



# St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

## News From The Pews

*"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"*

~ Matthew 15.5

# 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

Phone: (905) 522-9828  
[parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca](mailto:parishoffice@stpatrickshamilton.ca)

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March 5, 2023 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

## WEEKEND READINGS



**March 5, 2023**

**1st Reading:** Genesis 12.1-4

**2nd Reading:** 2 Timothy 1.8b-10

**Gospel:** Matthew 17.1-9

## 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@stpatrikshamilton.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 Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your account at your chosen frequency.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 25/26, 2023**

Collected from Envelopes	\$4,493
E-Transfer	\$410
Canada Helps	\$180
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$2,403
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,116</b>

## MASS INTENTIONS



**Tues, Mar. 7 | 12:15 PM**

- All Souls in Purgatory
- Special Int: Ben Bulmer

**Wed, | Mar. 8 | 12:15 PM**

- Giovanni Polisena Family
- Special Int: Liwayway Santiago

**Thurs, Mar. 9 | 12:15 PM**

- Duarte Costa
- William Drake

**Fri, Mar. 10 | 12:15 PM**

- Special Int: Joanna M.
- Special Int: Brigit McCallo Family

**Stations Of The Cross**

**6:00 PM**

**Sat, Mar. 11 | 5:00 PM**

- Sharon Gilmour-Glover
- Margaret Kulchycky

**Sun, Mar. 12**

**9:00 AM**

- St. Patrick Parishioners

**11:30 AM**

- Barbara-Marie Castonguay
- Special Int: Luciano & Michael Di Giacomo

**7:15 PM**

- Gabriel Silveira
- Walter Lopata

## 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 Quilton | 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

- Fridays during Lent, the **Stations of the Cross** continue to be prayed following both the 12:15 PM mass and again at 6.00 PM. We will pray a different version each week. At noon, the St. Patrick Parish version will be prayed by those who participate.

- Please pray for those suffering through, as well as for those mourning the losses due to the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

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

## Prayer for Victims and Survivors of Sexual Abuse

*Heavenly Father, who loves and cares for  
all your children,*

*especially the smallest and most vulnerable, we entrust  
to you the lives of the many men, women, and children,  
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.*

*We entrust to you the lives of the many children and  
vulnerable adults who have been sexually abused,  
whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.*

*Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take  
responsibility for so many broken lives.*

*We pray that within their communities and families,  
they may be healed, and they may know peace.*

*Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who shared our weakness in all things but sin, and  
who live and reign with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit forever and ever.*

**Amen**

## 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>

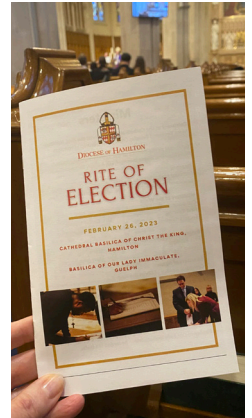
**CRS** <https://support.crs.org/donate>

**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.

## RCIA Candidates - Rite of Election

Congratulations to the Elect from St. Patrick's Parish who declared their intention to enter fully into the life of the Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist at the Rite of Election last Sunday. Let us continue to fervently pray for all of the elect. *"Bless all your adopted children, Lord God, and add these chosen ones to the harvest of the new covenant!"*



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## FROM THE DIOCESE

**World Youth Day at Home** - We know many young people are unable to make the international pilgrimage to celebrate World Youth Day this summer in Lisbon.

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 of interest closes March 10th, 2023.

## SERRA CLUB VOCATION SEEDS SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 5, 2023

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life.

**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



We send out a very warm welcome to St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Waterdown as our newest volunteer partner group, who in the end of 2022 approached us about cooking and serving at the De Mazenod Door. They loved what was happening here so much that they have followed in their footsteps and have now come on board!

We were honoured to have their parishioners serving delicious pulled pork sandwiches and coleslaw to our guests. Thank you so much for your support!! We look forward to having you back! It is through the generous support of community partners like the supporters at St. Thomas the Apostle, that we are able to serve our guests beautiful nutritious meals, 7 days a week!

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish 'Social Justice' team had begun cooking for the De Mazenod Door once monthly approximately 4-years ago, but garnered so much interest that they decided to prepare a second meal each month. This is an amazing opportunity to truly bring our

universal church together to serve, while putting our/their faith into action!

Such a wonderful opportunity for parishioners to get involved in their own parish while creating a community atmosphere.



If there are other parishes, groups, organizations or businesses that have the same interest in supporting by sponsoring a meal and coming to serve, or by getting involved at the De Mazenod Door, please reach out directly to Sherri Ramirez 905-522-9828 ext:307 or send us an email to [demazenod@stpatrickshamilton.ca](mailto:demazenod@stpatrickshamilton.ca).

Welcome aboard St. Thomas the Apostle Parish! Thank you!

We wish to extend a very **Happy Anniversary** to Mike & Valerie McKillop who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary last week by sponsoring the Friday BBQ! We wish you many years of good health and happiness along with God's blessings!

Also, **Happy Anniversary** to Joseph Glassbourg, Kitchen Manager and culinary expert, who celebrates one year at the De Mazenod Door this week!!

## FRIDAY BBQ

### BBQ Sponsors - March 10th

- Katherine Borthwick
- Luisa Verticchio - In Memory of Hugh McFeeters
- Anonymous - In Memory of Philly Marranca



## 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

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## Abraham's Journey and Our Journey

One of the longest journeys in the world is one's own life's journey. For some it is short and for others it is long. Among the many great journeys in the Bible, Abraham's journey is the most important and unique. At the word of God, Abraham left all the securities of life like home, family to set out for a foreign country. Abraham's journey was met with lots of difficulties. Nevertheless, Abraham had one marvellous asset of a great faith in God. That great faith empowered him to meet all the challenges in his entire life journey. Blessed is the one who possesses the compass of faith. It is important that a journey should have a destination. Though it was unclear at first, Abraham set out in faith, and in the end arrived at a clear destination, the land God promised to show him. To that end he walked as a pilgrim and reached his final destination.

In many respects the journey of life for many is a journey into the unknown. Due to the wars, conflicts and other circumstances, many people are leaving their own country and moving to another country, not clearly knowing where and how their future is going to be. In a strict sense, all of us are travellers here on this earth. This is very true, even for the person who has never left a home. While we are all on a common journey, each one's journey is unique. What is very important in our life's journey is for each one of us to possess the value of faith in God. Without this faith or hope in God, the journey of our life, no matter how pleasurable it may be, would be robbed of ultimate meaning. In essence, it would be a journey to nowhere. But with strong faith in God, our life is a journey to the promised land of eternal life. The hardships, difficulties and persecutions we encounter during our journey will in fact add to the joy of arrival.

We all know too well that faith is essential in our life's journey and yet almost all of us want our journey to be good and safe without any hardship and difficulties. We also want our journey to be easy going to our final destination. Today's Gospel reading speaks of a rough trip to the mountain of the transfiguration. Their journey began when Peter began to confess that Jesus was the Christ, the Messiah. When Peter confessed, he had a clear idea in his mind that they had found the Messiah who would bring the earthly kingdom and that Jesus would provide everything they would need. They had no clue of what the Messiah was all about. By nature, we are all seekers of pleasures and avoiders of pain. And so, none of us are ready to embrace the hardships and difficulties.

Jesus wanted to teach them there is no gain whatsoever without pain or a cross in our lives. On the mountaintop, after praying Jesus became transfigured before them as the Glory of His Divinity shone as white as snow. By this, Jesus is seen as bringing the Law and the prophets to fulfilment. In other words, Jesus is the Messiah. Like the disciples, we too can experience rare moments of



light and joy. We get glimpses of the promised land towards which we are travelling in faith. These moments of transfiguration are given to us to strengthen us for our everyday tasks and to enable us to face the cross that in some shape or form comes to everyone. This experience is meant to help us face our life's journey with all its difficulties and challenges and to embrace the high and the low moments of our life.

St. Eugene, the founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, had that Abrahamic faith, and encouraged his priests and brothers to *"leave nothing un-dared."* May his example inspire us all to be attentive to the movement of the Spirit of God within our hearts and minds, step out in faith like Abraham, respond especially to the possibility of a vocation to marriage, religious life, priesthood or the single state, and then give ourselves wholeheartedly to living out that vocation until we arrive at our final destination – eternal life.

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## CONGRATULATIONS FR. TONY!



On Fri., Feb. 24th Father Tony O'Dell, OMI was awarded a **Platinum Jubilee Pin** for the work he does in our community. Presented by Hon. Filomena Tassi, MP, Hamilton West-An-caster-Dundas (on right). Also in photo above is Annette Brennan, Board Chair, DeMazenod Door Outreach. (on left)



## 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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