



# St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

## News From The Pews

Love Others As Christ Loves Us.



***"To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man."***

~Pope Francis from Patris Corde

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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](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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March 19, 2023 - 4th Sunday of Lent

## WEEKEND READINGS



### March 19, 2023

**1st Reading:** 1 Samuel 16.1b,6-7,10-13

**2nd Reading:** Ephesians 5.8-14

**Gospel:** John 9.1-41

## 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 Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account at your chosen frequency.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 11/12, 2023

Collected from Envelopes	\$3,747
E-Transfer	\$60
Canada Helps	\$236
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$3,160
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,203</b>

## MASS INTENTIONS



**Tues, Mar. 21 | 12:15 PM**

- Antonio Sajnovic
- Special Int. Janet Nichalson

**Wed, | Mar. 22 | 12:15 PM**

- Domenico Versace & Leonardo Families

**Thurs, Mar. 23 | 12:15 PM**

- All Souls
- Special Int: Liwayway Santiago

**Fri, Mar. 24 | 12:15 PM**

- Philly Marranca

**Stations Of The Cross**  
**6:00 PM**

**Sat, Mar. 25 | 5:00 PM**

- Vincent Fazari
- Ana Balenovic

**Sun, Mar. 26**

**9:00 AM**

- St. Patrick Parishioners

**11:30 AM**

- Maria do Rosario Roque
- Maria da Gloria de Braga
- William Warnick

**7:15 PM**

- Special Int: Peter Koobs
- Special Int: Micheal Bordin
- Michael Brohman
- Rebecca Peddle
- Bill Humphreys

## 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

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# De Mazenod Door Outreach

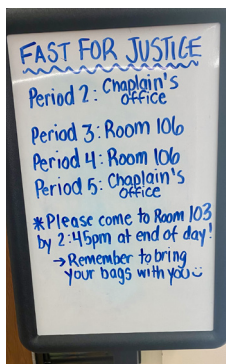
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## A VISIT WITH BISHOP RYAN STUDENTS

Last week Sherri, Bridget (and Jax, of course) had the opportunity to do a presentation on all facets of De Mazenod Door Outreach, to the amazing students at Bishop Ryan Secondary School during their Fast For Justice campaign. What a wonderful group of young people, all hungry for knowledge on social justice!

Thank you to Chaplain Kathleen Thompson and to all of the students and staff for such a fantastic endeavor, and for allowing us to share this vital ministry with them!



Photos by: Bridget Saulnier



"When I started to attend Humankind I began creating t-shirts and sweatshirts. After I made my very first sweatshirt, I was proud to see the finished result. I wished I could be a fly on the wall and see the reaction of someone buying one of my creations. I had the privilege of seeing someone buy it recently, when I was at the sEMart program for kids, which is held on the last Saturday of every month. The joy I felt when I got to watch the customer come across this sweatshirt is unspeakable. It was so fulfilling to see their reaction and how excited they had become. All I could do was smile. It felt so good to be able to make someone so happy with a simple creation I had made with my own hands.

I look forward to growing with the sEMart program and Humankind gift store, providing more and more creations. The next sEMart session is on March 25. I am looking forward to seeing familiar and new faces."

~Cassandra, Volunteer



Photo by: Leon Blais

## FRIDAY BBQ

### BBQ Sponsors - March 24h

Joe Moniz & Maria Da Gloria Moniz in memory of Jose Cabral & Antonio Moniz



## 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

HOT CHOCOLATE

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## SURPRISED BY GOD



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Our God is a God of surprises.

Imagine the folks gathered in Bethlehem when Samuel announces that David is the Lord's anointed. In a society where the firstborn son had pre-eminence, where a warrior leader was idolized, it would be inconceivable that a boy, the youngest of the family, one who spends his days tending the flock of sheep would dream of this kind of future. Imagine David's reaction when Samuel anoints him to be the successor to Saul as King. This would be beyond his wildest imaginings and he was probably filled with questions, doubts and fears. And yet, God chose David.

Imagine the reaction of the man born blind when Jesus restores his sight. Having been blind from birth, it will take him time to adjust to being sighted – the world will be new and unfamiliar. Everything he learned about his environment and the people around him will have to be relearned! Now that he can “see”, he sees Jesus and responds to his invitation to believe. His whole life becomes a new experience; he will never be

the same again. We see the reaction of the scribes and Pharisees to this marvelous moment. Even though they are sighted, they are blind to the invitation of God to grow in their faith and to live that faith in a new and vibrant way.

Today, God calls people to religious life and priesthood. I firmly believe that! But like the folks in Bethlehem, like David, we don't recognize the call because we think that God only calls “the holy, the perfect, the strong, the others, the faithful individuals” to religious life and priesthood. He couldn't possibly be calling me – imperfect, immature and struggling with living my faith, questioning, too young, too uneducated, etc. But no one fits the “ideal” that we think God would require. God calls ordinary people to follow as disciples and to serve their fellow disciples and the world. Like the blind man (who was not able to see until healed) and the Pharisees (who would not see), we often fail to see the signs of God's presence and work in our midst and the signs that God is calling me, and others, to a particular vocation. God invites us to open our eyes and hearts to possibilities and surprises.

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## DIOCESE OF HAMILTON

March 19, 2023

*Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Dear Friends,

On the feast day of St. Joseph, we are given the perfect opportunity to reflect on our mission at St. Joseph's Health System: *Living the Legacy. Compassionate Care. Faith. Discovery.* Our Patron, St. Joseph, demonstrated the value of dedicated labour. As health care providers, we follow his example and the enduring legacy of our founders, the Sisters of St. Joseph of Hamilton, through a united system of care offering healing where possible, soothing the worried spirits of our patients, and demonstrating God's love through compassionate service "to the dear neighbour".

The past several years have pushed us beyond our comfort zone. COVID-19 swept through our communities without mercy, testing our skills, exhausting our spirits, and leaving many of us feeling unmoored in a new reality that was most often isolating, lonely, and gruelling. I am inspired by your steadfast commitment to the service of the sick and dying in our communities; even in our bleakest moments you held fast, weathered the storm, and shone as beacons of light and faith during dark moments.

As a health system, we are one of the largest corporations delivering care to our communities and within this ecosystem; you are each individually leaders and champions of our integrated care approach. Your commitment to excellence, innovation, and leadership from local to international levels has yielded so many achievements to be proud of and celebrate because they distinguish who we are as a united system. A few examples come to mind:

- *Evidence-based research, education, and evaluation to support the advancement of Integrated Care across Canada*
- *COVID Care @ Home Integrated Comprehensive Care Program*
- *Integrated Comprehensive Care*
- *International outreach programs and our work in partnership with Nunavut's Department of Health promoting thought leadership, skills development, administrative guidance, and improved care*
- *Compassionate care to patients wherever we meet them: long-term care, homecare, acute, chronic, mental health, and end of life care*
- *Nurturing whole person care with interdisciplinary team cooperation, including our robust spiritual care team.*

We owe our gratitude to the individuals who generously volunteer their time on the member and foundation boards of our institutions, sharing their expertise, keeping us focused on our mission, vision, and values, while also ensuring good governance and stewardship throughout the year. Our leadership's teams must also be acknowledged for their unwavering dedication to the people we serve and the talented team who deliver on our promise of care daily. Your ability to work together for the benefit of all is inspiring.

As we celebrate everything we have accomplished together, we remain committed to the privilege of service embedded in our mission and vision as a health system and the values of dignity, respect, service, justice, responsibility, and enquiry that personify our leadership as healers and as people of faith.

Be assured of my continued support and that of the Diocese of Hamilton for each of you as you serve our patients and families with dedication, excellence and enthusiasm. I pray for you, sisters and brothers in Christ, in my daily prayers, as faithful leaders in our community and steadfast carers who serve those seeking help and who continually stretch out a hand of peace and love "to the more" in our communities.

Today, and everyday, as we serve in our respective roles, please remember that "we are all Sisters of St. Joseph".  
Happy St. Joseph's day!

Sincerely in Christ and Mary Immaculate,  
+ **Douglas Crosby, OMI**  
(Most Rev.) Douglas Crosby, OMI  
Bishop of Hamilton

## Celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph

*"Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation."*

~Pope Francis

### Prayer to Saint Joseph

*To you, O blessed Joseph,  
do we come in our tribulation,  
and having implored the help of your  
most holy Spouse,  
we confidently invoke your patronage also.*

*Through that charity which bound you  
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God  
and through the paternal love  
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,  
we humbly beg you graciously to regard  
the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased  
by his Blood, and with your power and strength  
to aid us in our necessities.*

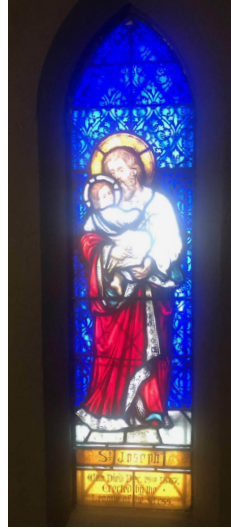
*O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,  
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;  
O most loving father, ward off from us  
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;  
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us  
and from heaven assist us in our struggle  
with the power of darkness.*

*As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,  
so now protect God's Holy Church  
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;  
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,  
so that, supported by your example and your aid,  
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,  
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven.*

**Amen**

*St. Joseph was chosen as the patron saint of Canada by the first Recollect Franciscan missionaries in 1624. Pope Urban VIII confirmed St. Joseph as Canada's patron in 1637.*

**St. Joseph patron Saint of Canada, pray for us.**



**RCIA** - This is the 4th Sunday of Lent, The RCIA Catechumens will be facing their Third Scrutiny at the 9:00 AM this Sunday.

Please continue to pray for them as they steadfastly journey towards becoming Catholic at the Easter Vigil.

**REMINDER** - there will be Stations of the Cross after the 12.15 PM Mass and at 6.00 PM on Fridays.

## FROM THE DIOCESE SERRA CLUB VOCATION SEEDS FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 19, 2023

*"We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day."*

Are you being called to a life as an ordained or a consecrated person?

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. email [vocations@hamiltondiocese.com](mailto:vocations@hamiltondiocese.com) [hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/](http://hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/)

## PRAY AND GIVE

Collection for Turkey and Syria - Your prayers are so important and offer support to those in Turkey and Syria, in a very powerful way. To give further through monetary means, here are several ways you can offer relief:

**CNEWA** <https://cnewa.org/ca/work/emergency-syria>

**The International Caritas** <https://www.caritas.org>

**CRS** <https://support.crs.org/donate>

**CAN** <https://acn-canada.square.site>

You can also make a cheque or cash donation payable to St. Patrick Church clearly marked 'for Turkey & Syria', and we will forward it on through the appropriate channels.

# **Easter Schedule 2023**

## **Palm Sunday, April 2**

- 5:00 PM Mass (Saturday, April 1)
- 9:00 AM Mass
- 11:30 AM Mass\*
- 7:15 PM Mass\*

## **Holy Thursday, April 6**

### **Confessions: 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

- 6:00 PM Mass of the Last Supper\*
- Followed by 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**

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

### **Confessions: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

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

Facebook: [fb.me/stpatrickshamilton](https://fb.me/stpatrickshamilton)

# Spirit of St. Patrick

*"I wanted the piece to reflect our Irish heritage and at the same time capture the Spirit of St. Patrick today here in Hamilton."*

*My hope was that just as the Holy Spirit touched young Patrick, with the spirit represented by fire coming forth from the twelve apostles on the feast of Pentecost, Patrick is rushing out of the flames and sending forth miracles abounding through our current ministry, as we strive to build a church that goes beyond the walls.*

*On his left side the flame can be seen rising to inspire our community to be people of action, people who go the extra mile at Christ's invitation.*

*The right side of Patrick carries the Irish green, which represents new life, new energy, new passions.*

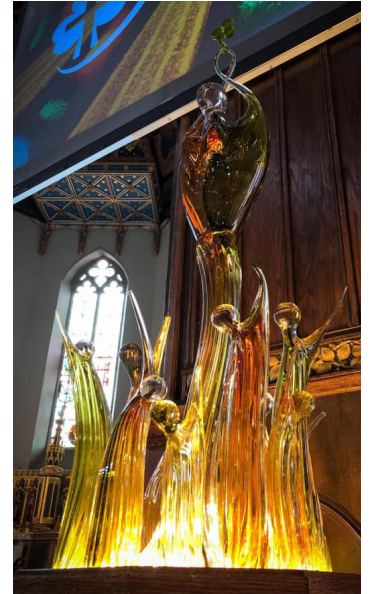
*The arms raised above his head showing strength and determination of the gospel when put into action.*

*At the top of his hands is the shamrock which represents the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. As a parish family, the body of Christ, we are called to Love Others as Christ Loves Us!*

*This original art, the "Spirit of St. Patrick" glass sculpture, will now sit on the same pedestal that once carried our church's grand lectern down through the decades. It will be a daily reminder to all of us that after being nourished at the table of the Word and Eucharist, we are called to go forward and become what we have received.*

*Miniatures of the "Spirit" will be commissioned and presented to people who 'go beyond' to keep the Spirit of St. Patrick alive and well within the community.*

*It is worth noting that this is the largest piece of work that Paull Rodrigue, the glass artist, has ever created".*  
~Fr. Tony O'Dell, OMI



## 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!

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SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10 AM - 3 PM

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# WELCOME BACK D.R.E.A.M.S. TEAM!



**The St. Mary's Catholic Secondary School 'D.R.E.A.M.S. Team' made up of staff members Rachel Hart & Chiara Salvatore and students as well as Fr. Jarek and Ian Ford from St. Patrick Parish, were away on a mission trip to El Memiso, Azua, Dominican Republic from March 7-14! We are happy to welcome everyone back safely! What an awesome accomplishment!**



**SAVE THE DATE: D.R.E.A.M.S. Mass Saturday, April 22, 2023 - 5 PM**

**The students who participated in the recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic will be reading and serving at the mass.**