



# St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

## News From The Pews

*"Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word  
that comes from the mouth of God."*  
~ Matthew 4.4

# 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](http://www.stpatrickshamilton.ca)

## 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.

## 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

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[parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca](mailto:parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca)

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February 26, 2023 - 1st Sunday of Lent



## WEEKEND READINGS



### **February 26, 2023**

**1st Reading:** Genesis 2.7-9,16-18,25;3.1-7

**2nd Reading:** Romans 5.12-19

**Gospel:** Matthew 4.1-11

## 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 Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your account at your chosen frequency.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.

## WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION

### **February 18/19, 2023**

Collected from Envelopes	\$3,850
E-Transfer	\$0
Canada Helps	\$106
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$2,403
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,349</b>

## MASS INTENTIONS



**Tues, Feb. 28 | 12:15 PM**

- Elgin Bonus
- Special Int: Jennifer Lobo

**Wed, | Mar. 1**

**12:15 PM**

- Deceased Members of Lubera Family
- Joe Hennebery
- Special Int: Emila Pachoweicz & Family

**Thurs, Mar. 2 | 12:15 PM**

- Sr. Mary Raymond, CSSF

**Fri, Mar. 3 | 12:15 PM**

- Deceased Members of the Ferroni, Toole & Mahler Families

**Stations Of The Cross**

**6:00 PM**

**Sat, Mar. 4 | 5:00 PM**

- Joaquim Matias

**Sun, Mar. 5**

**9:00 AM**

- St. Patrick Parishioners

**11:30 AM**

- Duarte Costa
- Special Int: Priyanka Comfort
- Special Int: Peter Zawierucha

**7:15 PM**

- Elpidio Chiariello
- Lori McCormick
- Special Int: Bernadette & Johnny Lewis & Family

## ST. PATRICK'S PASTORAL TEAM

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

Sr. Andrea Kowalczyk | Communications Team

Arthur Kara | Facilities Operator

Bridget Saulnier | Director of Communications

Christina Crawford | Music Director

Br. Dan Dionne, OMI | Music Ministry

Diana Quildon | Volunteer Coordinator

Diane Downey | DMDO Admin. Program Support Worker

Evelyn VanFleet | Assistant Facilities Operator

Hansel Fernandez | De Mazenod Door Outreach

Ian Ford | Director of Technology

Joseph Glassbourg | De Mazenod Door Kitchen Manager

Katarzyna Dymkowski | De Mazenod Door Outreach

Leon Blais | De Mazenod Door Outreach

Lynne Pollard | Sacristan

Rita Kara | Office Administrator

Sherri Ramirez | DMDO Community & Outreach Director

Steve Brennan | De Mazenod Door Outreach Driver

**Oblate Vocation Office**

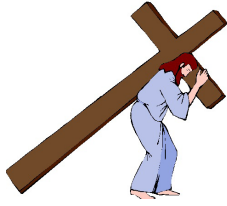
Fr. Jarek Pachocki, OMI

Vocation Director

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# NEWS AND REMINDERS



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As we journey through Lent, praying the Stations of the Cross is a great way to enter into the suffering of Christ. In doing so, we get a sense of how much we are truly and deeply loved by Him. The Stations of the Cross will also call us to respond to Christ's sacrifice by loving God and loving those around us. Every Friday of Lent, we will be praying the Stations of the Cross in the church after the 12:15 PM mass and again at 6:00 PM. We invite you to join us in prayer.

## FROM THE DIOCESE

**2023 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass** - Time is running out! If you are celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2023, you are invited to a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sun., Apr. 16th at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, Hamilton at 1:30 pm. Register at [hamiltondiocese.com](http://hamiltondiocese.com), or contact the Family Ministry Office at 905-528-7988 ext. 2249.

**Pray for Turkey and Syria** - On Feb. 6th parts of Turkey and Syria experienced a devastating earthquake. The earthquake has left both countries in a state of crisis. Those wishing to support the relief effort are encouraged to contribute to one of the following Catholic entities currently mounting humanitarian responses on the ground.

- **CNEWA - Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA)** <https://cnewa.org/ca/work/emergency-syria>
- **The International Caritas team** <https://www.caritas.org>
- **Catholic Relief Services - CRS** <https://support.crs.org>
- **CAN - Aid to the Church in Need** <https://acn-canada.square.site>

His Excellency Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI has authorized a **special collection at masses this weekend**. Special envelopes will be on hand. Cheques should be made payable to St. Patrick Parish.

**Holy Day of Prayer** - In 2019, Bishop Crosby decreed that the Second Sunday of Lent would be observed as a day of prayer for the Victims of Sexual Abuse. This year's observance is on March 5th.

**World Youth Day at Home** - We invite any young person who is interested in gathering together to celebrate World Youth Day here at home in the Diocese of Hamilton this August, to let us know by completing the survey found at: <https://wyd.hamiltondiocese.com> This survey closes March 10th, 2023.

## Season of Lent - Journey of Penance

### What is Lent?

Lent is a yearly celebration of the Church in preparation for Easter. Lent has two major purposes: It recalls or prepares for Baptism, and emphasizes a spirit of penance. Through forty days of closer attention to God's Word and of more fervent prayer, we are prepared to celebrate the Paschal Mystery.

During Lent, the reminder of baptism already received, as well as the theme of repentance, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery, in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation. (RCIA 125, Ad gentes, 14)

For those already baptized Lent is a time of preparation to celebrate the paschal mystery through reminders of our baptism and penitential practices. (GNLYC 27)

Lent is a privileged time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This season provides an opportunity to renew and deepen our relationship with Jesus, and to renew the choices we make, so that we might live as he taught.

### When is Lent?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, 2023, and continues until the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, on April 6th, 2022. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

### Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey

In his message for Lent 2023, Pope Francis reminds us that "*Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross.*"

*"May the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may experience his divine splendour and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of the nations."*

## SERRA CLUB VOCATION SEEDS FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT — MARCH 5, 2023

Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert for forty days of prayer and fasting.

**Are you open to being led by the Holy Spirit into the life-commitment God has prepared for you? If God is calling you to serve him as a priest, deacon, brother or sister or consecrated virgin, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton.**

Phone: 905-528-7988 or  
email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com)  
Visit the website: [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations)



# De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



## THANK YOU ST. MARY'S D.R.E.A.M.S. STUDENTS!

What an amazing way to begin the season of Lent!

This past week on Ash Wednesday, the students at **St. Mary's Catholic High School** began their **We are Silent** initiative. The students did this in solidarity with the many individuals struggling with poverty and homelessness who often don't have a voice in our community. Each student that signed up received a pledge sheet. The funds collected will be donated to De Mazenod Door Outreach.

This initiative builds team spirit and brings awareness to the struggles faced by many people in our city. While many of us may be giving up a favourite food or beverage, the students who participate in the **We Are Silent** campaign give up their voices.



Last week the 2nd group of students from St. Mary's who are part of the D.R.E.A.M.S. (Dominican Republic Education and Medical Support) team, came out to work at The Door and serve at our Friday BBQ. These students endured the cold weather to share in an experience of giving back locally. They will be heading off to Dominican Republic within the next couple of weeks and although the temperatures will be much warmer, poverty is a global issue. These amazing youth will soon have the opportunity to understand and embrace the mindset **"Think Globally and Act Locally"** both at home and abroad.



### FRIDAY BBQ

**BBQ Sponsors - March 3rd**  
**The Mancinelli Family**



### WAYS TO HELP

**Volunteer:** Email [volunteer@stpatrickshamilton.ca](mailto: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](mailto:demazenod@stpatrickshamilton.ca) or 905-522-9828

### MOST WANTED ITEMS

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# VOCATIONS REFLECTION

## If.

Such an insignificant little word, it would seem. But there's nothing trivial about 'if', really. It's full of potential. Despite being only two letters in length, it's actually quite powerful. And the devil knows how to use it.

In this Sunday's gospel (Mt 4:1-11) Jesus is at a turning point in his life and, on the verge of launching his public ministry, he goes off alone to think things through. Never one to miss an opportunity, the devil shows up and starts to mess with him. He pulls the word *if* out of his back pocket and, with it, tries to divert Jesus' attention away from his discernment... and *if* things go well, maybe even his ministry.

The spiritual writer Henri Nouwen suggests that the devil is driving Jesus to the temptations to be relevant, to be spectacular, and to be powerful. These three temptations all sit atop three fundamental lies, and the lies are so powerful that the devil tries using them to draw Jesus away from his calling and away from his trust in the Father: *you are what you do, you are what others think of you, and you are what you have*. Each shot fired lands a direct hit on the ego.

But it's more than ego at play here. On the surface, it feels like a playground taunt. "Oh yeah? You're the Son of God? Prove it." But let's be honest, the devil isn't looking for proof. He doesn't need it. He knows exactly who Jesus is. So, what is he doing here? He's using the word *if* to its full potential and to his full advantage. He is attempting to draw Jesus away from his mission by sowing doubt and insecurity.

*If you're the Son of God, then you don't really need God to be relevant, spectacular, and powerful. You can do it all on your own. So why are you relying on God in the first place?*

*Even if you are the Son of God, if you want to be popular and climb the ladder, you're not going to get it by doing what you're planning on doing. In fact, you'll probably wind up with the exact opposite.*

*Ooooooh, but what if you're not the Son of God? What if you try to prove that God's got your back, and it fails? What if you make a laughingstock out of yourself? Or worse, get killed trying to do it?*

*And what if you don't do it, hmmm? Does that mean you don't believe you're the Son of God? Or do you just not believe that God will take care of things?*

This isn't just about getting Jesus to do something. This is about getting him to think something. Doubt your identity, or doubt your mission. Either way... *gotcha*.

We're not immune to this. Whenever we reach a turning point in life, be it something like a new job, the decision to marry, or the



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discernment of a vocation, the word *if* has a nasty habit of harbouring doubt and insecurity. When we reach the moment of decision, the same sort of questions plague us. *What if I'm not cut out for this? What if I fail? If this is what God wants me to do, why am I so apprehensive? What if people think I'm a fraud? What if they don't like me? What if this job doesn't pay me enough to live the life I've envisioned? If this doesn't work out, then what?*

It's easy to let the *ifs* get in the way. When Jesus was confronted with temptations that challenged his identity, his resolve, his mission, and his faith, he stood his ground by affirming his trust in God. We are called to do the same. When we are faced with *ifs* that distract us from our calling, turning to God enables us to acknowledge and live our identity and mission in a way that does not rely on reputation, power, or possessions.

If we, like Jesus, believe that we are God's beloved...

If we trust the voice of God...

If we trust who God says we are...

If we trust who God says he is for us...

Then the rest of the *ifs* are rendered powerless.

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## REMINDERS

### St. Vincent de Paul, St. Patrick's Parish, Hamilton West

**Particular** - Thank you to all of the SSVP Volunteers, Particular President Wendy Yip and SSVP St. Patrick's President Frances Curto, who came out last weekend to invite parish members to get involved in this amazing organization!

For more information, or to attend an upcoming meeting, please contact Frances Curto at [sances\\_62@hotmail.com](mailto:sances_62@hotmail.com).

As this is the last Sunday of the month, the **St. Vincent de Paul Collection** will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

These funds go directly to supporting people in need in the St. Patrick Parish community.

**Tax Receipts** - Many income tax receipts still remain at the back of the church. Please pick up your tax receipt. Thank you!

**THE RITE OF ELECTION** takes place at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King on Sun., Feb. 26th, at 1:30 p.m. This is a celebration with those who wish to become members of the Catholic Church (Catechumens), their families, and sponsors, presenting the catechumens to the Bishop to be admitted to the final stage of preparation. Please keep them in your prayers.

## 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](mailto:volunteer@stpatrickshamilton.ca) We look forward to welcoming you to the volunteer team!



## STORE HOURS

OPEN WEEKLY, YEAR ROUND

THURSDAY & FRIDAY 1 PM - 5 PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10 AM - 3 PM

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