



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

"May we carry your word with us each day as we seek to serve you in our brothers and sisters".

source: hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks



Love Others As Christ Loves Us.

January 22, 2023 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -Bible Sunday

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

Connect With Us

Website:

www.stpatrickshamilton.ca

Facebook:

fb.me/stpatrickshamilton

Mass Schedule

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.

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

Contact info

Phone: (905) 522-9828

Email: parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca

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Parish Leadership Team

Fr. Tony O'Dell, OMI (todell@hamiltondiocese.com)

Sherri Ramirez | De Mazenod Door Outreach

Community & Guest Relations Director

Christina Crawford | Music Director

Pastoral Team

Sr. Andrea Kowalczyk | Liturgy Workshops

Arthur Kara | Facilities Operator

Bridget Saulnier | Director of Communications

Br. Dan Dionne, OMI | Music Ministry

Diana Qildon | Volunteer Coordinator

Diane Downey | De Mazenod Door Outreach -

Administrative Program Support Worker

Evelyn VanFleet | Assistant Facilities Operator

Hansel Fernandez | De Mazenod Door Outreach

Ian Ford | Director of Technology

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Katarzyna Dymkowski | De Mazenod Door Outreach

Leon Blais | De Mazenod Door Outreach

Lynne Pollard | Sacristan

Rita Kara | Office Administrator

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Oblate Vocation Office

Fr. Jarek Pachocki, OMI

Vocation Director

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WEEKEND READINGS



January 22, 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 9.1-4

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.10-13,17-18

Gospel: Matthew 4.12-23

January 29, 2023

1st Reading: Zephaniah 2.3; 3.12-13

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 1.26-31

Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12

MORE WAYS TO GIVE



As a parish, we strive 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, Jan. 24 | 12:15 PM

- Angelito Nicdao
- Special Int: Joe Austin
- Wladyslaw Dobrowolski

Wed, Jan. 25 | 12:15 PM

- Carmela Mendola

Thurs, Jan. 26 | 12:15 PM

- Tara Lawrence

Fri, Jan. 27 | 12:15 PM

- Deceased Members of Donald McTiernan Family
- Celeste Vario
- Amelia Abad Abear

Sat, Jan. 28 | 5:00 PM

- John Simpson

Sun, Jan. 29

9:00 AM

- St. Patrick's Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Chamoun Simon Melki
- Augusto Martines
- Anthon Tiersma
- John Bender
- Noemia Carvalho

7:15 PM

- Abigail Iszak

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



January 14/15, 2023

Collected from Envelopes	\$3,894
E-Transfer	\$150
Canada Helps	\$154
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$2,232
TOTAL	\$6,430



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



Charity AND Justice

In November of 2021 staff of De Mazenod Door attended a 3-session workshop on understanding the difference between Justice and Charity. This is an interactive workshop on "Our response to the Gospel Call to Charity and Justice", in "building the Kingdom of God" and seeing the world with new eyes, "through the Social Teachings of the Church and the Two Feet of Service"



This past weekend Sherri Ramirez, Outreach Coordinator/Social Justice Director had the privilege of attending a one day condensed version of this same workshop, held at the St. Kateri University Student Centre at Canadian Martyrs Parish in west Hamilton. This workshop was facilitated by Josie D'Amico, retired teacher and Christine Mazur-Mousuf a teacher with the HWCDSB.



The students from McMaster University attending listened attentively and participated in interactive learning for the morning session. At the lunch break, an amazing 'Holy Spirit flowing' moment happened where everyone shared in the food, but spent the hour engaging in conversations about the morning sessions. Their interest was certainly piqued.

The afternoon session began with understanding the various levels of systemic poverty and then they heard from guest speaker Shannon Cleary. Shannon is one of the men who resides at De Mazenod Housing's "Eugene's Place". Shannon so graciously shared his story and his struggles of how he has been affected personally. Shannon expressed how important support is to him, and to personally achieving his own goals.

This beautiful day could not have happened without the support of Fr. Gregory Ogorzalek, Pastor at Canadian Martyrs Parish and Konstantin Lenz, Chaplaincy Liaison, also from Canadian Martyrs. As well, Konstantin is a De Mazenod Door Outreach volunteer who organized a group of volunteers to come and paint Mary's Ark. Clearly putting his **faith into action!**

This is a brief video where Shannon share's a little bit of his journey, and the impact that supportive housing has had on his life.
<https://bit.ly/eugeneshplace1>



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

Friday BBQ

BBQ Sponsor - January 27th
• Dr. Cynthia Cupido -
In Memory of Luis George
• Anonymous



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: <http://demazenod-door.ca/.ca> and click DONATE

Most Wanted Items



Sugar



Ground Coffee



Coffee Whitener/
Creamer

Thank You To Our Sponsors!



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FROM THE DIOCESE



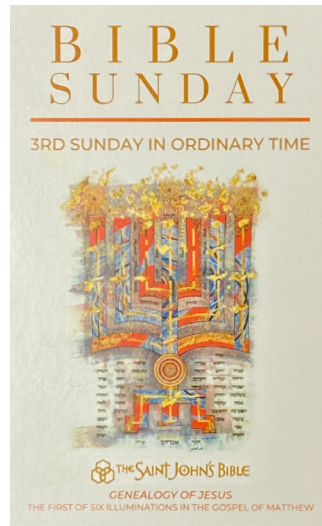
DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

Bible Sunday January 22, 2023

Bishop Crosby and the Diocese of Hamilton has chosen the third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year as our day to emphasize how #TheBibleSpeaks and how #WeListen.

We will be distributing Bible Sunday Prayer Cards at each Mass this weekend. We have lots of Prayer Cards available, and we encourage you to take as many as you like, to share with friends and family.

There are many excellent resources to support praying the bible on the Diocese website for Bible Sunday, including Prayer Cards available to download in the following languages: English, Croatian, French, Hungarian, Italian, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish and Tigrigna.



PRAYER

*Blessed are you, Lord God,
creator of heaven and earth,
for your Word made flesh: Jesus Christ.*

*We praise and thank you
for your Word recorded in the Bible
and faithfully proclaimed
in the assembly of your holy people.*

*May our hearts and minds be always open
to welcome your life-giving Word.*

*May your Word nourish our faith, enliven our hope,
and strengthen us in the bond of love.*

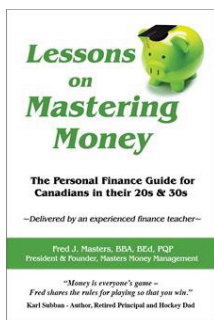
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as we seek to serve you in our brothers and sisters.*

We ask this through Christ

#TheBibleSpeaks
#WeListen
hamiltondiocese.com/thebiblespeaks

Join us for This Free Zoom Session

Mastering Your Money: A Financial Wellness Presentation



➤ Financial worries are the top source of stress for all Canadians, ranking above work concerns, health worries and even relationship struggles.

➤ The need for financial literacy has never been more pressing

When: Tues., Jan. 24, 2023 from 7-8:30 pm

Where: This is a free virtual event. Register online at hamiltondiocese.com/events to receive a zoom link or call 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Who: Mr. Fred Masters, President & Founder of Masters Money Management Inc., and the author of the critically-acclaimed new book 'Lessons on Mastering Money'.

He has delivered dozens and dozens of personal financial literacy presentations and is a sought-after media commentator on financial literacy.

SAVE THE DATE!

January 26, 2023 – 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.

Compassionate Community Care – Program Overview

This program provides non-medical support for persons who are vulnerable to depression, isolation, loneliness, pain, and death due to age, terminal illness, disability, or other conditions ("vulnerable persons"). Along with the Diocese, they can provide training for staff and volunteers for providing non-medical support to these persons. The aim is to help people have a complete circle of care that recognizes and respects the physical, social, psychological, and spiritual needs of those involved. During the session they will provide detail on their program, 'Being With', which trains volunteers to care for the psychological, social and spiritual needs of the most vulnerable in our parishes and communities.

Feb. 7, 2023 – 1:30 – 3:00 P.M.

The Sanctuary Course for Catholics Overview of Program

One in four people will be affected by a mental health problem at some point in their lives, yet the stigma surrounding mental illness silences many and prevents faith communities from responding compassionately and effectively. This eight-session course—designed for use in small groups—explores the realities of mental health and illness, as well as the vital need for faith-based community conversations about these topics. The sessions are accompanied by compelling films that feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists. The course also includes a Leader's Guide, Participant's Guide, and additional educational and spiritual resources.

Please register online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events> or call 905-528-7988 for more information about these and other programs and workshops offered by the Diocese.

VOCATIONS REFLECTION

FLASHLIGHTS

When I was a young adult, I worked at a summer camp in Northern Saskatchewan. As Assistant Camp Director, one of my jobs was to do rounds after 'lights out' and make sure that all of the campers were in their own tenting areas. Sneaking out after dark is a rite of passage in pretty much every summer camp, and we were in a heavily forested area, so I suppose campers could be forgiven for thinking that the dense trees would camouflage them as they snuck out of their tents.



Photo provided by: OMI Vocation Team

They tried to hide. Bless their sneaky little hearts, they tried. They'd go all *Mission: Impossible* and dress in black, and smear their hands and faces with ash from the fire pit. Some would even go so far as to slink around in socked feet, lest their Nikes make too much noise in the underbrush.

And I'd bust them. Every time.

I appreciated their grudging awe. (And the heart attacks that I could cause with a casual "*hi guys...*" as a knot of teenagers snuck onto the trail thinking the coast was clear.) Naturally, rumours were abundant. Some campers thought I could smell them. (Not a stretch, considering these were usually 14 year-olds who hadn't showered for days). Others decided that my sense of hearing was conclusive proof that I was genetically descended from bats. One camper even suggested we'd planted homing devices on them. But truthfully, it wasn't hard to spot them, even in the inky blackness of a moonless summer night in a Saskatchewan forest. What was my superpower?

I could see their flashlights from a mile off.

I didn't even have to chase them. I'd just wait for them to get close, switch on my own flashlight, a universal signal for '*game over*', and after the hyperventilating subsided (theirs, not mine), I'd escort them back home to their tenting area. And I never needed to scold them. Being exposed by the light (both theirs and mine) was enough to remind them of where they should be, who they should be with, and what they should – or shouldn't be – doing. By rights, I should have been angry with them. They could have gotten themselves into some really dangerous situations. But usually, their own remorse and self-recognition was enough. More often than not, after I returned them safely home, I'd just shake my head, smile, and say to myself, "*What goofballs. Man, I love these kids.*"

It's interesting, really, to think of the significance held by something as simple as a flashlight. When you need to see what you're doing, it can be pointed where you need it. When you're in your campsite and

scared because you can't see what's 'out there', a flashlight provides a sense of safety and security. When you're trying to find your way along a winding trail in the dark, it can light the way and keep you from stumbling. But when you're sneaking around where you shouldn't be, doing things you know you probably shouldn't be doing, the light just means *busted*.

This week, in both the readings from Isaiah (9:1-4) and in the Gospel of Matthew (12:4-17) we hear that those *who have been in darkness have seen a great light*. And I think the idea of a flashlight applies well, here. But how I might interpret these passages depends on where I'm at on any given day. When I need a certain situation to be illuminated so that I can see clearly what I'm doing, God's light is appreciated and welcome. When I'm frightened and need reassurance that I'm safe, the light of Christ banishes the things in the shadows and it comforts me. When it's dark, and I need to see where I'm going – even if the only thing illuminated is the next step – I am thankful for the light that shines on my path.

But I'll be honest. When I'm out of line, that light is the last thing I want to see because I know it means I will be exposed. I know that no matter how hard I try to evade God's notice, no matter how clever I am, no matter how well I think I can hide my actions, my motives, my heart... that light means *busted*. Jesus' flashlight is big. And when he shines it on me and what I'm doing, it can be a little uncomfortable. Or a lot uncomfortable. If I'm a long way from my tent, it's a long walk back.

But does it mean that light is a threat? Far from it. It just illuminates things. What's beautiful is that, despite how we may interpret that flashlight on any given day, it's always present for the same purposes: it shines light on what we're doing. It comforts us. And it shows us the way. Safely. And without scolding.

And after walking us home to our tenting areas, Jesus shakes his head, smiles, and says to himself, "*What goofballs. Man, I love these kids.*"

By Darcie Lich
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A green bag with the letters 'O.M.I.' on it, a gold cross, and a flashlight are shown against a textured background.

#OblateVocations
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IN OTHER NEWS

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK PARISH!

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of St. Patrick to our parish family. Thank you for choosing St. Patrick's as your spiritual home and remember to come as you are. We're glad you're here!

Malwina Kuzniewsha
Karla Arredondo Ramirez
Stephanie, Daniel, Edward & Evelyn West
Monica Loto & Hellena
Kristin Delcellier & Liam Duffy & Isabel
Vallentena & Marvean Parimalakanthan
Esther & Micheal Magaji
Mariusz, Magdalena & Annika Kisielewski
Franco Barut
Ana Gonzalez
Arlene Duma & Carlo Marcuzzo
Ted Stawikowski & Dale Kelly
Neil & Angelique Milanes
Mary Ann & Edgardo Juen
Bridget & Shawn Saulnier
Theresa Nowak & Gregorios Pazonis
Gemma Gabate
Patricia & Patrick Ryder

If you are new and would like to register as a parishioner, we've been expecting you! Please contact the Parish Office at 905-522-9828 or parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca There are also registration forms at the back of the church.

REMINDERS - SAVE THESE DATES!

- The Presentation of The Lord, also known as Candlemas, will be celebrated on **Thurs. Feb 2.**
- Blessing of the Throat on the Feast of St. Blaise on **Fri. Feb. 3.**
- A Week of Guided Prayer and Spiritual Exploration **Feb. 26 - March 4.** Please sign up before Feb 20th at: www.guidedprayer.webs.com

SERRA CLUB VOCATION SEEDS THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 22, 2023

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Are you willing to proclaim the coming of the kingdom as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or a consecrated virgin?

If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988.
email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: ARE YOU READY TO PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION?

Our parish mission statement says we are "...sent forth to put our prayer into action." We invite you to get involved in our vibrant parish community.

There are many areas that are always in need of help:

- **Website Editor, experienced with WordPress**
- **Hospitality & Masses - funerals, weddings, sacraments, etc**
- **Online Mass Hosts & Onsite Livestream Team**
- **De Mazenod Door Outreach**
- **Catholic Women's League**
- **humankind: Gifts That Matter store**
- **De Mazenod Farm volunteers**

If you have specific skills or areas of interest, and would like to put your faith into action at St. Patrick Parish, please contact the office at 905-522-9828 or email volunteer@stpatrickshamilton.ca We look forward to welcoming you to the volunteer team!

NEW ARRIVALS

IN STORE NOW



STORE HOURS

OPEN WEEKLY, YEAR ROUND

THURSDAY & FRIDAY 1 PM - 5 PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10 AM - 3 PM

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GIFTS THAT MATTER

OMG OMI: Always Close to the People - Invitation

"We will always be close to the people with whom we work, taking into account their values and aspirations." Oblate Constitution 8

Often in conversations with new parishioners at our St. Patrick parish in Hamilton, ON, after asking what attracted them to this faith community, they would say, "You guys are just different!" I believe that the "difference" is expressed by our attitude and witness formed by the Oblate charism.

You might wonder what the Oblate charism is... Maybe you heard about the Oblates or our founder; St. Eugene de Mazenod. Maybe you are a member of the parish served by the Oblates. The OMI Lacombe Canada Vocation Team would like to invite you to get to know more about the Oblates, St. Eugene and the Oblate spirituality. It's open to everyone, men and women, regardless of age, experience of life, or the season of life you're currently living.

We invite you to a virtual gathering, "OMG OMI: Always Close to the People" on January 25th, 2023, at 7:00pm Eastern Time. We will share with you about the beginnings of the Oblates, about the pillars of the Oblate spirituality and how it's being lived by the ordinary, lay people in ordinary ways. Our hope is to inspire you to embrace an Oblate way of life, in your circumstances and reality.

Please register for FREE here:

<https://tinyurl.com/VirtualGatheringJan25>

We are looking forward to sharing with you what has inspired and changed many lives!

On behalf of OMI Lacombe Canada Vocation Team
Jarek Pachocki OMI – Vocation Director



Get to know St. Eugene de Mazenod, the Oblates and the Oblate Charism...

**OMG OMI:
"ALWAYS CLOSE
TO THE PEOPLE"**

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 25, 2023
7:00PM - 8:30PM EASTERN TIME

ZOOM VIRTUAL GATHERING

PRESENTED BY:
OMI Lacombe Canada
Vocation Team

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