



St. Patrick Parish
HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

Love Others As Christ Loves Us.

"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

- John 11. 25-26

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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

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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March 26, 2023 - 5th Sunday of Lent

WEEKEND READINGS



March 26, 2023

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14

2nd Reading: Romans 8.8-11

Gospel: John 11.1-45

WAYS TO GIVE



1. Parish Envelopes

Please mail your donation envelopes to the **Parish Office:** 20 Emerald St. S., Hamilton ON L8N 2V2

2. E-Transfer

Please send an e-transfer to:
parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca
Your donation will be auto deposited

3. Parish Website (via Canada Helps)

You can donate online via the secure Canada Helps form on the "Give" section of our website below:
<https://www.stpatrickshamilton.ca/why-we-give/>

4. Pre-Authorized Giving

This is the easiest method. Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account at your chosen frequency. To set this up, pick up a form at the church, at the Parish Office: 20 Emerald St. S. or call 905-522-9828.

5. Donation Kiosk at the Church

The donation kiosk is set up at the back of the church for onsite debit or credit card donations.

WEEKEND STATS: COLLECTION

March 18/19, 2023

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|---------------------------|----------------|
| Collected from Envelopes | \$4,228 |
| E-Transfer | \$60 |
| Easter Flowers | \$317 |
| Canada Helps | \$207 |
| Pre-Authorized Collection | \$2,405 |
| TOTAL | \$7,157 |

MASS INTENTIONS



Tues, Mar. 28 | 12:15 PM

• Special Int: Arunas Antanaitis

Wed, | Mar. 29 | 12:15 PM

• Duarte Costa
• Special Int: Jenrette Lorraine Villanueva

Thurs, Mar. 30 | 12:15 PM

• Special Intention: Mike Freeborn

Fri, Mar. 31 | 12:15 PM

• All Saints
• Special Int: Levi Moesker & Family
• Special Int: Alaisa Jayed Villanueva

Stations Of The Cross
6:00 PM

Sat, Apr. 1 | 5:00 PM

• Denis Dineen
• Angelino Ferreira & Palmira de Jesus

Sun, Apr. 2
9:00 AM

• St. Patrick Parishioners

11:30 AM

• Special Int: David Kowalczyk

7:15 PM

• Joseph Gibson

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

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De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



What a wonderful time we had celebrating St. Patrick's Day at our Friday BBQ last week! The folks from NUVO Built, the BBQ sponsor, were on site to serve and they brought some amazing fresh baked St. Patrick's Day cookies along with them to hand out to our guests and as Irish luck would have it, they brought enough to hand out to the parishioners following the 12:15 mass! Such a special and delicious treat, each one professionally wrapped, included a classic green shamrock! The malarkey, shenanigans and blarney was in full swing with all of our guests enjoying the festivities of the day!



Photos by: Bridget Saulnier

'Creating a culture of Mercy and Justice is infectious. Recovering with the Grace of God after such an anger driven attack at St. Patrick/DMDO over the weekend. When the dust settles how do we respond? Some people responded with negative comments about this person and some people responded with empathy, and compassion. Two very different responses with 2 different views and

outcomes. During this time of Lent one of the comments made that really resonated in my heart was "Forgive them Father for they know not what they do" Lk:23:34. Another was "I hope he is arrested so he can get the help he needs". We are always called to create a culture of Mercy and Justice. Finding that balance can be a difficult and daunting task. For myself personally, as I viewed the video and pictures, I saw anger, and pain and I asked myself, "what happened to this 'brother of ours' to build up so much explosive hurt?

During this time of Lent and as we get closer to Good Friday, let us take our own mixed feelings to the Cross and allow Jesus to renew our hearts and minds, to the redeeming grace of His glorious resurrection!' ~Sherri Ramirez



Special thank you to Pam Luchesa for her years of volunteer service to De Mazenod Door Outreach.

FRIDAY BBQ

BBQ Sponsors - March 31st
Anonymous



MOST WANTED ITEMS

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COFFEE WHITENER

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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

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DIOCESE OF HAMILTON



FROM THE DIOCESE

SHARE LENT 2023

Share Lent 2023 - March 26 - Solidarity Sunday

This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace — Caritas Canada's Stand for the Land campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity. Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. Our solidarity rests on your generosity.

"The support we receive from Development and Peace has been very important for me. It allowed me to find myself, to live again." ~Raquel

Soto, participant in the documentary filmmaking school of the Asociación Campesina de Antioquia (ACA, Peasant Association of Antioquia) Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give. Thank you for helping us build a world of justice. Please give generously!



Mass of Chrism - will be held **Monday, April 3, 2023 at 2PM** at the Cathedral of Christ the King, 714 King St W, Hamilton

Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday -

The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy See to help maintain the Church's holy places in the Holy Land, so important to the faith of Christians everywhere, and also to support the faithful who struggle to survive under political and economic oppression and persecution. This Pontifical Collection will be taken during the Good Friday celebration on **April 7, 2023**. Those who are unable to attend the service, or who prefer to contribute online, may do so by Interac e-transfer or CanadaHelps by visiting www.commissariat.ca/supporting-us

SERRA CLUB VOCATION SEEDS FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 26, 2023

"Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?"

Do you believe that your plan is God's plan?

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 at 905-528-7988.
vocations@hamiltondiocese.com
hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

TRIDUUM MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Week and Easter are just a couple of weeks away! Here are the times for the masses, sacraments and liturgies during Holy Week and Easter.

Palm Sunday, April 1/ 2

5:00 PM Mass (April 1)

9:00 AM Mass

*11:30 AM Mass

* 7:15 PM Mass

Holy Thursday, April 6

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM – Confessions

*6:00 PM Mass of the Last Supper, followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 8:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 7

*3:00 PM Liturgy of the Word

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 8

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM - Confessions

*8:00 PM Easter Vigil (no 5 PM mass)

Easter Sunday, April 9

9:00 AM Mass

*11:30 AM Mass

* 7:15 PM Mass

Those indicated above with an asterisk (*) will also be Live-Streamed on
Website: www.stpatrickshamilton.ca
Facebook: fb.me/stpatrickshamilton

WHEN IT FEELS LIKE GOD IS ABSENT



Photo by: Keegan Houser

“Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.” John 11:5-6

Have you ever felt like God was absent in a particular moment of your life? Maybe you were struggling in your relationship and it felt like you were left on your own. Maybe you experienced the pain of illness in your family or even the death of a loved one, but you prayed so much for healing and recovery. Maybe you felt lost in challenging circumstances, and you felt helpless and abandoned. It felt so real, as if God was absent... But was he?

When Lazarus got sick, Martha and Mary sought Jesus' help. After all, they were good friends! They sent an urgent message to him, *“Lord, the man you love is ill.”* Their hope was that he would drop everything and come and cure him. But surprisingly Jesus didn't drop everything and rush to the bedside of his dying friend. Instead, he stayed on where he was for two whole days. We don't know why. His delay in coming must have been heartbreaking for the sisters. Especially when Lazarus eventually died.

When Jesus finally showed up, Martha didn't hesitate to express her frustration and disappointment, *“Lord, if you had been here, our brother would not have died.”* Sound familiar? When something bad happens to us or to our loved ones, we can't help thinking that if God really cared about us, if he really loved us, then he wouldn't have allowed this thing to

happen. We feel abandoned by God. We feel like he has left us alone.

Max Lucado, in his book, *Six Hours One Friday*, tells the story of a missionary in Brazil who discovered a tribe of Indigenous in a remote part of the jungle. They lived near a large river. The tribe was in need of medical attention. A contagious disease was ravaging the population. People were dying daily.

A hospital was not too far away – just across the river, but the people would not cross it because they believed it was inhabited by evil spirits. To enter the water would mean certain death. The missionary explained how he had crossed the river and was unharmed. They were not convinced. He then took them to the bank and placed his hand in the water. They still wouldn't go in. He walked into the water up to his waist and splashed water on his face. It didn't matter. They were still afraid to enter the river. Finally, he dove into the river, swam beneath the surface until he emerged on the other side. It was then that the Indians broke out into cheers and followed him across.

That's exactly what Jesus did!

The Paschal Mystery, the culminating event of the Lenten season, reminds us that Jesus immersed himself into human existence. He took on our suffering, pain and death. And even though sometimes it feels like he was absent, he is right there, suffering along with us in order to give us a new life. *“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?’”* John 11:25-26

By Jarek Pachocki OMI
OMI Lacombe Canada – Vocation Director

A green sash with the letters "O.M.I." in gold, a gold cross, and a black cord.

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BEYOND THE WALLS

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

Many people have an imaginary line that tells them when certain situations are beyond repair. This line will vary for many and it seems that it can become quite unmovable for reasons of fear or anger. The reality is that everyone has the ability to rethink their position on a decision that they have made. Why then, does it seem so difficult for people to recant their decisions regarding certain people and the situations that led them to be so immovable?

One reason could be that personal values may have been insulted to the point where defense mechanisms take over in order to protect one's values. Many unresolved disputes have come about because of what was said and then a vow made in protest because of personal boundaries. Most times, these lines that have been crossed can simply be dealt with through a reconciliation or new understanding. By working things out in this way we release ourselves from the burden that a broken relationship is. Still, this forgiveness may not come easily and long-term grudges will persist. This unwillingness to let go and forgive the other's transgressions against us can become deep seeded and take root blocking any and all efforts that might move towards a resolution. Sometimes it happens that when ties are cut, the chance to forgive disappears with that person unto death. If only it ended there, but some pass this on to others and to the family.

Little do we realize, that letting go of these wounds doesn't mean we need to forget or have the experience erased from our memories. We simply make peace within ourselves and with God to no longer continue reviving the experience anymore. The whole matter becomes one of gaining some wisdom about what broken trust means. Like the person who continues to be hurt because of not having their boundaries respected, it can remain like a sharp pain for a long time.

The reason I say in the title, *"It's not too late"* is because it is never too late to make a different choice about living in the hurt. There is a choice that respects us, our lives and the lives of others. We have the

opportunity to grow beyond our choice to be stuck in that hard feeling but there is no foolproof way in how we do this. If we want to live without reconciliation, this is a free choice, but this then means that there is no chance for moving forward.

Remain hopeful that even when all has been undone or discarded, there is still a way to renew ourselves; even if you believe it is too late for reconciliation. There is much to be said about making things right in our hearts. The process always begins when a person chooses to turn away from the offense and then claims 100% of their own responsibility in it. This is the same for each person and is both the most and the least that we need to do.

This being said, the wider part of our healing will happen when we turn to each other as brothers and sisters in a spirit of love and real concern for them. If we turn towards those who need forgiveness and say: *"I forgive you, go in peace, I hold no more ill will towards your indignities"*.

Living in peace does not require us to turn a blind eye to our bad choices but merely to seek forgiveness for the ways in which we have offended. If we courageously do this, our imperfect self can begin to realign. It is not too late. While we have breath in our bodies, we have the chance to improve ourselves, but it is our choice after all.

Remember *"Love one another as you have been loved and treat your neighbor as you would have them treat you."* Matt 22: 37ff & Matt. 6:12.

Br. Dan Dionne, OMI
- Lent 2023



Photo by: Peggy Marco

NEWS AND REMINDERS



Job Posting - Volunteer Coordinator -

We're Hiring! Volunteer Coordinator: De Mazenod Door Outreach

De Mazenod Door Outreach is currently seeking an experienced and caring individual for the position of Volunteer Coordinator. The job posting is on the website: <https://demazenod-door.ca/> Candidates are asked to submit their resumes by Monday, April 3, 2023.

Baptisms - Welcome to all of the children who were Baptized here last Sunday at the 11:30 AM mass. We welcome you to this community of faith and we rejoice with you!

Wearing of the Green

- Rob McGowan, the Diocesan Consultant for Renovation and Construction projects, was selected for the distinct honour of Irish Person of the Year 2023! The honour is celebrated at the Annual Wearing of the Green luncheon held on St. Patrick's Day. Rob has chosen De Mazenod Door Outreach as the winner's 'charity of choice' for a \$1,000 donation, made on behalf of the Wearing of the Green Committee! We add our sincere congratulations and humble thanks!



Fr. Tony O'Dell, OMI with Bishop Douglas Crosby, OMI
Photo by: Patricia Serafini



Last Friday, St. Patrick's Day, we had a lovely 'Irish blessing' from the members of the **Mountain Road Band** who were here playing classic Celtic music following the 12:15 PM

mass! The music was lively and entertaining, and totally fit, even for St. Patrick himself! Even the children enjoyed the festivities, up dancing a jig in front of the band. Thank you for sharing the wonderful sounds of Irish music!

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed following the 12.15 PM Mass next Friday, as well as at 6.00 PM next Friday as well as the following, Good Friday.

The **'Big Box of Cards'** fundraising initiative by the students of St. Mary's Secondary School 'D.R.E.A.M.S. program' will be ready to be distributed at the back of the church at all masses, next weekend, **April 1st** and **2nd**! STM students are very grateful for your support!

The **St. Patrick's Parish St. Vincent de Paul Society**, would like to say a big THANK YOU to the potential new members who have shown an interest in joining following their recent volunteer drive! The orientation session will be held on **April 18** at 6:30 PM at Regina Mundi Parish. The next meeting is April 25 at 6:30 PM here at St. Patrick's Parish, 440 King St. E. (Please come to the Pastoral Centre door). Frances Curto, President, St. Patrick Parish St. Vincent de Paul.

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!

Volunteer Spotlight - Today we shine the 'volunteer spotlight' on Pamela Luchesa! Pam is one of the original volunteers at De Mazenod Door Outreach in the kitchen, and is a parishioner at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish. Pam joined the volunteer team in 2016 as a dedicated member of the 'Monday Crew', 2 years prior to becoming a Canadian registered charity, and has been in for the long haul every Monday since! This past Monday we said thank you and 'farewell for now' to Pam, as she takes a well deserved step back! Thanks, Pam, from your De Mazenod Door Family!



VIDEOGRAPHER: HELP WANTED! Have you thought about volunteering at St. Patrick's? We are in need of a volunteer Video Editor to help with our weekly production of **The 4B4: The Four Announcements Before Mass**; a brief introductory video that includes the land acknowledgement, weekly announcements and the parish mission statement. The commitment is for 1-2 hours a week on Thursday or Friday. If you are creative and have experience filming and editing, and think you might be interested, please contact Bridget Saulnier at the office, or email us at volunteer@stpatrickshamilton.ca. We would love to have you join our amazing volunteer team!

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STORE HOURS
OPEN WEEKLY, YEAR ROUND

THURSDAY & FRIDAY 1 PM - 5 PM

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10 AM - 3 PM



Spring Floral Workshops
at Humankind: Gifts That Matter
with Margaret Puchalski, Floral Designer

Friday March 31, 2023
1:30-3:30 PM

&

Saturday April 1, 2023
1 PM-3 PM

\$20 + optional donation
to De Mazenod Door Outreach

Register by email:
humankind@stpatrickshamilton.ca
by Wed March 29, 2023

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