



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

Love Others As Christ Loves Us.

*"You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your
soul, and with all your mind."
~Matthew 22:37*

CELEBRATE OUR FAITH

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

Website:

www.stpatrickshamilton.ca

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
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Hamilton, ON L8N 2V2

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February 12, 2023 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

WEEKEND READINGS



February 12, 2023

1st Reading: Sirach 15.15-20
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2.6-10
Gospel: Matthew 5.17-37

February 19, 2023

1st Reading: Leviticus 19.1-2, 17-18
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 3.16-23
Gospel: Matthew 5.38-48

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 secure mailbox at the: Pastoral Center: 440 King St. East, Hamilton ON, L8N 1C6
 Administration Offices: 20 Emerald St. South, Hamilton ON, L8N 2V2

2. E-transfer
 You can transfer your donation right from your bank account to the parish. Please transfer to parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca

3. Canada Helps
 Please visit stpatrickshamilton.ca- at the top right hand corner of the page, hover on "Give". Select "Donate Now"- this links you to the Canada Helps website. Choose to give to the "General" fund. This will go towards supporting the parish.

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 Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your account at your chosen frequency.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 Rita at our office 905-522-9828 or pick up a form at our Administration Office or when you are here for mass.

SACRAMENTS

The sacrament of reconciliation is available from 4 to 4:45 PM, prior to the Saturday 5 PM mass.
 For more information about booking baptisms, weddings, marriage preparation, or other inquiries, please contact us.

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION

February 4/5, 2023

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| Collected from Envelopes | \$3,386 |
| E-Transfer | \$554 |
| Canada Helps | \$495 |
| Pre-Authorized Collection | \$3,347 |
| TOTAL | \$7,782 |

MASS INTENTIONS



Tues, Feb. 14 | 12:15 PM

- Jose Matogs & Family
- Special Intention:
Elnora Cunningham
(80th Birthday)

Wed, Feb. 15 | 12:15 PM

- Gina & Arturo Mancini
- Poor Souls in Purgatory

Thurs, Feb. 16 | 12:15 PM

- Duarte Costa
- Sr. Mary Raymond, CSSF

Fri, Feb. 17 | 12:15 PM

- Philly Marranca

Sat, Feb. 18 | 5:00 PM

- Jose Faria

**Sun, Feb. 19
9:00 AM**

- St. Patrick Parishioners

11:30 AM

- Carol May

7:15 PM

- Consiglia Tirabassi
- Walter Lopata
- Laura Marina Lamino
- Morales & Zoran Benasich
- Special Intention: Mely Maddela & Noah Quinao

ST. PATRICK'S PASTORAL TEAM

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

Sr. Andrea Kowalczyk
 Arthur Kara | Facilities Operator
 Bridget Saulnier | Director of Communications
 Christina Crawford | Music Director
 Br. Dan Dionne, OMI | Music Ministry
 Diana Quildon | Volunteer Coordinator
 Evelyn VanFleet | Assistant Facilities Operator
 Ian Ford | Director of Technology
 Lynne Pollard | Sacristan
 Rita Kara | Office Administrator

Diane Downey | De Mazenod Door Outreach - Administrative Program Support Worker
 Sherri Ramirez | De Mazenod Door Outreach Community & Guest Relations Director
 Hansel Fernandez | De Mazenod Door Outreach
 Joseph Glassbourg | De Mazenod Door Kitchen Manager
 Katarzyna Dymkowski | De Mazenod Door Outreach
 Leon Blais | De Mazenod Door Outreach
 Steve Brennan | De Mazenod Door Outreach Driver

Oblate Vocation Office

Fr. Jarek Pachocki, OMI
 Vocation Director
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Baptism Sunday - February 12

This Sunday is Baptism Sunday at our 11:30 AM Mass.

Please reach out and welcome the parents, families and friends of the children we are baptizing today. Baptism is the first of the three Sacraments of Initiation. In baptism we are “born of water and the Spirit.”, we are given the ability to “walk in the newness of life”, and we fulfill the command of Christ to “make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Please join us in welcoming: Cristian Vasquez Rodney, Ni-ana Lim, Luke Chapman, Nevaeh Musseau, Isla Stewart, Austin Catarino & Elijah Botelho.



RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Who Want to Join the Roman Catholic Faith.

The RCIA program here at St. Patrick Parish is based on Symbolon: The Explanation of the Catholic Faith, a video formation series hosted by Dr. Edward Sri, renowned theologian, author and adjunct professor at the Augustine Institute.

The content is easy to follow and can also be a refresher course for Catholics who have questions, are coming back to the Faith, or are seeking to better understand the tenets of our Catholic Faith. Classes in our Parish usually start in late September or early October, until the Easter Saturday Vigil.

For the 2022-2023 class, we have 8 Candidates coming into the Church at Easter. The group is now past the half-way point of their discernment. On Sunday February 26 the group will be attending mass at the Basilica of Christ the King for their First Scrutiny. Please pray for them as they journey towards becoming Catholic.

St. Vincent de Paul, Hamilton West Particular

Representatives from St. Vincent de Paul will be at all of the masses next weekend of **Feb. 18-19**. They will be available to speak to parishioners at the end of each mass, and will share information about all they do in our local communities. If you are interested in volunteering for this amazing organization, this is the perfect opportunity to learn more about SSVp.

REMINDERS

* **Sat. Feb 11** is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and will be World Day of the Sick.

* Children's Liturgy begins this **Sun. Feb 12**, and will be held every Sunday in the Chapel during the 11.30 AM Mass. Children 3-9 are welcome.

* On **Friday February 17th** the Oblates celebrate the 197th anniversary of papal approbation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate Congregation and their Constitutions and Rules. We invite you for a Mass of Thanksgiving at 12:15pm. On this occasion, Oblate Superior General Luis Ignacio Rois Alonso, OMI, wrote a message which resonates so much to our St. Patrick Parish: *"I would like to follow another path that, for me, is much more urgent: that each member of our family rediscover the beauty of our missionary vocation lived in apostolic communities."*

* A Week of Guided Prayer and Spiritual Exploration **Feb. 26 - Mar. 4**. If interested, please sign up before Feb 20th at, www.guidedprayer.webs.com

Tax Receipts - Tax receipts for your total donations made in 2022 are 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,

TURKEY AND SYRIA - Please pray for the suffering communities affected by the devastating earthquakes and to commend the dead to God's mercy.

SERRA CLUB VOCATION SEEDS SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 12, 2023

"No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him."

If you feel you are being invited to spread the Good News of God's love as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/



De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



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

LOCAL STUDENTS SUPPORTING DE MAZENOD DOOR OUTREACH

The "We Are Silent" awareness campaign at St. Mary Catholic Secondary School is happening Feb 23rd and 24th, in support of De Mazenod Door Outreach.



Students will be standing in solidarity with the homeless by being silent for 24 hours. They will not be speaking or using social media for a full day!

Participants are invited to make a pledge. Please join us in praying for the success of this annual campaign, which is inspiring more and more students to join in.



Photo from 'We Are Silent' - 2022

Also, the St. Mary's D.R.E.A.M.S.* students were here on site to assist with the Friday BBQ, and will be here again serving next Friday.

Bishop Ryan Catholic Secondary School students are raising funds through a 12-hour Fast for Justice on March 9th.



St. Jean de Brebeuf Catholic Secondary School Student Council will be serving at an upcoming Friday BBQ



Thank you to all the families, teachers and chaplains who are inspiring and supporting these student-led activities in support of this amazing ministry!

Note* The DREAMS (Dominican Republic Educational and Medical Support) program allows students from the Hamilton-Wentworth Catholic District School Board an opportunity to perform acts of mercy to our global neighbours in one of the poorest regions of the world.

FRIDAY BBQ

BBQ Sponsors - February 17th

- Mark Kennedy
- Mirna Yanes de Huevo in honour of Ale Huevo's health



WAYS TO HELP

Volunteer: Email volunteer@stpatrickshamilton.ca

Donate: <https://demazenod-door.ca/make-a-donation>

If you would like to participate in a **Famous Friday BBQ**, please contact us:
demazenod@stpatrickshamilton.ca or 905-522-9828

MOST WANTED ITEMS

HOT CHOCOLATE

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VOCATIONS REFLECTION

FOR HEAVEN'S SAKE, MAKE UP YOUR MIND!



It took a while for the renowned opera tenor, Luciano Pavarotti, to discern his vocation. When he was a boy, his father, a baker, introduced him to the wonders of song. He urged him to work very hard to develop his voice. Arrigo Pola, a professional tenor in his hometown of Modena, Italy, took him as a pupil. But Luciano also enrolled in a teachers' college. When he was graduating, still undecided, he asked his father, *"Should I be a teacher or a singer?"*

"Luciano," his father replied, *"if you try to sit on two chairs, you will fall between them. For life, you must choose one chair."*

So, he chose one. It took seven years of study and frustration before he made his first professional appearance. It took another seven years to reach the Metropolitan Opera. And eventually he was able to put it in his own words: *"Whether it's laying bricks, writing a book - whatever we choose - we should give ourselves to it. Commitment, that's the key. Choose one chair."*

In the Gospel this weekend we hear Jesus rebuking the scribes and Pharisees for their lack of commitment and faithfulness to God's commandments. In all the examples he gave, he reminded them what they should or shouldn't do: *"You have heard that it was said..."*. But, nevertheless, they tried to "interpret" God's words to their liking and justify their actions. Jesus was clear, *"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes', and your 'No' mean 'No'"* (Matthew 5:37). If you want to follow God's path, you have to make up your mind and wholeheartedly commit.

As we discern our way of life, our vocation, we listen to God's

calling. Sometimes it is loud and clear; but most of the time it is whispering with small steps toward full discovery. Whatever discernment takes, it eventually brings us to the point when we have to make a decision. It might be the moment when you pick up that engagement ring and ask the question, *"Will you marry me?"* It might be the moment when you pick up the application package from the Vocation Director to begin the formation process. It might be the moment when you purchase a ticket to go on the mission trip.

Whatever our vocation is, it requires our commitment, and for our "Yes" to be decisive and meaningful. It's the moment we choose one chair! So, for heaven's sake, make up your mind!

By Jarek Pachocki OMI
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ST. PATRICK'S PARISH



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
- 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!

THE SEASON OF LENT

The Season of Lent is a very important time in the Catholic Church, beginning on **Ash Wednesday**, which this year falls on **February 22nd**.

Lent is a most holy and significant 40-day time of prayer, penance and repentance, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for Jesus' Resurrection at Easter. When we fast, we are choosing to go without something that may normally be of comfort to us. Our fast is a challenge for us, as 'going without' reminds us of the sacrifice of Christ on His journey towards the cross.

Ash Wednesday Mass Times: 12:15PM and 7PM

Stations of the Cross - The opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross will be held **every Friday** beginning on the first Friday of Lent, **Friday, February 24**.

NEW ARRIVALS

**PERSONALIZED PRODUCTS
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STORE HOURS

OPEN WEEKLY, YEAR ROUND

THURSDAY & FRIDAY 1 PM - 5 PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10 AM - 3 PM

VALENTINE'S DAY GIFTS




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