

THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

(PRESENTATION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

(followed by Novena to St. Anthony)

5:00 pm

In Thanksgiving

+ Luiza & John da Costa

+ Audrey Shannon

In honour of St. Barbara

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 (ST. CECILIA)

8:00 am

+ Antonio Moura

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

5:00 pm

(followed by Miraculous Medal Novena)

+ José Faria

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

(ST. ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS)

8:00 am (8:30 - 9:30 am adoration & recitation of Divine Mercy Novena)

+ José Ferreira

SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

5:00 pm

+ Weslaw Jakus

+ Luiza da Costa

+ Vincent & Sabrina Moniz

+ Maria da Luz Furtado

+ Linda Murphy

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

9:00 am

In honour of St. John Paul II

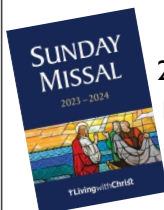
11:00 am

- for the People - *pro populo*



If you are visiting today,

St. Patrick Parish welcomes you.



SUNDAY MISSALS

2023 - 2024 Sunday Missals are now available for purchase at \$5 each in the narthex of the church while supplies last. Place your donation in the box. Please bring exact change. Thank you.

ITEMS NEEDED

The St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store has need of winter coats for men, women and children, and also artificial Christmas trees and small Christmas lights. Please take items directly to the store located at 75 Dundas Street, N., Cambridge in the Highland Plaza.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETING

The next Knights of Columbus Galt Council # 2184 meeting will be held at **7pm on Monday, November 28** at St. Patrick Church in the parish hall. All men over 18 years are welcome to attend.



2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES

2024 offering envelopes will be available in the parish hall on the weekend of **December 2 & 3**. Please be sure to take yours home with you.

LAMP OFFERING

November 19 - 25

Nov. 26 - Dec. 2

SANCTUARY LAMP

+ The Stoyles Family

Intentions of the
Stoyles Family

LADY ALTAR LAMP

+ Margaret Moore

+ Richard Ireland

OFFERTORY

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

Envelope Contributions	\$2,184.00
Loose Collection	\$ 607.30
EFT Donations	\$ 993.00
Total Collection – <i>Thank you!</i>	\$3,784.30

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

NOVEMBER 25 & 26

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lectors	B. Miller M. Benoit	A. Sousa D. Wylie	J. Kelly A. Kelly
Communion	A. Miller C. Bracken	J. Streppel S. Braga	B. O'Brien R. O'Brien



CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY

Children between the ages of 8 and 13 from St. Patrick's Parish will be presenting the Nativity Play prior to the 5 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Practices will take place on four Sundays beginning **Sunday, November 26** in the

Church (one practice will be a dress rehearsal). The first practice on November 26 will begin at **2pm**, the next three practices will begin immediately following the **12pm Mass** on Sunday. If your child(ren) would like to take part in this Christmas presentation, please contact Bonnie O'Brien at 519-716-2735.



THE DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in the year 2024? If you are, you are cordially invited to join couples from across the Diocese of Hamilton for a Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, May 26, 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King in Hamilton at 1:30 pm. (Space allows room for Anniversary couples only - those married 60 years or more may bring one guest if you require assistance). Registration will be available online in December at www.hamiltondiocese.com



COFFEE SOCIAL

We invite you to stay after the 9 am & 11 am Mass next **Sunday, November 26** for our monthly coffee social in the Parish Hall. This is an ideal time to come together to renew existing friendships and to form new ones.

A special invitation is extended to new parishioners who would like to get better acquainted with St. Patrick's Parish community. All are welcome!

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The feast of the presentation of Mary, celebrated on **November 21**, dates back to the 6th century in the East and the 15th century in the West. It is based on an ancient tradition that says Mary was taken to the temple in Jerusalem when she was 3-years-old and dedicated to God. What we celebrate on this day is the fact that God chose to dwell in Mary in a very special way. In response, Mary placed her whole self at the service of God. Every moment since your Baptism, God invites you to be open to his grace and dedicate yourself to him, as Mary did.

THE CENTRAL MYSTERY OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* describes the Trinity as the "central" mystery of faith. It states, "The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the 'hierarchy of the truths of faith' [GCD 43]. The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men 'and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin' [GCD 47]" (CCC 234).



Earliest fresco of the Virgin Mary, Catacomb of Priscilla, 2nd century

DEVOTION TO MARY

The Church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship and so the Church rightly honours the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. By pronouncing her "fiat" at the Annunciation and giving her consent to the Incarnation, Mary was already collaborating with the whole work her Son was to accomplish.

From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honoured with the title of "Mother of God" (*Theotokos*) to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs...This very special devotion...differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit and greatly fosters this adoration. We revere all saints with *dulia* (human reverence and devotion) and Mary with *hyperdulia* (the greatest human reverence and devotion), but *latria* (worship and adoration) are given to God alone. (c.f. Lumen Gentium 66; CCC 971 - 973, 2083 -2084 ; Peter Kreeft's, *Catholic Christianity*; *Summa Theologiae* II-II, q. 103, a. 4; III, q. 25, a. 5).

DIOCESAN PRAYER CALENDAR

Monday	Catholic Youth
Tuesday	Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday	+ Consecrated Brothers & Sisters
Thursday	Rev. Felix Nwatu
Friday	Rev. Vincent Kim VanToan
Saturday	Rev. Robert Bulbrook

HEARING THE CALL TO A VOCATION TO SERVE THE CHURCH?

Contact Fr. Mark Morley at: mmorley@hamiltondiocese.com

Families who pray together, stay together!