

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses this Week

Tuesday, August 6 - The Transfiguration

5:00 p.m. + Eduino Francisco - *Emilia Moura*
+ Eduardo & Loretta Milita - *The Milita & Caicco Families*

Wednesday, August 7

8:00 a.m. + Patricia Lane - *Madonna Lamarre*
11:00 a.m. - Riverbend Mass (Riverbend Place)

Thursday, August 8 - St. Dominic

5:00 p.m. + Patricia Lane - *May Ryan*

Friday, August 9

8:00 a.m. + Teresa Moniz - *Tony Moniz*

Saturday, August 10

5:00 p.m. - Sung Mass
+ Patricia & Francis Whalen - *Michelle & Family*
+ David Borges - *The Borges & Vicente Families*
+ Cheryl Ann Durnford - *Mike Chaves*
+ Michael James Tooley & Family - *The Alves Family*
+ Keith White - *George & Sheila Basha*

Sunday, August 11 - 19th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. - Said Mass at the Altar of Our Lady
9:00 a.m. - Sung Mass + Teresa Moniz - *Tony Moniz*
11:00 a.m. - Sung Mass - *Pro populo*



If you are visiting today,

St. Patrick's Parish welcomes you.

*Please observe a reverent silence -
talk to God before Mass and to each other after Mass -
and please ensure that all mobile devices are switched off or silenced
to avoid distracting others in prayer.*

*Children are most welcome. The narthex or the parish hall
should be used as a crying room if needed. Thank you.*



An Invitation to Altar Service Ministry

Serving at the altar, says Pope Francis, is a privileged way to draw closer to Jesus, which in turn "enables you to open yourselves to others." St. Patrick's Parish is appealing to youth, grades 3 and up, who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and the Eucharist to be altar servers. The role of altar server is to assist the priest at Mass. If you have heard the call to altar server ministry you are asked to please contact Fr. Ross before or after mass. All training and vestments are provided. A warm welcome awaits all those who respond.

This Week In Our Parish



Wednesday, August 7

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. - Confessions (Church)

Friday, August 9

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

Saturday, August 10

3:45 - 4:30 p.m. - Confessions (Church)



Preparing For Next Week

Wisdom 18: 6 - 9 ; Psalm 33 ;
Hebrews 11: 1 - 2, 8 - 19 ; Luke 12: 32 - 48



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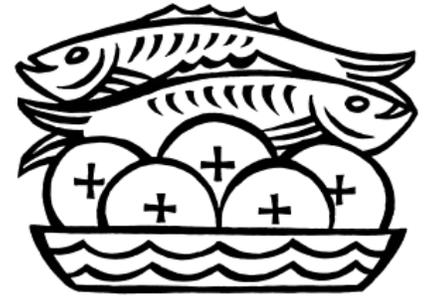
Envelope Contributions Last Week	\$3,501.60
Loose Collection	\$ 666.95
Total Collection - Thank you	\$4,168.55

Liturgical Ministers - August 10 & 11

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Greeters	G. Ward G. Mercier	B. Sousa <i>Vol. Needed</i>	C. Gregorasz S. Bolger
Lectors L1 L2	N. Applebee M. Applebee	B. Mclsaac B. Sousa	C. Terpstra J. Meagher
Communion	B. Raghubar R. Fisher	J. Bui A. Sousa	R. O'Brien B. O'Brien

SVDP Pantry In Need Of Food For The Summer Months

During the summer months food donations to the SVDP pantry decline, but the need for food support does not. Food donations may be placed in the SVDP box located in the narthex of the church or may be dropped off at the parish office during weekday office hours. There is a continuing to need for: *boxed cereal, juice boxes, fruit cups, applesauce, and pasta sauce.* As always, the SVDP Society is grateful for your continued and generous support.



Diocesan Prayer Calendar

Mon. Aug 5	Very Rev. Michael King
Tues., Aug 6	Rev. Charles Galea
Wed., Aug 7	Oblates of Mary Immaculate
Thurs., Aug 8	Rev. Joe Selvanayagam
Fri., Aug 9	Rev. Marijan Mihokovic
Sat., Aug 10	Rev. Hanh Van Tran, O.M.I.

For information about diocesan workshops and events, please visit:

<https://hamiltondiocese.com>



Is It Possible To Pray Always?

Praying is always possible because the time of the Christian is the time of the risen Christ who remains "with us always" (c.f. Matthew 28:20). Prayer and Christian life are therefore inseparable: "It is possible

to offer frequent and fervent prayer even at the market place or strolling alone. It is possible also in your place of business, while buying or selling, or even while cooking" (Saint John Chrysostom). Comp. CCC # 576, CCC 2742—2745, 2757



Parish Barbeque

Please plan now on attending the parish barbeque that is scheduled for **Sunday, September 8** following the 11 a.m. Mass. Whether you choose to attend Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning, the BBQ begins serving at 12 noon on the front patio and lawn of the church. Some tables and chairs will be available, but

please feel free to bring a lawn chair. All food and beverages will be provided without charge, together with prizes for the children. All are welcome to join us.



Angels

The existence of angels is a truth of the faith witnessed to in both Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition (CCC 328). Sacred Scripture says, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth [everything visible and invisible]" (Genesis 1:1). As St. Augustine says: "Angel' is the name of their office, not of their nature. If you seek the name of the nature, it is spirit." The angels are purely spiritual creatures, invisible, immortal and *personal* beings endowed with intellect and will. Unlike bodily species, angels have no gender and cannot reproduce. In fact philosophers and theologians say that each individual angel is a unique species.

Christ is the centre of the angelic world. They are *his angels* because they were created *through* him and *for* him. They serve him and are his messengers in the accomplishment of his saving mission to all.

We know by the authority of Scripture that there are nine orders or choirs of angels (c.f. Isaiah 6:2; Ezekiel 10:1-3; Romans 8:38). St. Thomas (c.f. ST I: 108) systematized these sacred orders into three hierarchies, based on how close each order was to God:

- I. Seraphim, Cherubim, Thrones
- II. Dominations, Virtues, Powers
- III. Principalities, Archangels, Angels

The first hierarchy of choirs is closest to God and they understand and comprehend him with a maximum of clarity. The name 'Seraphim' means "the burning ones" which implies that their love flames the hottest. Lucifer meaning 'Light-bearer' was once one of them. The Cherubim (which means "fullness of wisdom") contemplate God as well but more in his providence and plans. The 'Thrones' represent God's juridical powers and contemplate God's judgments.

The second hierarchy of choirs is what Peter Kreeft calls middle management personnel. The Dominations or Dominions are authorities which command those lesser angels working below them. The Virtues receive orders from the Dominions and are said to run the workings of the universe, especially the heavenly bodies. The Powers are established to combat evil influences which affect the work of God's plan through the Virtues.

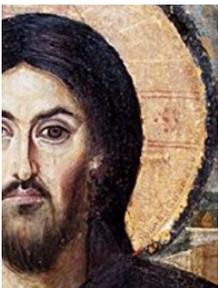
The third and final hierarchy of the choirs is in direct contact with human affairs and could be compared to warriors. Principalities are given the charge of cities and nation states. Archangels are messengers of the gospel and mediators of God's law. As St. Stephen replies to his accusers, "You received the law as transmitted by angels, but you did not observe it" (c.f. Acts 7:53). St. Paul writes that the law "was promulgated by angels at the hand of a mediator" (c.f. Galatians 3:19). Archangels also play a role in angelic conflicts and other ministries to God's people. At the bottom of the hierarchy are countless angels who act as guardians to human affairs. Adapted from: Peter Kreeft's, *Angels & Demons*; *NewAdvent.org*; CCC 328 - 336; NRSV; *Summa Theologica*)

Please Remember



As the good weather takes more and more parishioners out of town on weekends, please remember that St. Patrick's Parish continues to need your regular support. The monthly bills don't take a holiday. Kindly drop off your regular offering envelopes on a timely basis and help the parish stay out of the 'red-ink' - and many thanks for your continued and generous support.

Hearing The Call To A Vocation To Serve The Church?



"Be on your guard against all kinds of greed." Grow rich in the sight of the Lord. Pray to know God's Will, especially if you think He's calling you to a Church vocation. If you think God is calling you to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother **contact** Fr. Michael King, Director of Vocations and Priestly Formation, Diocese of Hamilton at 905-528-7988 or email mking@hamiltondiocese.com