



St. Patrick Parish

HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

Love Others As Christ Loves Us



"And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

May 21, 2023 - Ascension of the Lord

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.

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Parish Office Hours

Mon - Fri: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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Pastoral Centre
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L8N 1C6

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WEEKEND READINGS



Sunday, MAY 21, 2023

1st Reading: Acts 1.1-11
2nd Reading: Ephesians 1.17-23
Gospel: Matthew 28.16-20

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@stpatrikshamilton.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 Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account at your chosen frequency.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.

MASS INTENTIONS



Tues, May 23 | 12:15 PM

- Domenico Versace & Family
- Wanda Horan

Sat, May 27 | 5:00 PM

- Special Int: Anna Conzaes & Kristin Harrison

Wed, May 24 | 12:15 PM

- Sandro Ragona & Mark Adjandi

Sun, May 28 | 9:00 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners

11:30 AM

Thurs, May 25 | 12:15 PM

- Special Intention in Thanksgiving

- Mary Kantiono
- Rene Verges

7:15 PM

Fri, May 26 | 12:15 PM

- Duarte Costa
- Leanne & Christopher Thompson

- Angela Sedran
- John Simpson
- Doris Ippolito

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COLLECTION REPORT



May 13 & 14, 2023

Collected from Offertory Envelopes	\$5,955.00
E-transfers	\$0.00
Canada Helps	\$245.00
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$3,271.00
TOTAL	\$9,472.00

"What shall I return to the Lord for all His bounty to me?"

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De Mazenod Door Outreach

The Poor • The Marginalized • The Inner-City Youth



Honouring Our Loved Ones Through Friday BBQ

On May 2nd, 2022, our family was informed that our eldest brother Douglas Abbot had suddenly passed away at the age of 63 due to complications from Multiple Sclerosis. We were all in a state of shock and even today still shake our heads in disbelief at times. The sting of death is real and grief is a real and sometimes long process. Although it has already been one year since Doug's passing, none of us have been able to erase his phone number from our phones.

As we continue on and move forward in our grief as a family, we began with giving thanks to God for his life as well as our own by offering Mass and we followed up by sponsoring and serving at a Friday BBQ, one held in his memory. It was an eye-opening experience to many of my family who got the opportunity to roll up their sleeves and get straight to work. Many of the guests who we were serving loved being introduced to my family. Some even called my mother "Mama".

That's the beauty of the De Mazenod Door! It doesn't matter what side of the table you may be on, the essence of community is overflowing and the healing power of God is in every single encounter. Thank you for allowing us to remember Doug in this very special and unique way.

~Sherri Ramirez



FRIDAY BBQ

BBQ Sponsor - May 25

Our Lady of
the Assumption Parish
Catholic Women's League



Granola Bars
Salty Snacks
Sandwich Bags

MOST WANTED ITEMS

WAYS TO HELP

Volunteer: volunteer@stpatrickshamilton.ca
Donate:
<https://demazenod-door.ca/make-a-donation>

If you would like to participate in a Famous
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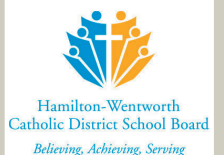
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BEYOND THE WALLS

JUSTICE IN ACTION

The hands of service must be followed by the voice of Justice!

On May 10th, 2023 I had the privilege of accompanying one of the young men from De Mazenod Housing's 'Eugene's Place' as he was one of the guest speakers at the 20th anniversary and AGM of the CAWDB (Campaign for Adequate Welfare and Disability Benefits). This group has been gathering and supporting each other through some of life's most difficult struggles that poverty inflicts upon them. Their voices may not be pretty or eloquent, but it is their story and it needs to be heard and respected. Justice in action!

The opportunity to share his struggles are empowering for Shannon Cleary, and as he so eloquently expresses "not having a voice while trying so hard just to survive, feeling like I am finally getting my life back together only to have a system pull it away again". This long-term system as Shannon describes this constant struggle continues to raise his anxiety and feeling of helplessness and is slowly chipping away his dignity.

As we at the De Mazenod Door continue to do our best to meet the ever growing needs of the community, we need to start asking some really important questions. Why are we seeing so many new faces at the De Mazenod Door? Taking a much deeper look at the systems that are forcing more and more people to live in poverty. As taxpayers and fellow Hamiltonians we should be deeply disturbed by what we are seeing. We should be asking ourselves, does this disturb me enough to do something about it? What can I do? I am only one person. Step out in faith!

One person can inspire many to speak out and use our voices against the unjust systems that continue to force people into desperation. Sign petitions, write the newspaper, contact politicians, get involved in community groups who are advocating for a more just society.

We as a community should never become so complacent that we accept these injustices as societal or cultural norms. We need to stop blaming the poor for living in poverty and roll up our sleeves and work together to find concrete solutions to fix the systems that continue to perpetuate the stripping away of one's human dignity.

There have been many studies and documentaries on homelessness, mental health and addictions and the long term effects of each. Many words have been used over the years to emphasize the severity of this global crisis and one that continues to pierce my heart is from an article in the Hamilton Spectator from 2016. Josie D'Amico (who happens to be a wonderful, long-time friend) refers to the definition of 'Genocide' outlined at the United Nations Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crime of Genocide in this article and boldly suggests that people living in poverty be added to that list and specifically labeling the current Welfare and Disability System a 'slow genocide'.

I have been working in the trenches of injustice and poverty for a number years in the inner city of Hamilton and I definitely see it as our modern day genocide.

In memory of Megan Bay, who passed away this past weekend from an overdose. Yet another soul lost to the streets of injustice.

~Sherri Ramirez



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VOCATION REFLECTION

FLIP IT UPSIDE DOWN

A few years ago, when I was teaching high school, I went into the art classroom one day with a question for the art teacher. I waited off to the side as she worked with a student who was frustrated about a part of her painting that just didn't seem to be coming together for her. After talking it over for a few moments, the teacher lifted the canvas from the easel, flipped it end for end, and put it back down so that the image was now upside down. They studied it together for a moment, and suddenly, the student's frown disappeared, and she said "I've got it." She picked up her brush, and returned to her work with a new intensity. I was astounded. How on earth did that make a difference? "She's been standing in front of that painting for three weeks," her teacher explained. "It's so familiar to her that she's stuck in the way she sees it and thinks about it. But as soon as it was flipped upside down, she knew exactly what to do because she saw it in a new way." Brilliant.

What does this have to do with the gospel for Ascension Sunday (Mt 28.16-20)? For many of us, we've heard this gospel so often that sometimes we get stuck in the way we think about it, too. So, what happens if we try the same approach and flip it on its head, reading it from the end? When we do, we the first thing we hear is the promise that Jesus is with us, always. This kind of changes the tone of things, doesn't it? Instead of a list of tasks with a parting "Don't worry, you've got this," at the end, everything the disciples are asked to do begins with Jesus. As it should be. As Christian disciples, Jesus isn't an afterthought. He's the reason for what they do in the first place. Neat, huh? Let's keep reading.

Then the disciples are called to teach people. Teach them about what? About love, peace, patience, gentleness, mercy, compassion, generosity, and about the Kingdom of God, where these qualities are woven into its very ethos. They're called to teach others about acting justly, about reaching out to the marginalized, about caring for the poor and the voiceless, about giving their time, talents, and treasure to the building of that Kingdom. And they're to teach about Jesus, the King himself, who lived those very same qualities and died for doing those very same things. They're called to baptize people. They are called to receive others into the Body of Christ, the ruler of that same Kingdom, who leads by example. They're called to accept every person into the very heart of the family, to embrace and welcome them in such a way that every last one of them knows, deep down, that they are a beloved child of God.

They're called to make disciples. The disciples' own relationship with Jesus, their identity as God's children, the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that will come to them on Pentecost will give them not only the motivation but the very capability of inspiring others to follow Jesus Christ. Welcome them in, and give them every reason to stay and get excited, themselves. Disciples make disciples. And they're told to GO. They can't teach people, baptize them, and make them disciples out of them if they stay put. This calling from Jesus, this vocation, means that they have to follow his example by being – and bringing – the Good News to everyone. Everyone. To the people who are considered unwelcome in the community. To the disinterested. To those who have been failed by others. To those who have failed others, themselves. Not a single person gets left out. Not one.

But the best part about reading this story backward is that it paints, very clearly, a picture of our own vocations. You see, at the very beginning of the scripture passage, it says "the eleven disciples went to Galilee..." But if you keep reading further backwards in this gospel, you'll find that there are usually twelve disciples mentioned. That means there is a space for us in this calling. We've been given the same job: teach, baptize, make disciples, and do it by going out to the world. Because we, ourselves, are the twelfth disciple. Sometimes, the best sources of clarity and insight come from a painting that gets flipped upside down.

By Darcie Lich
Vocation Team – Oblate Associate



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FORMED provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. Supporting thousands of movies, children's programs, e-books, audio and more, it is an excellent resource for families, especially to ensure the content their children are watching is safe. The Family Ministry Office has entered into a partnership with FORMED to allow families access to this resource and invite you to an on line session for an opportunity to have a quick overview look at the content. Join us on Wednesday, May 24 at 7 p.m. by Zoom, whether you are already a subscriber or would like to learn more about the site. You must register to receive the link at hamiltondiocese.com, under Upcoming Events on the home page.

Spring Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

The Spring Memorial Mass at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Burlington will take place on Saturday, May 27, at 11:00. Light refreshments will be served following the Mass. All are welcome!

Thanks to the Cemetery crew from the Catholic Cemeteries of the Diocese of Hamilton for organizing these opportunities for prayer!

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

Handicraft Holy Land Christians will be at all of the masses this weekend May 20-21 and will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land. Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask for your support through conscience prayers and will have many unique hand carved olive wood religious art pieces made by these families in Bethlehem available for purchase after every mass. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment for our Christian brothers and sisters in Bethlehem. "May God Bless you for your generosity, for your help and for your prayers." Cash, debit, credit cards and cheques will be accepted. You can visit and support them at www.HolylandChristians.ca

De Mazenod Farm

Volunteers are still needed for many different aspects of the De Mazenod Farm. Things such as planting, weeding, watering, seeding, playing with the goats and spending time with the chickens once the new coop is ready! There is always something to do and help that is needed. If you're interested in helping in any way, please contact the office at 905-522-9828 or via email at demazenod@stpatrickshamilton.ca

World Communications Day - May 21

Today Catholics are invited to reflect upon the media of social communication (films, radio, television, newspapers, audiovisuals) and how these influence our lives.

The media can promote values that lead to a more fully human society. The Church's ministry is twofold. The media can be used to help promote the Gospel. At the same time, as receivers of the materials presented by the media, the faithful have a duty to support and promote worthwhile presentations on media and reject those which promote values contrary to spiritual growth.

REMINDERS - Save These Dates!

Victoria Day Weekend

A reminder that this weekend, May 20th & 21st is the long Victoria Day weekend here in Ontario and the Administrative Centre will be closed this coming Monday, May 22nd. We will reopen on Tuesday the 23rd at 8:30 AM. Have a safe and happy 'May 24-weekend'!

Confirmation at St. Patrick Parish

Will be held on Tues., May 30 at 6:00 PM. For more information, please contact the parish office at 905-522-9828.

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

The monthly meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be held this coming Tues. May 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Chapel. Please come to the Pastoral Centre (De Mazenod Door Outreach) door. Everyone is welcome.

FEAST OF ST. EUGENE DE MAZENOD

St. Eugene De Mazenod is the founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. He was born into an aristocratic family in southern France shortly before the French Revolution, and experienced the exile and devastation of that time. After a conversion, Eugene entered a seminary in Paris and was ordained a priest in 1811.



**ST. EUGENE
DE MAZENOD
(1782-1861)**

Seeing the state of the Church and of the people, he chose to work with the poor and the rejected, to preach missions and to organize a youth association to "... lead people to act like human beings first of all and then like Christians and finally... saints."

The task was so vast that he soon gathered other priests to join him and in 1816 started the "Missionaries of Provence." Within ten years, this group developed into what is now the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

Today, over 3,400 Oblates carry forward the missionary vision of St. Eugene across seventy countries around the world.

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What Do We Do?

- Walking together with Indigenous People toward healing and reconciliation
- Inner-city Outreach with the poor, homeless and marginalized
- Parish ministry
- Mission With Youth
- Prison and hospitality compassion ministry
- Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation
- Kenya Mission etc...

Vocation Team Contact



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Novena Prayer for Oblate Vocations (May 21-29)

"Let us pray for vocations with our saints"

Sisters and Brothers of the same family, of the same charism, and of the same mission of God: As every year, we pray for Oblate vocations in the novena from the feast of St. Eugene de Mazenod on May 21st to the feast of Blessed Joseph Gerard on May 29th. For this year, we take the theme "Let us pray for vocations with our saints". The reflections for each day were prepared by the General House community. Many thanks to Father Diego Saez, our General Postulator, who generously prepared the texts of the Spanish Martyrs and Father Agustinus Qesa who prepared the text of Bl. Joseph Gerard. Thanks also to our young Oblates of the International Scholasticate in Rome who shared their personal views on our Dear Founder.

Text of the Novena Prayer is available here: <https://omilacombe.ca/may-21-29-2023-novena-for-vocations/>

HIGHLIGHTS & SPOTLIGHTS

Volunteer Spotlight

This week we shine our volunteer spotlight on Sharon Cole. Sharon recently went through the RCIA program along with her husband and Sponsor, Brian Cole. Brian is a long time parishioner of St. Patrick Parish. Sharon, who has a long & well established career in the Printing business, has joined the Communications Team and is a major proponent in the production of the News From the Pews bulletin. Sharon has been a wonderful addition to the team and ensures all things print industry related are up to date and working to the best of their ability.

Thank you Sharon for your time & talents, your insight and for the expertise that you bring to the table each week!



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