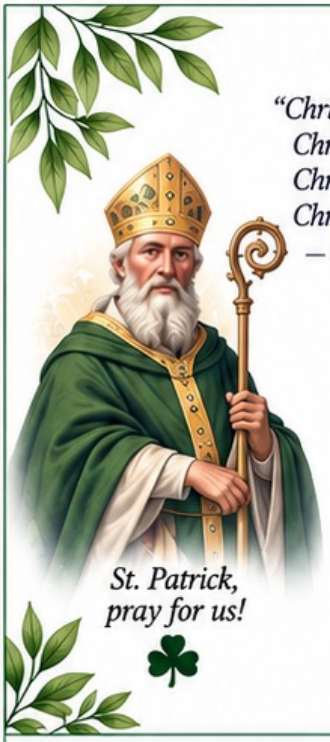


"Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me."
— St. Patrick

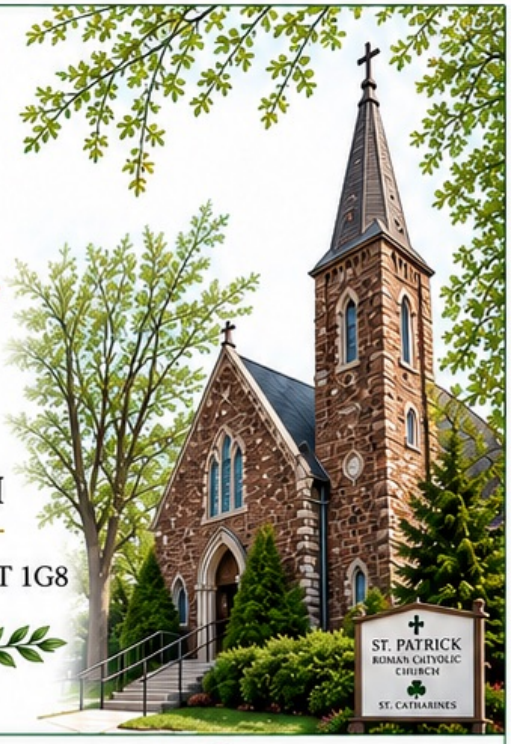
St. Patrick,
pray for us!



ST. PATRICK
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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday 5:00 PM & Sunday 10:00 AM

DAILY WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Holy Mass: Monday – Saturday, 9:00 AM

STAY AND PRAY
Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction,
Thanksgiving Prayers & Daily Devotions
Following Morning Mass
(9:30 AM – 10:00 AM)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Monday to Friday 8:15 AM – 8:45 AM
Saturday 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM & upon request

SACRAMENTS
Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation, Marriage, and Anointing of the Sick are arranged through the Parish Office.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY
Please get in touch with the Parish Office if you or a loved one is seriously ill, hospitalised, or confined to home. Pastoral visits, Holy Communion, and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be arranged.

CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITE
When a death occurs in your family, please call the Parish Office and we will assist you in making the necessary liturgical arrangements.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday
11:00 AM – 3:00 PM

PASTORAL TEAM
Parish Administrator: Rev. Fr. Aji Varghese
Deacon: Rev. Frank Durbiano
In Residence: Rev. Fr. Andy Goodwin

MUSIC MINISTRY
Katryna Sacco (Sunday)
Yolanda & Edward (Saturday)

PARISH GROUPS
Catholic Women's League – President: Mrs Donnell Lucien
St. Vincent de Paul Society – President: Mrs Patricia Bartley

ST. THERESA CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Principal: Dan Trainor
58 Seymour Avenue, St. Catharines, ON L2P 1A7
Phone: 905 682 0244
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RCIA
(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Interested in exploring the Catholic faith or completing your sacraments?
Contact the Parish Office.

PASTORAL SUPPORT
For confessions, spiritual guidance, healing prayers or a personal meeting, Fr. Aji is available.
Please email: **avarghese@saintcd.com**

Believing • Belonging • Becoming

For all things are possible with God (Mk 10:27)

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 19/20, 2026 • YEAR A

PASTOR'S CORNER • SEEK THE LORD - RENEWING OUR PARISH TOGETHER

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday's readings give us a beautiful message of hope, generosity, and renewal. The Prophet Isaiah tells us, “Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.” He also reminds us that God's ways are greater than our ways: “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.” (Isaiah 55:6, 8)

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Some came early and others came later, but the landowner welcomed them all and was generous to them. This reminds us that God is always calling people into His vineyard. It is never too late to respond to Him. St. Paul gives us another important direction: “Live your life in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ.” (Philippians 1:27) These readings speak beautifully to where we are as a parish. We seek the Lord, we trust His ways, and each of us has something to contribute to His vineyard.

This has been a very encouraging week at St. Patrick. A complete cleaning of the church took place, including the washing of the carpets. Our doors have been repaired, and the choir loft is the remaining area to be cleaned, which we hope to complete in the coming week. The City has also visited and marked locations for new trees to be planted on our parish property. I am grateful to everyone who has helped. These may appear to be ordinary things, but I see them as encouraging signs that the Lord continues to bring the right people together to help us care for His house.

More importantly, we continue to receive many graces through our daily Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Our goal is not simply to improve our buildings. Our deeper goal is to become a parish alive in Christ and centred on the Holy Eucharist - a parish of prayer, evangelization, service, welcome, and spiritual renewal. Let us dedicate our parish in a special way to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and remain faithful to the commitments we have made to Him.

I ask each of you to support, pray for, and inspire our parish community. We can have confidence about our future because our faith is in the living God. There will certainly be challenges and obstacles along the way, but I strongly believe that the Lord will help us overcome them. As St. Paul reminds us, “I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth.” (1 Corinthians 3:6) We will do our part faithfully and allow God to give the growth.

I also encourage you to consider offering a Holy Mass intention. At present, many dates are available. A Mass may be offered for your personal intentions, for someone you love, for the sick, for a family need, in thanksgiving, or for the faithful departed. I especially invite you, from time to time, to consider offering a Mass for the renewal and mission of our parish. It is a beautiful way of placing our needs and the people we love before the Lord at the altar.

As we continue building the life and mission of our parish, we also hope to develop more opportunities for prayer, evangelization, and parish involvement. If you would be interested in serving on our Parish Finance Council, please let me know. I would be happy to speak with you about how you may be able to serve.

Let us move forward together with faith and joy. This is the Lord's vineyard, and each of us has a place in it. Let us seek Him, remain close to the Eucharist, care for His house, welcome His people, and trust Him with the future.

Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place St. Patrick Parish in Your hands. Make our parish alive in faith, united in love, generous in service, and always centred on You.

God bless you and your families,

Fr. Aji Varghese

Parish Administrator

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS • SEPTEMBER 21-27, 2026

Mon., Sept. 21 • 9:00 a.m.
ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST - Feast
For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tue., Sept. 22 • 9:00 a.m.
Weekday in Ordinary Time
For the faithful departed of St. Patrick parish families

Wed., Sept. 23 • 9:00 a.m.
ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, Priest - Memorial
For the sick, hospitalized, homebound, and all who have asked for our prayers

Thu., Sept. 24 • 9:00 a.m.
Weekday in Ordinary Time
For vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and religious life

Fri., Sept. 25 • 9:00 a.m.
Weekday in Ordinary Time
For the diocesan mission of evangelization and parish renewal

Sat., Sept. 26 • 9:00 a.m.
Optional Memorial: Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
For the faithful departed of our parish and families

Sat., Sept. 26 • 5:00 p.m.
Vigil Mass
For the sick, the needy, and all who seek God's healing

Sun., Sept. 27 • 10:00 a.m.
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
For the Parish Community

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sept. 6	**$984.70**
Sept. 13	**$1,788.50**
TOTAL	**$2,773.20**

Thank you for your generosity.

DONATIONS & E-TRANSFER

Parish donations & Sanctuary Candle offerings:

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Please include your name and the purpose of the offering.

LECTORS & MONEY COUNTERS

Schedules are updated through the first week of January.

New volunteers are welcome. If you would like to serve as a lector or money counter, please contact the Parish Office.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October 1-31 • Monday-Friday • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Before the Blessed Sacrament, we will gather for a special hour of the Holy Rosary. Please join us whenever you are available as we entrust our parish, families, children, and the needs of the world to Our Lady's intercession.

Pray the Rosary • Adore Jesus • Grow in Holiness

ST. THERESA SCHOOL - A GRACE-FILLED BEGINNING

Our inaugural school Holy Mass went very well, and we were happy to give a warm welcome to the St. Theresa Catholic Elementary School community. We thank Principal Dan Trainor and his team for their excellent organization and cooperation. We look forward to continuing to grow together in faith throughout the school year.

BUILDING OUR PARISH TOGETHER

Volunteers Needed

Help with altar service, hospitality, children's liturgy, choir, prayer ministry, and parish events. Children, youth, and adults are welcome; training is provided.

Join Our Parish Choir

Saturday 5:00 p.m.: Ted & Yolanda • teabart50@hotmail.com
Sunday 10:00 a.m.: Katryna Sacco • katryna.s@gmail.com

Support Our Parish

Your prayer, presence, service, and support help our parish move forward.

OTHER PARISH & DIOCESAN NOTICES

Carmelite Sisters' Thanksgiving Holy Mass
Thursday, October 1 • 2:00 p.m. • Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. Reception follows.

Marriage Encounter Weekend #19
November 14-15 • St. Ann Church Hall, Niagara Falls.

Annual Niagara Regional Life Chain
Sunday, October 4 • 2:30-3:30 p.m. • St. Denis Church (Lake/Carlton). Please arrive by 2:15 p.m.

Bishop's Fundraising Gala
Friday, November 27 • 5:30-11:00 p.m.
Niagara Falls Convention Centre.
Tickets are available online through the Diocese.
Tickets: saintcd.com/gala-2026

Scan for tickets

SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY

The diocesan support group meets every second and fourth Monday (except holidays), 7:00-9:00 p.m., at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls, and virtually by Zoom. Pre-registration is required for Zoom.

Next meeting: September 28 - Coping with Stress
905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154 • separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Pope Leo XIV's message for the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees is entitled "Even Just One of These Children." The message draws attention to migrant and refugee children and calls Christian communities to welcome, protect, and accompany them.

Full message: vatican.va

THE EVANGELIZING MISSION OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

On September 14, the Episcopal Commission for Doctrine of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops released a new reflection inviting Catholics to rediscover and share the Good News in Canadian society. It presents evangelization as introducing others to the person of Jesus Christ.

Available at cccb.ca

COLLECTION: NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

The annual collection will be held September 26-27. It supports the shared mission of the Church in Canada, including evangelization, faith formation, respect for human life, accompaniment of migrants and refugees, and pastoral resources.

SACRED HEART SISTERS - HOLIDAY HOME IN ROME



WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK PARISH

PARISH REGISTRATION & INFORMATION UPDATE FORM

Please complete this form and place it in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office.

[ ] New Parishioner [ ] Change of Address [ ] Moving [ ] Offertory Envelopes Requested

Family Name: _____

Address: _____

City / Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Father's Name: _____ **Mother's Name:** _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Number of Children: _____ Preferred envelope name: _____

Child 1 Name: _____ Age: _____ Child 2 Name: _____ Age: _____

Child 3 Name: _____ Age: _____ Child 4 Name: _____ Age: _____

PRAYER FOR THE EVANGELISATION OF OUR PARISH

Heavenly Father,

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church. Fill our hearts with love for Christ and a passion to share the Gospel.

Make our parish a place where all are welcomed, faith is nurtured, hope is renewed, and lives are transformed through the Holy Eucharist and the power of Your Word.

Give us the courage to invite, the wisdom to teach, the compassion to serve, and the joy to witness to Your love.

May our parish truly become a community of Believing, Belonging, and Becoming, bringing others to know, love, and follow Jesus Christ.

Through the intercession of St. Patrick and the Blessed Virgin Mary, guide us always in Your mission.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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