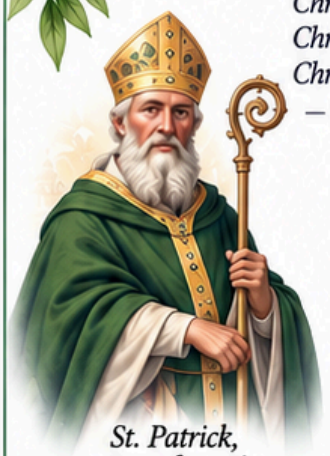


"Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me."
— St. Patrick

St. Patrick,
pray for us!



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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**

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

PASTOR'S CORNER

Setting Hearts on Fire

Dear Parish Family,

Our goal is to work with Bishop Bergie's vision of setting hearts on fire with God's love. We want St. Patrick to be an active parish, alive in faith, united in prayer, and generous in service. When you think of St. Patrick Parish, think with hope. The Lord is still at work among us.

This Sunday's readings call us to a change of heart. Ezekiel teaches that we can turn back to God; Saint Paul invites us to the humility of Christ; and Jesus reminds us that a sincere response is shown in what we do. Renewal begins when our "yes" to God becomes faithful action.

In Ezekiel 34, God promises to seek his scattered sheep, tend the injured, and strengthen the weak. This is our hope: we belong to a Shepherd who does not abandon his people. He calls us to share his care, especially for those who feel forgotten or far from the Church.

The Apostles also knew fear and crisis. After the suffering and death of Jesus, they struggled to understand the way forward. The risen Lord restored their hope, and the Holy Spirit gave them courage at Pentecost. Their strength came from remaining close to Christ and allowing the Spirit to lead them.

Our problems, worries, and the practical struggles of maintaining our parish must not weaken our faith. Every ministry here grows from the life of this parish. Caring for our parish is therefore a shared responsibility: when we strengthen our community, we help every ministry flourish.

The history of the Church is filled with saints who faced difficulty and trusted the Holy Spirit. They prayed, persevered, served, and helped renew the Church. We too will cooperate with the Spirit, asking him to give St. Patrick new life and vigour.

This October, let us gather for the Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration, and rededicate our parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Bring your family, invite a neighbour, and place our future in the Lord's hands.

Our way forward is to set hearts on fire: through prayer, faithful participation at Holy Mass, a welcoming spirit, and loving service. Each of us can encourage someone, offer a helping hand, and make room for another person in our parish family.

Holy Spirit, renew our faith, unite our hearts, and make St. Patrick Parish a joyful witness to the love of Jesus.

Fr. Aji Varghese
Parish Administrator

Holy Mass Intentions

September 28 - October 4

Mon., Sept. 28 • 9:00 a.m.
Weekday; optional memorials of St. Wenceslaus and St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions
Diane Voyer: for her family and children.

Mon., Sept. 28 • 7:00 p.m.
Memorial Holy Mass for Sr. Maria.

Tue., Sept. 29 • 9:00 a.m.
Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels - Feast
For our parish family and its renewal.

Wed., Sept. 30 • 9:00 a.m.
St. Jerome - Memorial
For healing, truth and reconciliation.

Thu., Oct. 1 • 9:00 a.m.
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus - Memorial
For vocations to priesthood and religious life.

Fri., Oct. 2 • 9:00 a.m.
The Holy Guardian Angels - Memorial
For children and their families.

Sat., Oct. 3 • 9:00 a.m.
Weekday in Ordinary Time
For the faithful departed.

Sat., Oct. 3 • 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Vigil Mass
For the sick and those in need.

Sun., Oct. 4 • 10:00 a.m.
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ada Gank
Requested by Maria Prillo.

Sunday Readings

Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Philippians 2:1-11 (or 2:1-5); Matthew 21:28-32.

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Readings: bible.usccb.org • Sept. 27

STEWARDSHIP & DONATIONS
Offertory figures: updated next week. Thank you for your generosity.

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For donations and Sanctuary Candles. Include your name and purpose.

Parish Information & News

Baptism: Welcome to our Catholic community! We joyfully welcome **Levi Jesco Dutra** and **Padmore Patrick Newton-Omane**. Congratulations to their parents on taking this important step in raising their children in the faith.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN
First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation registration for this year has begun. Please contact the Parish Office for forms and preparation details.

CWL Annual Sock Drive
Throughout October, the CWL will place collection bins by each church door. Please support our annual sock drive with your donations. Thank you for your generosity!

Lectors & Money Counters
Schedules are updated through the first week of January. New volunteers are welcome; please contact the Parish Office.

Sr. Maria's Memorial Holy Mass
Monday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m.

October: Rosary & Adoration

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

Join us before the Blessed Sacrament for the Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Adoration. We entrust our families, children, parish and world to the Lord through Our Lady's intercession.

We rededicate our parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Pray with us for new life and vigour at St. Patrick.

St. Thérèse • October 1
May her "little way" inspire everyday acts of kindness and service.

Important Volunteer Update

To help organize our parish file system, **the Parish Office will handle scheduling, screening, interviews and the entire volunteer process.**

Coordinators: we are grateful for your service. **Please hand over any volunteer documents to the Parish Office as soon as possible.** Thank you for your cooperation.

Parish & Diocesan Notices

Needs of the Church in Canada
September 26-27 collection: support evangelization, faith formation, respect for life and our shared pastoral mission.

Separated & Divorced Healing Ministry
September 28: Coping with Stress. Second and fourth Mondays, except holidays, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls, and Zoom. Zoom registration required.
905-356-4113 or 905-684-0154
separatedanddivorced@saintcd.com

Truth and Reconciliation • September 30
Pray for children who suffered and those who died because of residential schools, for Indigenous Peoples who mourn, and for our continued work toward truth and reconciliation.

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

Respect Life Sunday & Life Chain
October 4, 2:30-3:30 p.m., St. Denis Church (Lake/Carlton). Arrive by 2:15 p.m.

World Mission Sunday • October 18
Prayer and donations sustain mission communities, seminarians, catechists and vulnerable people.

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

Bishop's Fundraising Gala
November 27, 5:30-11:00 p.m., Niagara Falls Convention Centre. saintcd.com/gala-2026

World Day of Migrants & Refugees
September 27: "Even Just One of These Children." Welcome, protect and accompany migrant and refugee children. vatican.va

October Prayer Intention
For mental health ministry in the Church, overcoming stigma and discrimination.

Building Our Parish Together

Volunteers welcome: altar service, hospitality, children's liturgy, choir, prayer ministry, events, cleaning and grounds care. All ages welcome; training provided.

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

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK PARISH

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Parish Registration & Information Update

Circle the options below. Return this form to the Parish Office or the collection basket.

New parishioner | Address change | Moving | Offertory envelopes

Family name: _____

Address: _____

City / Postal code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Father's name: _____ Mother's name: _____

Children - names and ages: _____

_____

Number of children: _____ Envelope name: _____

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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