

# 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.

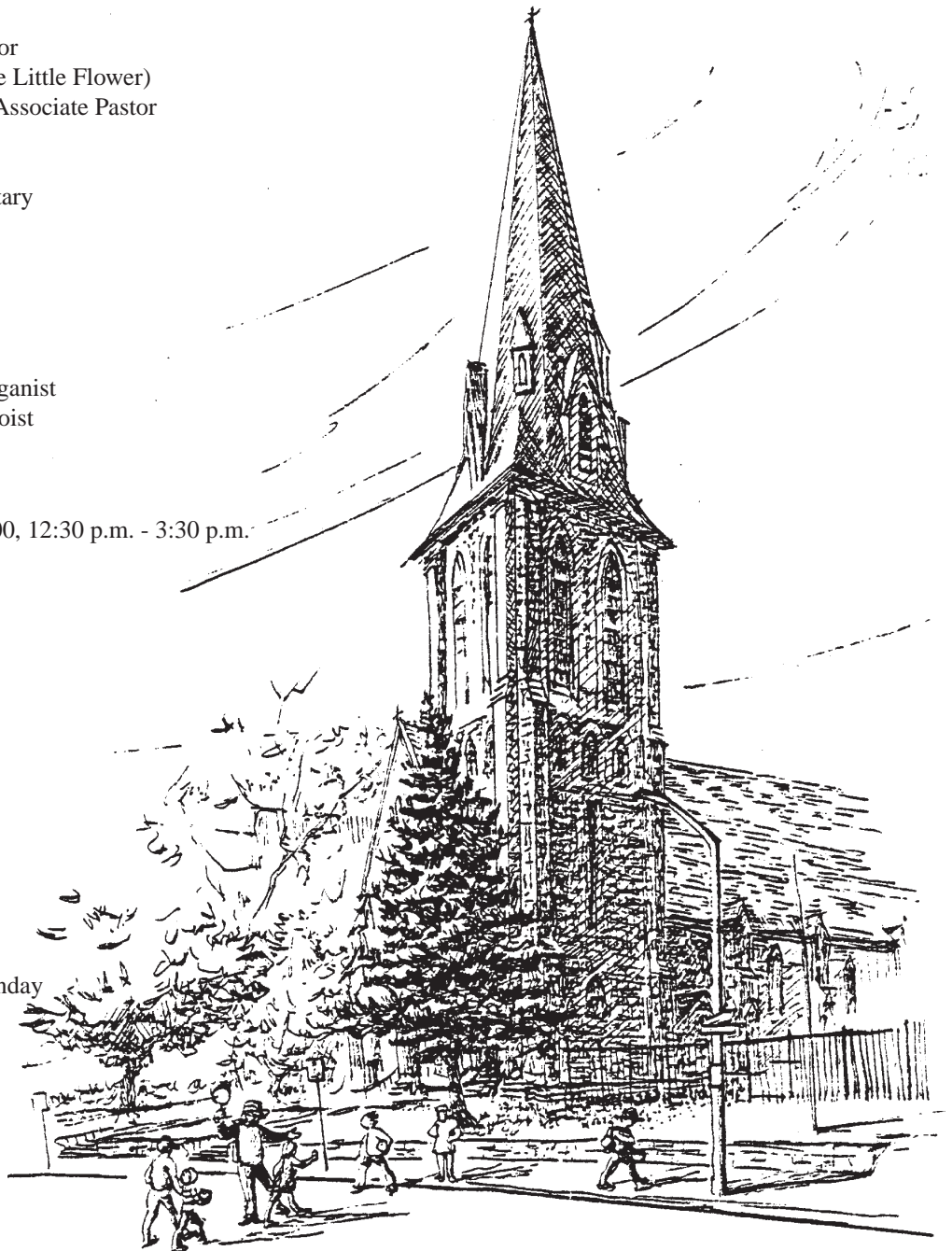
## Schools

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.**



# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



## Saturday, November 23 St Clement I & St Columban

5:00 Victor & Irene Smatana req by the Family  
Julia & Irma Pizzolato req by Angela & David Dumele

## Sunday, November 24 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:00 People of the Parish  
9:30 Caterina Ruberto req by Teresa Ruberto  
Gino Pullano req by the Pullano Family  
11:30 For all Veterans req by the Luciano Family  
Cecil & Irma Amadio and Reno & Angela Martin req by the Family

## Monday, November 25 St Catherine of Alexandria

8:00 Catarina Ngu req by the Nguyen Family  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

## Tuesday, November 26

8:00 Eduardo Augello-Todino req by the DeMizio Family  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

## Wednesday, November 27

8:00 Louie & Audrey Vendramin req by Jackie & Dave  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

## Thursday, November 28 U.S. Thanksgiving Day

8:00 Fr. Terry Cyr req by Teresa & Cliff  
Intentions of the Little Flower Society

## Friday, November 29

8:00 Franciszek 'Frank' Rebisz req by Stella & Family  
Natale & Anna Giampa req by the Family

## Saturday, November 30 St Andrew

5:00 Mary Lawrence req by Nancy Brzozowski  
Louis Thibodeau req by the Family

## Sunday, December 1 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish  
9:30 Gus Bagarozza req by his Wife: Kathy  
James, Elmira & Danny Dick req by Yvette & Colette  
11:30 Tommaso DeAngelis req by Tony & Rosa DeAngelis  
Don Liberty req by the Liberty Family

### Hospital Visits

If you have a family member in hospital who would like a visit from a priest, please let the nursing station know. They will have the switchboard call for a priest. There have been several policy changes at the hospitals. Priest no longer have access to a list of patients. Beginning in September, not all parking will be covered for clergy (emergency switchboard calls only).

### 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 during the Advent Season. 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.



### Holy Rosary

Every weekday morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church.

Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!

### Church Bulletin Advertising

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our Church Bulletin. The advertising will begin in February 2025 & supports the bulletin service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service.

Call Liturgical Publications at 1-800-268-2637.

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, Muriel Lafford, Isabell Frost, Robert Orsini, Rick Woram, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Norm Scott, Toni Brideau, Scott MacLaren, Charlene Shannon, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Leila Khan, Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Anna Hunt, Nancy Waters, David Gallina, John F, John Arnold, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Leroy Collee, Antoinette Vescio, 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 Cuviglio, 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, Gregory Roulston, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Maria Guerin, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, Francesco Albanese, Mary Jo O'Kell, 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 Bilski, 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

November 17: \$7,311.00

Deo Gratias: \$1,234.00 (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 18, 2025 @ 9:30am & 1:30pm

(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.)

On Saturday, December 14, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, we will have a Day of Recollection with Fr. Joi and Caroline Matovic. "Patching our Brokenness with God's Glue (Part 2); Preparing Our Hearts for the Word Made Flesh, Maranatha! This will be held in St. Patrick Parish Hall. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee, water and snacks will be available. Please register by December 6<sup>th</sup> so that we can provide everyone with reflection materials. Please email Caroline Matovic at [cmatovic@outlook.com](mailto:cmatovic@outlook.com) to register.

Again, you must register in advance.



Christmas Cards... The Knights of Columbus will be at the main entrance of the church on November 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> selling *Religious* Christmas Cards. This is part of their "Christ in Christmas" campaign.

All proceeds will go to Project Share Christmas Food Vouchers.

### 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.

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





Dear Friends,

Today, we crown the Church Year with the Solemnity of *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe* (previously *Christ the King*)! Pope Pius XI instituted this Feast in 1925 for the universal church, as an antidote to



rising secularism, [a way of life that leaves God out of human thinking and living]. This feast proclaims in a striking manner, Christ's reign **over individuals, families, society, nations and governments.**

Historically, this was in the aftermath of WW I. Many countries were waving flags, doing the victory dance, and facing the rise of communism. Not only was secularism rising, but there was a rise of dictatorships in Europe. Many Christians were being taken in by these earthly leaders. Respect for Christ and the Church was waning. Pope Pius XI reminded the world **who** was really in charge: **Christ the King!** Society undoubtedly needs this gentle reminder again!

When asked, "**What is our King like?**," someone wrote: "Most kings are born in a palace, but this king was born in a **stable!** While most kings spent their time building up riches of silver, gold and jewels, this king **owned nothing!** While most kings surrounded themselves with servants, this king chose to **be a servant.** Instead of riding into town on a big white horse like other kings, he rode in on the back of a **donkey.** He hung out with a bunch of smelly fishermen, the poor and sinners, instead of royalty. Yes, he wore a crown, but it was made of **thorns!** Instead of robes and jewels he wore a **cloak.** He was powerful but also powerless. Instead of using great armies and weapons, his only weapon was **love.** What a King we have! What a king to follow, Christ the King!"

My prayer is that we will allow Christ to reign in our broken world! And that we will allow him to reign in our families and hearts, minds, and wills! He connected his Kingship to humble service! And he calls us to be servants as well. It is our mission to 'testify to the truth' by helping bring about His kingdom of justice, balanced with radical love, mercy, peace and forgiveness. As we end the Church year and enter into the *Season of Advent* next Sunday, my prayer is that we will allow Christ to be the King of our hearts and families. May he reign over everything we say and do! Have a blessed week!

Fr. Gerard



The Three Wisemen from the East visit the Newborn King, **Mt Z** with gifts! TheRedPawLion.com

**Helping Local Needy Families This Christmas**

Next weekend we will begin signing out Christmas Gift Tags for this year's campaign! We will be using gift cards once again. We will also sign out tags for Grocery Cards and Stocking Stuffers. This year the needs are greater, so we do our best to help as many as we can.

**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."



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!

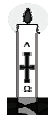
**Special Thanks**

A heartfelt thank you to Bishop Bergie for celebrating Confirmation last Sunday for 24 of our young adults. It was a wonderful celebration. Many thanks to Carol, Sanda, John Arnold and our Adult Choir for the beautiful uplifting music. Thanks to Fr. Joi, Deacon David, our principals, teachers, sponsors and families. Thanks to Alice for arranging the cake, and to our ladies who volunteered to serve refreshments in the Parish Hall. And a huge thank you to our secretary, Debra Herman, for her tremendous organizational skills, in keeping everything in order. Bishop Bergie remarked, "That woman sure had everyone in order and in line!" "Yes, Bishop", I said, "What every parish needs is more Debbie's and less Karen's!" © May God bless all of you, and God bless our young adults and keep them on the right path.

**Mass Intentions for 2025**

Offering Masses for our beloved dead is a sacred duty. This is a powerful way of assisting them, even after death. Please make an effort to get your Mass Intentions to the Parish Office as soon as possible. The Mass Book fills up very fast. We can only have **2 (two)** intentions for each Mass. Please place your intentions in the Sunday collection, mail them in (after the strike), e-transfer them, or bring them to the office. We **cannot** accept Mass requests over the telephone.

**Book of Life**



Our *Book of Life* is in the sanctuary. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book and they will be remembered at all Masses, Rosaries and Prayers during November.

**Prayer to Christ the King**

O Jesus Christ, I acknowledge you as universal King.  
 All that has been made has been created for You.  
 Exercise all Your rights over me. I renew my Baptismal Vows.  
 I renounce Satan, his pomps and his works;  
 I promise to live as a good Christian.  
 And, in particular do I pledge myself to labour, to the best of my ability, for the triumph of the rights of God and of Your Church.  
 Divine Heart of Jesus, to You do I offer my poor services, labouring that all hearts may acknowledge Your sacred kingship, and that thus the reign of Your peace be established throughout the whole universe. Amen.

**Is God calling You?**

If you feel called to serve as **Eucharistic Minister, Lector, Altar Server, or Funeral Server**, please call the parish office. We will have training sessions for you.

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