

The Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Masses this Week

Tuesday, December 30

5:00 p.m. + Gladys Turnbull - *Pastor & Staff of St. Patrick's*

**Wednesday, December 31 - THE VIGIL OF MARY
MOTHER OF GOD**

5:00 p.m. + Jose Pacheco - *Maria G. Pacheco & Family*

**Thursday, January 1 - THE SOLEMNITY OF
MARY MOTHER OF GOD**

10:00 a.m. - **Sung Mass**

**Friday, January 2 - St. Basil the Great &
St. Gregory Nazianzen**

8:00 a.m. + Jeanine Juneau - *The Kovac Family*

Saturday, January 3

5:00 p.m. - **Sung Mass**

+ Vincent Chaves - *Mike Chaves*

+ Jose & Filomena Resendes - *Antonio Resendes*

+ James Moss - *Ann Sims*

+ Natalino DeSantis - *The Family*

+ Rachel Sousa - *Maria Sousa*

Sunday, January 4 - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 a.m. - Said Mass at the Altar of Our Lady

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. - **Sung Mass**

“So they went with haste and found
Mary and Joseph,
and the child lying in the manger.”

(Luke 2:16)

If you are visiting today,

St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.

The 8 o'clock Mass on Sunday Morning

The small Ordinariate community has moved its Sunday Mass to Kitchener, now that Fr. Catania has arrived to serve as their priest. St. Patrick's will, however, continue to offer a Said Mass at 8 am on Sunday at the Altar of Our Lady. No hymns will be sung at this mass. It will be a conventional Roman Catholic mass, using the same mass texts, readings and homily as are used at 5 pm, 9 and 11 am each weekend. It is hoped that this quiet, early mass will meet a devotional need within the Roman Catholic community of Galt.

St. Patrick's Supper & Movie Night



Date: Saturday, January 10

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Parish Hall

A light supper will follow the 5 p.m. Mass. The movie, “*A Tale of Two Cities*,” will begin at 6:45 p.m.

This adaptation of the classic novel by Charles Dickens finds courageous British lawyer Sydney Carton (Ronald Colman) defending French aristocrat Charles Darnay (Donald Woods) from false accusations of treason against England. Carton also becomes enamored of Darnay's beautiful bride-to-be, Lucie (Elizabeth Allan), but she and Darnay marry and begin to raise a family in England. Then, when Darnay falls into the hands of French revolutionaries, Carton once again comes to his rescue. Please plan to join us.

Parish Office Holiday Hours

The parish office will not reopen until Tuesday, December 30th at 8:30 am. The office will also be closed on Thursday, January 1st, 2015. We wish you all a Happy New Year.

This Week In Our Parish

Thursday, January 1 - *office closed*

Friday, January 2

8:30 a.m. - Adoration (Benediction 9:30 a.m.)

Saturday, January 3

4:00 - 4:30 p.m. - Confessions

Sunday, January 4

10:00 a.m. - Coffee Social (Parish Hall)

7:00 p.m. - Euchre (Parish Hall)

Preparing For Next Week

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6; Psalm 72;
Ephesians 3: 2 - 3a, 5 - 6; Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Liturgical Ministers - January 3rd & 4th

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters	G. Mercier R. Bevan	P. O'Donnell <i>Vol. Needed</i>	R. France H. France
Lectors L1 L2	M. Sehl P. Cooper	B. Koopmans A. Koopmans	K. Ronzio P. Ronzio
Communion	C. McArthur G. Thompson	J. Streppel J. Bui	T. Cabral D. Kennedy

Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Dec. 29	Rev. Joseph Michel
Tues., Dec. 30	Rev. Donald Wilhelm
Wed., Dec. 31	Ordo Canonorum Regularium Sanctae Crucis
Thurs., Jan. 1	Rev. Michael McHugh
Fri., Jan. 2	Most Rev. Douglas Crosby, O.M.I., D.D.
Sat., Jan 3	Rev. Aurimas Rudinskas, O.P.

December 28, 2014



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, commemorates the divine motherhood of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ. A mass of celebration will take place at St. Patrick's Parish on **New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31st at 5 pm and on New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st at 10 am**. This is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics.

The celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord will take place at St. Patrick's Parish on **Saturday, January 3 at 5 pm** (incense will be used) and on **Sunday, January 4 at 9 am and 11 am** (incense will be used). The word *Epiphany* is from a Greek word meaning "appearance or manifestation." After being made known to the shepherds of Bethlehem, Christ is revealed to the Magi who have come from the East to adore Him. A popular axiom says, "Wise men (*and women*) still seek him." Today, we no longer need to travel far to find Jesus, for Christ is always present in his Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations. He is present in the Sacrifice of the Mass, not only in the person of his minister, but especially in the Eucharistic species. By his power he is present in the sacraments so that when anybody baptizes, it is really Christ himself who baptizes. He is present in his word since it is he himself who speaks when the holy Scriptures are read in the Church. Lastly, he is present when the Church prays and sings, for he has promised 'where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them' (c.f. CCC 1088).

The Epiphany of the Lord

The theme I have chosen for this year's message is drawn from Saint Paul's letter to Philemon, in which the Apostle asks his co-worker to welcome Onesimus, formerly Philemon's slave, now a Christian and, therefore, according to Paul, worthy of being considered *a brother*. The Apostle of the Gentiles writes: "Perhaps this is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother" (vv. 15-16). Onesimus became Philemon's *brother* when he became a Christian. Conversion to Christ, the beginning of a life lived *Christian discipleship*, thus constitutes a *new birth* (cf. 2 Cor 5:17; 1 Pet 1:3) which generates *fraternity* as the fundamental bond of family life and the basis of life in society.

Using the Door by the Choir

The lake is frozen over, the trees are white with snow...In consideration of our musicians and choir, please do not exit by the choir door if you are leaving mass before the end of the final hymn. Should you find it necessary to leave the church before the final hymn has concluded, please exit through the main doors of the church.

2015 Offering Envelopes

2015 offering envelopes are now available for pick up downstairs in the parish hall. Please make sure to pick yours up.

Please Observe a Reverent Silence in Church

Talk to God before Mass – and talk to each other after Mass – and please ensure that all mobile devices are switched off to avoid distracting others who are in prayer. Children are most welcome. The narthex or the parish hall should to be used as a crying room if needed. Thank you.

Catholic Teaching on Cremated Remains

If you or a loved one are interested in cremation at some future date, please see the pamphlet from the Diocese of Hamilton located at all three church doors.

World Day of Peace - January 1, 2015

The following excerpt is taken from "A Message from His Holiness, Pope Francis, for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace, January 1, 2015." To view the message in its entirety, please visit w2.vatican.va and click on "Message for World Day of Peace":

No Longer Slaves, but Brothers and Sisters

At the beginning of this New Year, which we welcome as God's gracious gift to all humanity, I offer heartfelt wishes of peace to every man and woman, to all the world's peoples and nations, to heads of state and government, and to religious leaders. In doing so, I pray for an end to wars, conflicts and the great suffering caused by human agency, by epidemics past and present, and by the devastation wrought by natural disasters. I pray especially that, on the basis of our common calling to cooperate with God and all people of good will for the advancement of harmony and peace in the world, we may resist the temptation to act in a manner unworthy of our humanity.

In my Message for Peace last year, I spoke of "the desire for a full life... which includes a longing for fraternity which draws us to fellowship with others and enables us to see them not as enemies or rivals, but as brothers and sisters to be accepted and embraced". Since we are by nature relational beings, meant to find fulfilment through interpersonal relationships inspired by justice and love, it is fundamental for our human development that our dignity, freedom and autonomy be acknowledged and respected. Tragically, the growing scourge of man's exploitation by man gravely damages the life of communion and our calling to forge interpersonal relations marked by respect, justice and love. This abominable phenomenon, which leads to contempt for the fundamental rights of others and to the suppression of their freedom and dignity, takes many forms. I would like briefly to consider these, so that, in the light of God's word, we can consider all men and women "*no longer slaves, but brothers and sisters*".

Listening to God's plan for humanity

In the Book of Genesis (cf. 1:27-28), we read that God made man *male and female*, and blessed them so that they could increase and multiply. He made Adam and Eve parents who, in response to God's command to be fruitful and multiply, brought about the first *fraternity*, that of Cain and Abel. Cain and Abel were brothers because they came forth from the same womb. Consequently they had the same origin, nature and dignity as their parents, who were created in the image and likeness of God. *From the Vatican, December 8, 2014*

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