

# Saint Patrick's Church

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
(Director in Canada, Society of the Little Flower)  
Rev. Joiezl Fern Piñon, O.Carm., Associate Pastor  
Rev. Mr. David Scott, Deacon  
Debbie Herman, Secretary  
Alice Corfield, Bookkeeper Secretary  
Brian Kneller, Caretaker

## Music Ministry

Carol Martin - Director of Music  
Sandra DiCienzo - Organist  
Tim Marrie - Pianist and Soloist  
Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist  
Ashley Gallardi-Pietrangelo - Soloist

## Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Closed on Weekends & Holidays

## Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

## Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

## Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
or by appointment

## Baptism

Once monthly at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday  
Preparation for Parents  
and Godparents required.

## Marriage

Please contact the parish office  
at least six months in advance.  
Preparation weekend is required.

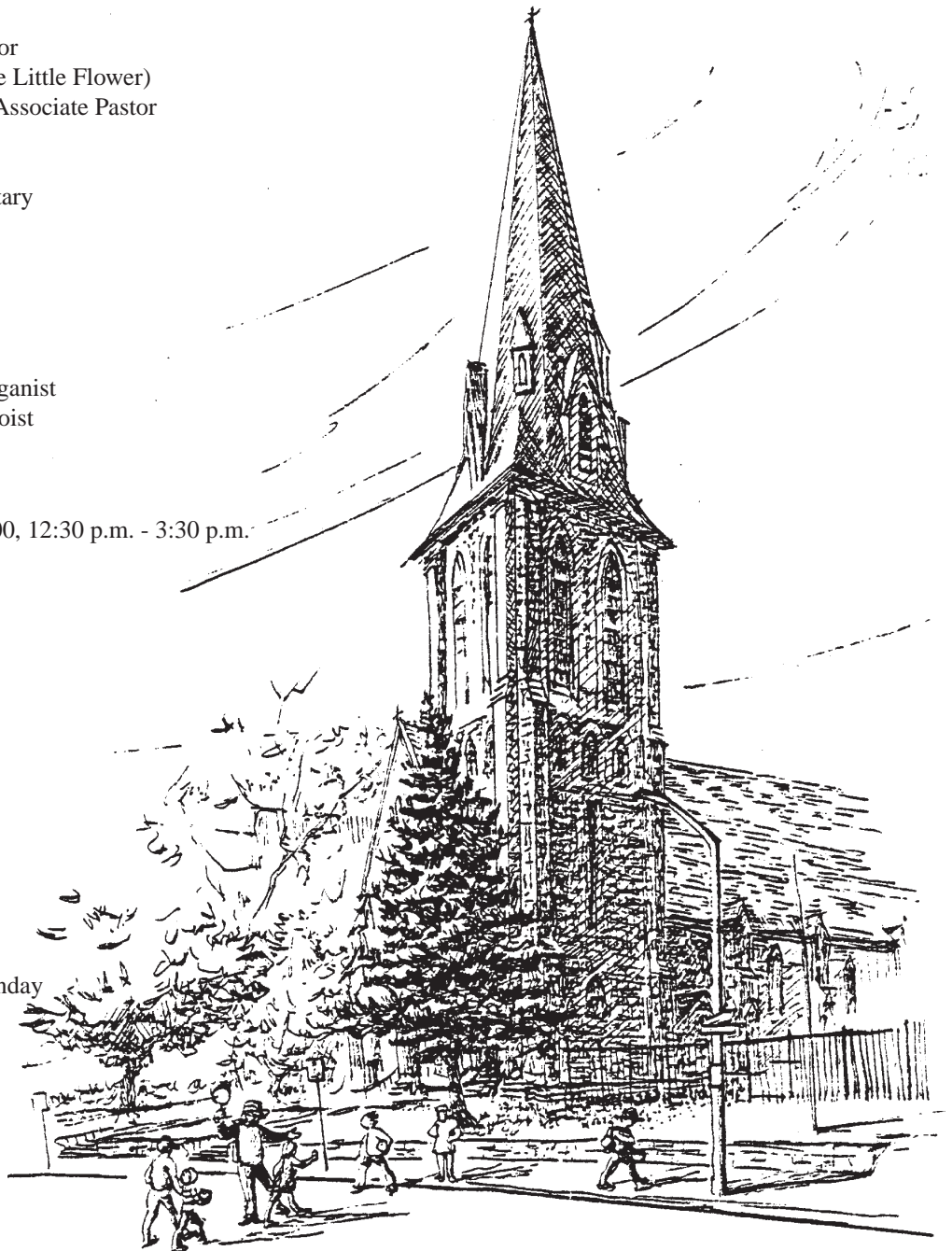
## Schools

St. Patrick School 905-354-6631  
St. Mary School 905-354-7744

Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)  
Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop

Parish Established 1858  
Church Dedicated 1895

**New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.**



# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## Saturday, December 14 St John of the Cross

5:00 Adua & Jean Pizzolato req by Angela & David Dumele  
Zita Giorgio & Ines Marcon req by the Milani Family

## Sunday, December 15 Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 Fr. Ben Hogan req by Teresa & Cliff  
Peter Moi req by the Nguyen Family  
9:30 Luigi Marcon req by Louise Marcon  
Trevor Watson req by the Pullano Family  
11:30 People of the Parish

## Monday, December 16

8:00 Belle Liberty req by JoAnne & Family  
Ralph Grottola req by Leanne Lococo

## Tuesday, December 17

8:00 Leo Martin req by the Family  
Helen & Ted Chrzanowski req by Elizabeth & Family

## 9:45 St. Patrick & St. Mary's School Mass

## Wednesday, December 18

8:00 Catarina Ngu req by the Nguyen Family  
For the Healing of Joe Della Peruta req by Laura Lee

## Thursday, December 19

8:00 Ovidio Rosati req by the Family  
Ruben Luardo req by the Family

## Friday, December 20

8:00 Luigi Coletti req by Rosemary Panetta  
Patricia Navarro req by Rey Navarro & Family

## Saturday, December 21 St Peter Canisius

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley req by the Family  
Victor Lea req by Jeanne & Family

## Sunday, December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish  
9:30 Carole Finella req by Frank Lucia  
Sam DiCarlo req by Mary DiCarlo & Family  
11:30 Albina Tonet req by Ann Marie Rondinelli  
Immacolata Luciano req by Alessandro Luciano & Family

### Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

If you or a family member/friend is interested in becoming a Catholic through a **Profession of Faith**, or desiring Baptism, or other Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist or Confirmation), please give your name to our Parish Office as soon as possible. Our first RCIA meeting will be held soon. The sessions will resume after Christmas. During Lent we will meet once a week. This is also a wonderful opportunity for anyone who wants to "refresh or renew" their faith and theology! More information will be forthcoming.



### 2025 will be a Special Year



The year 2025 is a **Jubilee Year** in the Church. It will be centered on the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision."

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The year 2025 officially marks **150 years** of the Carmelites being in Niagara Falls, Canada (1875-2025). We will have several celebrations during 2025 at St. Patrick Parish, at Our Lady of Peace Parish, and at the Monastery of Mount Carmel. Stay tuned!

Please refer to the Bulletin Boards at the back and side entrances of the Church for many important notices and events.

Please pray for those who are ill. We are currently updating our sick list. This will be limited to parishioners and family members who are hospitalized or chronically ill. Please be advised that only an immediate family member can request a name to be added to this list.

Mary Power, Flori Heimbigner, Kenneth Power, Jacquie Power, Connie Power, Emma Corfield, Muriel Lafford, Isabell Frost, Robert Orsini, Rick Woram, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Norm Scott, Toni Brideau, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Scott MacLaren, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Leila Khan, Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Anna Hunt, Mary Jo O'Kell, Nancy Waters, David Gallina, John F, John Arnold, Leroy Collee, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Victor Pizzolato, Jeanne S, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Julian Cassidy, Lorraine Spence, Estelle Critelli, D.D., Missy Bilotta, Pasquale Abrunzo, Rita Ross, Leon French, Tony Cuvliello, Kelsey Liles, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanus, Judy, Jadwiga Wozniak, Kerrie Szuch, William JA DeFoe, Betty Crete, Sister Prem, Bob Marshall, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Karen Bradley, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Arlene Collee, John Calder, Maria Guerin, Gregory Roulston, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, Francesco Albanese, Julie Nicholson, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Margaret Waghorn, Evelyn Rose Baker, Patricia O'Reilly, Fran Smelko, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Faith Amadio, Vanessa Athoe, Walter Wallace, Marie Brooker, Francois Chayer, Samuel Potapczyk, Jozefa Biski, Elda Schneider, Susana Flego, Patricia Flego, Cynthia Alegre  
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

### Collections

December 8: \$7,876.08

Carmelite Missions: \$5,667.00 (to date)

Many thanks for your generosity!

### Sacramental Dates for the Upcoming Year 2025

First Reconciliation: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 @ 7:00pm

First Communion: Sunday, May 25, 2025 @ 9:30am & 1:30pm

### NEW DATE

Mandatory Preparation Meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 @ 7:00pm

(If you are a parishioner at St. Patrick Church, and have a child who does not attend St. Patrick or St. Mary Schools, and would like to celebrate their sacraments here, please contact the parish office for the registration forms.)

### Baptism Schedule for 2025

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on:

Sunday Jan. 26, Feb. 23, March 23 (Infants Only), April 27, May 18 & June 22.

A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on Tuesday, January 14, February 11, March 18, April 22, May 6 and June 10 at 7:00 pm.

### Helping Local Needy Families This Christmas

Please make sure you return your gift cards this Sunday. Many thanks for bringing a smile to our children, and bringing food to their homes for Christmas.

Is God calling You?...If you feel called to serve as an Altar Server, Funeral Server, Eucharistic Minister, Lector or with the Children's Liturgy please call the parish office, 905-354-7451.

### December 2024 Dates

Advent Communal Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 18th @ 7:00 PM

Church Decoration for Christmas

Saturday, December 21st @ 7:00 PM

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>



Dear Friends:

The Third Sunday of Advent is here. This is *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* means *to rejoice*. Our readings are filled with so much joy and hope. And God knows we need joy and hope, especially with so much happening in the world and so much struggles and hardships around us.



In the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, the prophet Zephaniah says, **Sing aloud, O daughter, Zion! Our Psalm, Shout aloud and sing for joy!** St. Paul, from prison writes, **Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice!** And in the Gospel, the people whom John was baptizing were filled with expectation!

The Church calls for **joyful hearts** as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. We know there is much sadness in the world, and there are also many people among us who do not find this time of year to be joyful. Our call is to be there to help them, to give them reason **to rejoice**. We remember those who have lost a loved one this year. The first Christmas without a family member is very difficult and painful. We cannot take away another's grief, but **we can** be a comforting presence for them! We must be there to support those who are experiencing family and marital problems, those who are lonely, and those who are estranged from their family. We remember, and do what we can, to help those who are homeless and poor; those facing financial hardships. That's what John calls for in today's Gospel, **share with those who have no coat and no food**.

Our parish has always been a giving parish, filled with many joyful and cheerful givers! We will certainly have many joyful hearts because of our Children's and Family Christmas Campaign! We signed out over 150 tags this year for gifts and grocery cards for local families! This is heartwarming. Let's continue to put light where there's no light, joy where there's no joy, and hope where there's no hope. Let's give others reason **to rejoice!** May all of us **rejoice** in what God has done for us... and will do for us. **Gaudete!** Have a blessed 3rd week of Advent!

Fr. Gerard



The **Third Sunday of Advent** is known as *Gaudete* Sunday because of the first word "Rejoice" in the entrance antiphon of Sunday's Liturgy. "Rejoice" is also repeated throughout the readings and prayers. The vestments worn by the priest can be the colour rose (sometimes referred to as pink). The third candle of the Advent wreath is also rose. Both are reminders that Christ's coming is very soon; we are nearing the end of Advent, and we can hardly contain our joy. (Miller)



**Third Sunday of Advent Prayer**

"O Almighty God, gracious provider and giver of life, we anxiously await the celebration of your birth. Like the people of long ago, our ancestors in faith, we, too, are in need of light, in need of direction, in need of your Word, to show us the way. Our busy lives and the consumerism that surrounds us make it difficult to recognize your kingdom and to hear your voice. Help us Lord, to focus on you. Amen."

Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve- Tuesday, Dec. 24th**  
**3:30 PM -Children's Mass with Pageant**  
**5:30 PM -Adult Choir Mass (Caroling at 5:00 PM)**  
**7:30 PM -Mass**  
**12:00 AM- Midnight Mass**

**Christmas Day- Wed., Dec. 25th**  
**8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM**

Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Sunday Missals are also available in the sacristy for \$6.00.

Annual Carmelite Mission Appeal

Many thanks to all of you for your generous support of our Carmelite Missions. In the past two Sundays we have received \$5000.00. God bless all of you.



Save The Date: Pastor Turning 60!

Our pastor, Fr. Gerard, will be turning 60 on Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. Remember, when he turned 40 here in 2004? And all the fun when he turned 50 here in 2014? His mom was here to wheel him into the parish hall in a big baby carriage. Well, he doesn't want to have anything to celebrate 60 years, but we talked him into a little something. So on **December 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM** let's have a parish social! We invite all of you to come to a potluck buffet in the parish hall. Bring a dish, BYOB, bring your kids. We ask that you **call the parish office in advance** to let us know what dish you will bring, and how many people will be coming. We will need hot dishes, salads and desserts. Come one, come all and make it a fun evening. We might have a few roasts and toasts! We ask everyone to bring a food item for Project Share.

**2025 Sunday Missals**

The 2025 Sunday Missals are on sale in the Church this weekend and in the **parish office** during the week. The price from the publisher went up by 15% this year. But we will sell them at the same price as last year, **\$6.00**.

**Little Flower Society Cards**

St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards in stock from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society. We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using those cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs in several countries.

**Catholic Marriage Tribunal...** If you are considering remarriage in the Catholic Church or hoping to enter a marriage with someone previously married, please speak to a priest, or contact the St. Catharines Catholic Marriage Tribunal at 905-687-8817 or [tribunal@saintcd.com](mailto:tribunal@saintcd.com)

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