshops will begin later in the Fall Semester. RCIA, Children's Liturgy, Bible Study.

These classes will begin at a later date, to be determined, as they are important to our Catholic Life and to our Parish Development. St. Patrick's will keep you all posted as we go forward. Keep watching for more info!

For Baptism, First Holy Communion and Matrimony, please call the Parish Office for times and dates. Thank you.

REMINDERS

Altar Servers Workshop - An Altar Servers workshop will be held on Saturday October 22nd at 2.00 PM in the Chapel. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of the church after each mass this weekend. Thanks!

There will be a CWL meeting this Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30pm in the Chapel

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Noble Volunteers, we need you!

The unborn baby humans that could be your sister or nephew, need you more than ever! 40 Days For Life is starting September 28th- November 6th!

Sign up on <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/hamilton> or call 905-962-2864!

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Criteria for all Volunteers:

Volunteers hold a position of respect & trust.
We encourage inherent positive intent.
Show individual dignity, and the power of what teamwork can accomplish.
Increases integrity and self worth.
Ministry in service elevates self esteem.
Encourages creativity & innovation.
Shows the worth and Value of human lives.

Participation in volunteer and civic opportunities from an early age:

Instills empathy,
Inspires a sense of citizenship,
Help youth find pathways to meaningful education and work.

Some of the issues, challenges and opportunities around youth and volunteering include:

Offering young people the space to take action in their own self-organized priorities.
Investing in the future, by helping young people build skills and enhance employability through volunteering.
Offering them a sense of belonging to a larger community outside of home and school.
Shaping their thought process about community, so they see "us, not we and them".
Offer them positive role models and an outlet to channel their curiosity and energy.

ALL SOULS DAY

ALL SOULS DAY MASS AT HOLY SEPULCHRE CEMETERY

The annual All Souls Day Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will take place in Our Lady of Victory Mausoleum on Sunday, October 30, 2022 at 2:00pm. The principal celebrant will be Most Reverend Douglas Crosby, OMI, Bishop of Hamilton. All are welcome!

IN OTHER NEWS

HAMILTON POLICE SERVICE 2022 COAT DRIVE

For the past 4-years De Mazenod Door Outreach has played a crucial part in assisting with the HPS Coat Drive by providing volunteers, collecting purses and filling them with feminine hygiene products, as well as hot drinks and snacks, all to be given away during the coat drive.

This year, the coat 'collection' runs from September 26th through November 21st. Winter coats and winter accessories (no clothing) can be dropped off at any of the three police stations. The HPS asks that the items be bagged.

Donations of coats cannot be dropped off at the Parish, the Administrative Centre or at the De Mazenod Door.

Central Station - 155 King Williams St.

East End Station - 2825 King St E.

Mountain Station 400 Rymal Rd E.

This year's Coat Giveaway will be held November 22nd & 29th at Philpott Church (84 York Blvd.) from 5pm-7pm.



A huge shout out of thanks to all who have offered their time and talents these past weeks in relation to this brand new initiative.

We continue to get together frequently, so that we can get this new enterprise up and running and ready to go.

If you have some time to give toward getting this new store ready to support our outreach ministry, it would once again be more than appreciated.

Thank you so much!!

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Information regarding RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) classes is forthcoming. We plan to commence a little later into the Fall and will update as soon as we have a date available to begin! If you (or someone you know) might be interested in becoming a Catholic, we would love to have you join us! Please contact the office at 905-522-9828 and let us know you're interested!