



St. Patrick Parish
HAMILTON, ONTARIO

News From The Pews

*"Love always protects, always trusts, always hopes,
always perseveres. Love never fails." 1 Cor. Ch. 13*



Love Others As Christ Loves Us

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

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May 14, 2023 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

WEEKEND READINGS



Sunday, MAY 14, 2023

1st Reading: Acts 8.5-8, 14-17

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.15-18

Gospel: John 14.15-21

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 Your chosen donation amount will automatically be withdrawn from your bank account at your chosen frequency.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

MASS INTENTIONS



Tues, May 16 | 12:15 PM

- Lillian Ellis & Vivien Massotti
- Special Int: Sandra MacKenzie
- Special Int.: Clarissa Pinto
- Richard Spidel

Sat, May 20 | 5:00 PM

- Duarte Costa
- All Souls in Purgatory
- Domenico Fragale

Sun, May 21 | 9:00 AM

- St. Patrick Parishioners

Wed, May 17 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int.: Arunas Antanaitis

11:30 AM

- Alexander & Marianna Hawli
- Special Int.: Rose Kantiono & Family
- Cole Selenco

Thurs, May 18 | 12:15 PM

- Special Int: Carmie & Zeke DiGiacomo

7:15 PM

- Walter Lopata
- Lori McCormick
- Special Int.: Noah Quinao
- Thanksgiving – Amelia Maddela

Fri, May 19 | 12:15 PM

- Luciana & Jose Pereira
- Leanne & Christopher Thompson

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COLLECTION REPORT



May 6 & 7, 2023

Collected from Offertory Envelopes	\$3,454.00
E-transfers	\$305.00
Canada Helps	\$391.00
Pre-Authorized Collection	\$3,272.00

TOTAL \$7,422.00

"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



IT TAKES A VILLAGE



Thank you Sysco Milton! Not only did Sysco donate 6 pallets of a variety of food and kitchen supplies to De Mazenod Door, but we also had the pleasure of meeting with several members of the warehouse team, as well as Jaclyn Corneil, Manager, Corporate Social Responsibility and Fabian Trejo, Inventory Control Manager. Fabian has been a champion for supporting De Mazenod Door and addressing food insecurity, along with his caring colleagues. We will continue to find ways to work together to alleviate hunger for our guests, while helping to reduce food waste at the same time.

THANK YOU SPONSORS



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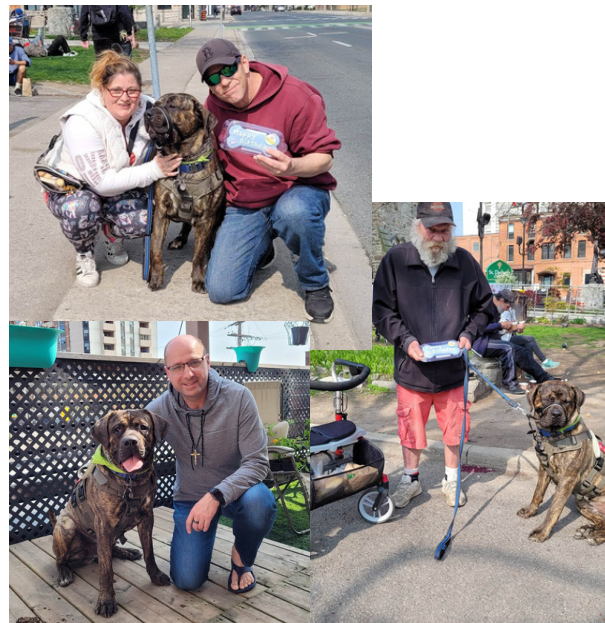


Good Shepherd
Faith in people.



Our Gentle Giant Turns One

Jax joined our community on September 5, 2022. It's hard to believe that in such a short space of time he has embraced his role as our De Mazenod Door Mascot with such ease. He truly is a Godsend after our beloved Maz passed away suddenly in July of 2022. Jax has been greeting families at the back of the church, accompanying Sherri on presentations throughout the city of Hamilton as well as visiting schools. His daily presence at the De Mazenod Door is always welcomed by our guests who love watching him grow, as well as getting a friendly greeting by their beloved "gentle giant" as our guests and volunteers refer to him. Many times when one of our guests is having a tough day, Jax joyfully saunters over to turn their frown into a smile. A beautiful vessel for emotional support! Happy Birthday Jax!



FRIDAY BBQ

BBQ Sponsors - May 19
In honor and celebration
of the
Mancinelli Family



Granola Bars
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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 Friday BBQ, please contact us:
demazenod@stpatrickshamilton.ca or
905-522-9828

QUOTES FROM STUDENTS

EN FRANÇAIS!

Last week, more than 400 grade 6 students who attend French language schools in southern Ontario gathered at the Cathedral for a liturgy celebrated by Bishop Crosby for Catholic Education Week.

Students also heard from two students who spoke about how the Holy Spirit guides them in their charitable works. Among them was Erika, one of our altar servers who attends Académie Catholique Mère-Teresa (ACMT), Hamilton's French Catholic high school. Erika spoke to the assembled students about her service at the De Mazenod Door and how it has affected her:

(Translated from the original French text)

"I always appreciate the opportunity to participate in the barbecue on Friday, when we welcome more than 300 people who come to get something to eat. I am always struck by certain things when I offer a meal to those who come to the De Mazenod Door. Sometimes the guests are very young. Sometimes they are poor, homeless, or suffering from mental health issues. But that isn't all. When we look these people right in the eye, we can also see something else – we can see the face of Christ. This is where I can feel the Holy Spirit in my interactions. Even though the people I meet at the De Mazenod Door are going through difficult times, they are always smiling and grateful when they visit. And by learning their stories, I often find that there really aren't any big differences between us."

Well said Erika! Merci beaucoup!!



WELCOME BACK ST. PATRICK STUDENTS!

Week 1 at the new St. Patrick School was a huge hit with students!

For the first time in nearly five years, the sounds of children playing in the school yard can be heard all around our church, and we couldn't be happier! This past Sunday, we asked some of our altar servers and kids attending Children's Liturgy what they liked best about the new St. Patrick School.

This is a sampling of what they had to say:

"I like the bench in our classroom where we can sit down to take off our boots." - Patricia

"It is the biggest gym ever so we can run around more." - Riley

"I am happy that all my friends are at the new school with me." - Charlotte

"I like all the boards that are on the walls that we can write on." - Brigid

"Our classroom is big and so is the gym." - Emilia

"I like the food at lunchtime." - Tim



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VOCATION REFLECTION

CALLED TO MISSION



At the time of our baptism, we were anointed with chrism and reminded that “...as Christ was anointed priest, prophet and king, so may you live always as a member of his body...” In baptism, we are called to be disciples, sharing in the mission of Christ, living and sharing the Good News with others. Discipleship is call to mission, to be missionary.

Look at Philip in the Acts of the Apostles. He was one of the seven who were chosen to be deacons in the early Church. Their role was to oversee the distribution of food to the widows and those in need in the community. This ministry was instituted in order to free the apostles for the ministry of teaching and preaching.

Because of the persecution by Saul, many members of the community left Jerusalem and were scattered around the country. Philip, the deacon, became an evangelist, first in Samaria, and later on the road with the Ethiopian court official. Philip, chosen to wait on tables and oversee the distribution of food, became a missionary, proclaiming the Good News. Through his words and life, others came to know Jesus and chose to follow him as disciples.

In the Gospel, as Jesus hands on his mission, he assures the disciples, and us, that we will be given the gift of the Holy Spirit to assist and guide us in our mission and that he himself is with us on this journey. If we remain open to the prompting of the Spirit, our discipleship can take on a totally different direction, a direction quite outside our expectations, plans or dreams. This might be a call to get involved in a particular ministry in our parish community, or to respond to a social need in the larger community. It might call us to focus our energy on a cause that may not have been on our radar up to that point or take time to learn a new skill to enable us to respond to particular needs. The Spirit will often surprise us, because we tend to have a narrowed vision or focus to discipleship. The readings this week challenge us to consider new possibilities, and like Philip, to dare to set out on a new journey, a new direction. Where is the Spirit calling you today?

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NEWS AND REMINDERS

May is the Month of Mary Prayer

Mary Mother of God, mother of us all. As we celebrate and honour our own mothers this month, we should acknowledge Mary, not only as the mother of Jesus, but our mother as well.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

Source: Living With Christ,
Novalis Publishing



A Prayer for Mother's Day

Lord Jesus Christ, You chose to put yourself, tiny, needy and helpless into the nurturing and watchful hands of a human mother. Since then, every act of mothering, both physical and spiritual, in every time and every corner of the world recollects Mary's. Inspired by this example, we, too, honour our mothers and mother figures today. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers and nurturers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.

We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

~Pope John Paul II

Happy Mother's Day!

Handicraft Holy Land Christians

On the weekend of May 20-21, we will welcome special guest Vanessa from Sebastien Cardinal's team representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in the Holy Land after all the masses.

Christians in the Holy Land graciously ask 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

Baptism Sunday

This Sunday is Baptism Sunday at the 11:30 am Mass. We extend a warm welcome to the parents, families and friends of the children we are baptizing today. Baptism is the first of the three Sacraments of Initiation. In baptism we are "born of water and the Spirit.", we are given the ability to "walk in the newness of life", and we fulfill the command of Christ to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Please join us in welcoming: Aadeo Boiago, Olivia Lourenco, Colin Sutton and Alexander Urquhart.

St. Patrick Elementary School First Communion

Last Sunday the Grade 2 class of St. Patrick Elementary School made their sacrament of First Holy Communion at a special mass surrounded by their families and friends. Please join us in celebrating these children further cementing their Catholic faith in Christ, the Eucharist and the Church. Congratulations!



REMINDERS - Save These Dates!

The St. Dymphna Society meets this Saturday in the Chapel (always the second Saturday of the month) following the 5:00 pm. If this is something that you will benefit from, you are welcome to attend!

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

50 YEARS AGO AT ST. PATRICK



May 17, 1973

On this date, fifty years ago, a fire destroyed part of the slate roof, the choir loft and some pews in the north-west corner of the church. The repairs cost \$200,000.

Other improvements were made at this time, including installation of carpet, and repainting the ceilings with newer and more colourful depictions of religious symbols by artists from Toronto.

The photo to the left is an interior view of a mass during renovations, taken on September 23, 1973.



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Serra Club Vocation Seeds

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 14, 2023
The Lord said, "I will not leave you orphaned." Pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, religious and consecrated life. If God is calling you, contact Fr. Mark Morley, Director of Vocations, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988. email vocations@hamiltondiocese.com hamiltondiocese.com/vocations/

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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!

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