



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

"If the parish is to be a home to everyone in the neighbourhood, and not a kind of exclusive club, please, let's keep the doors and windows open.

Don't limit yourself to those who come to church or think as you do..."

- Pope Francis' address to the Faithful of the Diocese of Rome, 18 September 2021



DIVINE KIDS

February 5, 2023 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

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Website:

www.stpatrickshamilton.ca

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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.

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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

Contact info

Phone: (905) 522-9828

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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

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Br. Dan Dionne, OMI | Music Ministry

Diana Qildon | Volunteer Coordinator

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Administrative Program Support Worker

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Ian Ford | Director of Technology

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Leon Blais | De Mazenod Door Outreach

Lynne Pollard | Sacristan

Rita Kara | Office Administrator

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WEEKEND READINGS



February 5, 2023

1st Reading: Isaiah 58.6-10

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.1-5

Gospel: Matthew 5.13-16

February 12, 2023

1st Reading: Sirach 15.15-20

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.6-10

Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37

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, Feb. 7 | 12:15 PM

- Claire & Cyril Lobo & Family
- Mookan Sembulingam
- Special Int: Ana Daniela Ponce

Wed, Feb. 8 | 12:15 PM

- Juan Florez Estrada
- Pilar Orlandis Habsburgo
- Hilda Orlandis Habsburgo

Thurs, Feb. 9 | 12:15 PM

- Jose Silva

Fri, Feb. 10 | 12:15 PM

- Michael Flanagan

Sat, Feb. 11 | 5:00 PM

- Alexandra Kijonek

Sun, Feb. 12 9:00 AM

- St. Patrick's Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Special Int: Sean & Christina Crawford & Family

7:15 PM

- Gabriel Silveira

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION



January 21/22, 2023

Collected from Envelopes	\$3.407
E-Transfer	\$630
Canada Helps	\$629
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$2,403
TOTAL	\$7,069



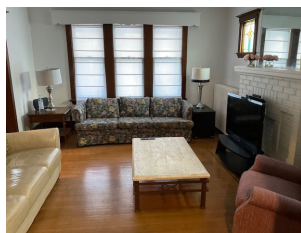
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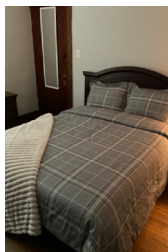
WE THANK EVERYONE FOR THEIR PRAYERS, TIME, TALENTS AND TREASURES!

Mary's Ark - Welcome Home!



Through much prayer, discernment, hard work, and overflowing community contributions, **Mary's Ark**, our newest addition to **De Mazenod Housing** has become a reality. We would like to extend a warm welcome to the four women who will now call **Mary's Ark** their home. Welcome home!

Thank you to the many generous volunteers and donors from our St. Patrick Parish, and beyond, who have contributed their time and resources to the extensive home renovations, and donated furnishings, household items, and more to make this house a warm and welcoming home for the new residents.



The community support, and particularly our collaboration with The Good Shepherd, Hamilton has been absolutely amazing!



DeMazenod Door, De Mazenod Farm, De Mazenod Housing's 'Eugene's Place' & 'Eugene's Pad', humankind: Gifts That Matter, and now Mary's Ark are all reflections of our beautiful vision of a community of faith in action dedicated to easing suffering and improving lives. We may not be able to solve all the problems in our city, but we can dare to start by making things better for one person at a time.

Friday BBQ

BBQ Sponsors - February 10th

- Deanna Batt
- Michael Borrelli
- Nichole Sheehan - In Thanksgiving of Son, Bennett



If you would like to participate in a Famous Friday BBQ, please contact De Mazenod Door at demazenod@stpatrickshamilton.ca or call 905-522-9828.

To donate, please contact us, or visit our website: <https://demazenod-door.ca/make-a-donation>

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

Most Wanted Items

- Hot Chocolate
- Coffee Whitener
- Individual Salty Snacks



Thank You, Mike! Welcome Back, Joseph!

This past Friday was Mike Clynch's last day as 'Chef' at the **De Mazenod Door**. Mike was covering for our Kitchen Manager, Joseph Glassbourg who was off on Parental Leave. As we say goodbye and thank you to Mike, we welcome Joseph back to his post! Mike is now moving on as co-owner, along with Rebecca Gaus, of their new restaurant 'Bank Robber' which will be opening in the near future. Thank you Mike!



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FROM THE DIOCESE



MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH - Marriage

Tip 127 - Parents are the first and foremost teachers about relationships for their children. It is good now and then to take a quick check and ask if your marriage and the way you interact with each other is what you hope your children's relationships will be when they grow

up. If the answer is no, as a couple you deserve to find a way to create for yourselves the kind of relationship you want for your children. Seek support, read together relationship self-help books and/or consider attending a Retrouvaille weekend with the Diocese. Marriages cannot be perfect all the time, but they should be lived in a way that makes you proud to pass on to your children. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office, 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

RESTART: Refresh, Renew Revive – Learning, support and fun for anyone who is looking for support after a separation or divorce! These get-togethers offer continual support and insights for people as they journey through the divorce/separation process and beyond. Held the 2nd & 3rd Fridays of each month, you can join in-person (700 King St. West, Hamilton), or by ZOOM. No registration required, but for ZOOM link please contact Sarah at familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or 905-528-7988 ext. 2249. We look forward to seeing you!

The 2023 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary - Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring 1 guest if you require assistance). Register at www.hamiltondiocese.com, or call the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

Help for Every Marriage – Are you frustrated or angry at each other, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times and allows you to rediscover the relationship that drew you together. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples find a better way for their marriage. For confidential information about, or to register for the program, happening the weekend of March 10, 11, 12, 2023 please call 905-664-5212 or email: 1013@helpourmarriage.org or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org.

Evenings with His Excellency - Bishop Wayne Lobsinger invites everyone to join him for "Evenings with His Excellency". This is an opportunity to learn more about our Catholic Faith based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Class is the second Friday of each month, at 7pm - 8:30 p.m. at St. Ann Church, Ancaster. This month we will look at Chapter 3 – The Moral Life of the Church. It is also available by livestream on St. Ann's YouTube channel. No cost, no homework, just an opportunity to learn about our faith, all are welcome.

PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH - Parenting Tip 147 - Manners matter because they promote respect between your child and every person with whom they engage. Doing so will promote higher self-esteem, making your child feel more confident in all areas of their lives. Manners are both taught and caught, so continually remind them about, as well expect them to use, manners. More importantly, model manners in all you do, including your own interactions with your children. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

Young Adults Night - March 4th – Waterloo - Fr. Mark Morley invites all young adults (ages 20s and early 30s) of our diocese to attend a night of Adoration, Fellowship and Praise Music. Arrival and Holy Hour (6:30pm-7:30 pm), Social with Food (7:30pm-8:30pm), Praise Night and Vocation Testimony (8:00pm-9:00pm), and Compline (9:00pm) on Saturday, March 4th at St. Michael's Catholic Church (80 University Avenue West, Waterloo, ON). Sponsored by the Vocations Office of the Diocese of Hamilton. For more information, please contact: vocations@hamiltondiocese.com.

ReSTART: Moving Forward – Join us for our new and updated program offering support to anyone seeking to heal and move forward after divorce or separation. The program runs from Tuesday, March 21st to May 23rd. The sessions take place from 7-9 pm at the Chancery Office at 700 King St. West in person, or you are welcome to join using our zoom classroom. Cost is \$25 for materials, but no one is turned away. Registration is required so please call Sarah at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249, e-mail familyministry@hamiltondiocese.com, or register online at ReSTART Program: Support for Separated and Divorced - Diocese of Hamilton (hamiltondiocese.com).

Grief Relief - Has someone you cared about died? Are you grieving the loss of the person's presence in your life? Join us on Thursdays from 7 – 8:30 p.m. from April 13th - May 18th, 2023 to learn more about what you are feeling and how to gently move forward. You are not alone! The Diocese of Hamilton program will be offered online using Zoom. To register, go to www.hamiltondiocese.com and look for April 13th under Upcoming Events. To find out more, please call Teresa at 905-528-7988 ext. 2250.

SERRA CLUB VOCATION SEEDS FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 5, 2023

"You are the light of the world." Are you willing to let your light shine as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin?

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

WHO DOES GOD CALL US TO BE?

Isn't that the million-dollar question. Most of us make things harder on ourselves than we need to, I know I do. I have been reflecting lately about how it is in my nature to want to force things to happen and to control everything, like I am playing a video game. I know this isn't how God wants us to live. Sometimes I do get it right though. For example, right now I am halfway through my Theology degree, and people have been asking me what I will do when I finish. The whole time my answer has been, *"I'm not sure, God hasn't told me yet."* For some reason in this instance, I understand God has a plan for me, and that it is my job is to be patient and to listen for what that is. And while we need to be patient it doesn't mean that we can sit idly by and do nothing while we wait.

In this week's readings I believe we are receiving some important instruction from God. In the first reading we hear the things we need to do while waiting to hear from God, but why and what those actions accomplish. We are always called to care for those among us that have the least, that part seems obvious. *"Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house..."*, (Isaiah 58:7). But why do we do this? Well for two reasons, one, because it is the merciful thing to do for the poor, and two, it is the merciful thing to do for us. We are healed by the help we share with others, and then we can fully receive God's love. Yet, didn't God create us, why do we need to do anything to receive His love? We don't, we don't need to prove ourselves worthy to God, but worthy to ourselves. We have put bushel baskets over our own lamps with our actions, and thoughts, and this puts distance between us and others, and more importantly between us and God. *"Then your light will shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly..."* (Isaiah 58:8). It's the baskets over our lights that hurt us; and for this reason, we need to be healed. It is because of us this hurt that we don't feel closer to God, and therefore we aren't able to hear what he wants for us. In Matthews' Gospel account God shares that He has put us on this earth to be a light to each other. *"In the same way, let your light shine before human beings, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16). When others see our light, they are shown the way to God. We need to see other's lights, especially when our lights are darkened. When our lights are dimmed so is the essence of who we are. God created us exactly the way he wants us to be, by



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denying this truth that we move away from God, and the person He wants us to be. *"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?"* (Matthew 5:13). We are the salt because God made us so. If we lose our saltiness, we are not being true to ourselves, to our community, or to God.

We are who we are meant to be, and as soon as we try to control that, we are in trouble. It is when we serve, let our lights shine, and inspire others to do the same, that we will be ready to hear from God. And so, who does God call us to be? Exactly the person he created; we just need to follow his instructions, take the baskets off our lamps and wait to hear what he wants us to do.

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REMINDERS SAVE THESE DATES!

Feb 11th will be the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and will be World Day of the Sick.

Children's Liturgy will be coming soon. Plans are being finalized and the class should begin on **February 12th**.

Tues. Feb. 7, 1:30-3:00 PM: The Sanctuary Course for Catholics. This is a free virtual event presented by the Diocese of Hamilton. Please register online at <https://hamiltondiocese.com/events> or call 905-528-7988.

A Week of Guided Prayer and Spiritual Exploration **Feb. 26 - March 4**. Please sign up before Feb 20th at: www.guided-prayer.webs.com

The Season of Lent

Ash Wednesday is fast approaching as the season of Lent begins on **February 22!** This most holy and significant 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving begins on Ash Wednesday and ends at sundown on Holy Thursday, April 6th.. Lent is a period of preparation to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Easter.

St. Vincent de Paul, Hamilton West Particular Representatives from St. Vincent de Paul will be at all of the masses on the weekend of **February 18-19**. They will be available to speak to parishioners at the end of each mass, and will share information about all that they are doing in our local communities. If you are interested in volunteering for this amazing organization, this is the perfect opportunity to learn more about SSVP!

Tax Receipts - Tax receipts for your total donations made in 2022 will be available for you to pick up at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity to St. Patrick Parish. In the spirit of transparency and accountability, we will be sharing the financial report after closing the books for 2022.

De Mazenod Door Outreach E-Transfers- We've recently changed the email address for receiving e-transfer donations for De Mazenod Door Outreach. If you choose to donate by e-transfer in support of any of the De Mazenod ministries, please update the contact email to demazenod@stpatrickshamilton.ca. Nothing else has changed. We are just simplifying the process to allow for auto deposit. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Are YOU ready to put your faith into action?

We invite you to get involved in our vibrant parish community!

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

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

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!

WEARING OF THE GREEN LUNCHEON

The annual Wearing of the Green luncheon has returned to Michaelangelo's Banquet Centre following a 3-year pandemic hiatus. **Rob McGowan, 2023's Irish Person of the Year** has chosen De Mazenod Door Outreach as his 'charity of choice'! This really is a fun event filled with all things Irish and held on **ST. PATRICK'S DAY, FRIDAY MARCH 17**. Doors open 11am, Lunch served at 12pm- corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and more. Tickets \$60. Irish Dancers! Raffles! Please see website for ticket information! wearingofthegreenhamilton.ca



A Prayer for Healing

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve all who are sick, give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, may they be strengthened in their weakness and in their faith, and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

NEW ARRIVALS

PERSONALIZED PRODUCTS
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THURSDAY & FRIDAY 1 PM - 5 PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10 AM - 3 PM

VALENTINE'S DAY GIFTS



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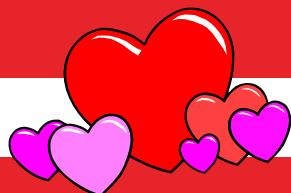
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Thursday – February 9 – 6:00pm Eastern



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