

# St. Patrick's Catholic Church

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## The Shrine of Our Mother of Perpetual Help Served by the Redemptorists since 1881



### Mission Statement

"We are a welcoming, diverse, inner-city community of believers, united in the Catholic Faith. Through spirit-filled worship, education and outreach, we are called to live out the gospel in our contemporary world."

### Pastoral Staff

Fr. Thomas O'Rourke, C.Ss.R. - *Pastor*

Irene Mihaljek - *Parish Administrator*

Loretta Conte - *Secretary*

Maria Luxbacher - *German Community*

Robin Williams - *Director of Music and Liturgy*

John Pavao, Nelson Franco, Paolo Almonte - *Maintenances/Caretakers*



### Pastoral Assistance

Fr. William Fitzgerald, C.Ss.R.

Fr. Carl Schmidt, C.Ss.R.

Fr. Joseph Ruta, C.Ss.R.

Fr. Steve Morrissey, C.Ss.R.

Fr. Joseph Khai, C.Ss.R.

Fr. William Comerford, C.Ss.R.

Fr. Charles Duval, C.Ss.R.

### Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri: 12:10 pm

There will be no daily 7:30 am masses and no confessions on Wednesdays, or immediately prior to Sunday masses.

### Mass and Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help

Wednesdays: 9:30 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 5:05 pm & 7:00 pm

### Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm &  
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday: CLOSED

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00 pm-4:00 pm

Tuesday 11:00 am-11:45 am

Thursday 11:00 am-11:45 am

## SACRAMENTS

### Marriage

Engaged couples from St. Patrick's Parish should make an appointment with the Pastor one year prior to their wedding.

### Baptism

Parents wishing to have a child baptized should contact the parish office at least 2 months prior to the baptism.

### R.C.I.A.

Adults wishing to be baptized or received into the Catholic Church should contact the parish office. Sessions begin in the Fall.



## Penitential Act during Mass

The Penitential Act is made after the Sign of Cross and Greeting and includes the 'Kyrie, eleison' (Greek, meaning 'Lord Have Mercy'). It is as least as ancient as the Didache, an instructional document written towards the end of the 1st century.

*"Gathered together on the Lord's Day, break bread and give thanks, after having confessed your sins, so that your sacrifice may be pure."* - Didache, 1st century

The Roman Rite of Mass includes within it a wellspring of references to Sacred Scripture. It was the will of Second Vatican Council that the modern rite abound with scripture, and thus a reading from the Old Testament was added.

The words of the second form the of the Penitential Act come from the Old Testament books of Baruch and Psalms. In this form the priest and the assembly unite in a responsory to implore God's mercy.

The faithful who are gathered for the Celebration of Mass, which is at the centre of our lives as Christians, partake in the divine sacrifice, not only by our presence but also by offering out loud those prayers in the mass, which in turn brings us so much grace.

If you do not know the responses, pray them often throughout the week, so that you are able to come before Our Blessed Lord with sureness of heart and mind,

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

**All: For we have sinned against you.**

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

**All: And grant us your salvation.**

We will pray using this form of the Penitential Act throughout the entire month of September at all masses.

## Thanksgiving Food Drive for Good Shepherd Centre

Seniors, people with disabilities, people who are precariously employed, and the homeless continue to line up for meals at Good Shepherd. We will continue to keep faith with them, but we need your support. Your participation in this year's food drive will translate into nutritious meals for everyone who relies on Good Shepherd. We welcome donations of NON-PERISHABLE, unopened food donations for this year's Thanksgiving Food Drive. Donations can be placed in the baskets at the entrance of the Church.

## Devotions TV

Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, a ministry of the Redemptorists, are also broadcast on Vision TV each Wednesday, at 8:30am & 12:30pm, and on Salt + Light TV each Wednesday & Friday at 10:00am. The weekly Devotions are available online *anytime* at [www.redemptorist.tv](http://www.redemptorist.tv).

## Blessing of Animals

The Blessing of the Animals will take place from the front steps of St. Patrick's Church, on the Vigil of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Sunday, October 3 at 3pm.

Renowned for his generosity to the poor, his willingness to minister to the lepers, and most of all for his love for animals and nature, St. Francis is the Church's patron saint of animals and the environment. Animals are blessed creations of God and they have been present with human beings at key times in the history of our salvation, such as the incarnation.

Fr. O'Rourke will pray over the animals of parishioners and friends from atop the steps of the parish church and bless each animal one by one. Please have your pets securely tethered.

## Out of the Cold Program

For about 30 years now, St. Patrick's Out of the Cold Program has been serving meals and offering overnight shelter for the most vulnerable in downtown Toronto during the winter season. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the loss of funding from the City of Toronto for floor security, we will not be serving dinner and providing accommodations to our guests at St. Patrick's for the 2021-22 season. However, to help as many homeless guests and people facing food insecurity as possible, we will be preparing meals at St. Patrick's which will then be served by two agencies (Good Shepherd Ministries on Queen St. and St. Felix on Augusta) at their locations by local staff. The program is run by committed volunteers and relies on donations from businesses and individuals. If you would like to make a financial contribution, cheques can be made out to "St. Patrick's Church – Out of the Cold Program" and mailed to the parish office, or placed in specially marked envelopes available at the back of the church and dropped in the collection during Mass. Donations can also be made through the church website by clicking on 'Donate' and mentioning 'OOTC Program' in the comments section. Tax receipts are available for all donations at the end of the year.

## Sign Up with St. Patrick's Parish

Recently, we launched a new parish website. On the main page under the heading "**Contact Us**" there is an option to "**Sign-up**". You are encouraged to do this in order to automatically receive the weekly parish bulletin, news, and other items that may be of interest. Those who previously received the bulletin or notifications through the old website will need to sign up once again.

## Children preparing for First Communion and Confirmation

Children looking to celebrate the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation during the academic year at St. Patrick's are to be registered for the program. Please contact the Parish Office at 416-598-3269 to find out more about the program and to obtain a Registration Form.

## Interested in becoming Catholic

Wondering about becoming Catholic? The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of adults) program will begin in the Fall. If you would like to know more about RCIA, please contact the Parish Office at 416-598-3269 and to obtain a Registration Form.

## St. Patrick's Parish Survey



You are invited to participate in St Patrick's Parish Survey, on the parish website at <https://stpatricksto.archtoronto.org>. The purpose of this survey is to better know who are the members of this community and the best way to contact you; to discover ways our community can reach out to others who are most in need of help

in love and mercy; and to know your special gift, abilities, expertise which you are willing to share for the good of the community. All questions are optional. The parish survey will close on Sunday October 10th, 2021. You are encouraged to fill out the survey online, however, paper copies will also be available at the back of the church. A summary report of the survey results will be published in the parish bulletin in early November. Thank you for taking the time to complete this parish survey, and renew our community in love and faith.

## Parish Welcome Back Celebration



Mark your calendars for Sunday September 26, 2021 for a Parish Welcome Back Celebration! Join us at the

Beavertails food truck in the parish parking lot for a FREE beavertails pastry. Limit one per person. Beavertails will be serving treats after each Mass time: 8:30am, 11:00am, 1:00pm (German), and 5:00pm. Everyone is welcome. RSVP not required. Capacity limits for outdoor celebrations is 100 people, please respect Covid safety restrictions. Hope to see you there! For more information or to volunteer at this event, please contact the parish office, 416-598-3269 or Irene at [imihaljek@stpatrickstoronto.ca](mailto:imihaljek@stpatrickstoronto.ca).



Helping the whole community through Catholic agencies

## ShareLife Sunday is next weekend

Your gift to ShareLife facilitated the arrival of 528 refugees through the Office of Refugees of the Archdiocese of Toronto last year. They are among the 150,000 people helped by generous donors like you.

As we emerge from the pandemic, let's not forget the plight of those facing hardship and persecution, and continue our efforts to welcome them to Canada.

**Next Sunday, October 3 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at [sharelife.org](http://sharelife.org).**



## MASSES OF THE WEEK

### MONDAY SEPT 27, 2021

12:10pm +Eduard Urwalek

### TUESDAY SEPT 28, 2021

12:10pm Intentions of Geoffrey Alvia & Michael Ledesma

### WEDNESDAY SEPT 29, 2021

9:30am (Deceased) +Feizal Khan +Eustaquia Escano Briones +Albert Yulo-Uy +Philip Hum +Ladislaw Villaran

12:00pm Intention of Daniel Poopalapillai

2:30pm +Norma Katherine Blair

5:05pm (Sick) Josefina Catre Estroque, Palma family

(Deceased) +Russell Murphy & family +Florida Ochotorena +Teresita Pael

7:00pm Intention of Arlene Palma

### THURSDAY SEPT 30, 2021

12:10pm +Eduard Urwalek

### FRIDAY OCT 1, 2021

12:10pm +Gloria Lorio De Ocon

### SATURDAY OCT 2, 2021

5:00pm Intention of Roanne Reyes

### SUNDAY OCT 3, 2021

8:30am Intentions of Luz & Freddie Chua & family

11:00am +Murray Miller

5:00pm Intentions of the Parishioners

## Bible and Beer

**"James & John... Are you serious?" – ONLINE**

**Tuesday October 12 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm EASTERN TIME**

**This Event will take place on Zoom**

Inviting young adults (age 18-39) to join us on a bi-monthly basis ONLINE for an informal "bible study". We will reflect on the words of scripture as they relate the liturgical season of the year to the experience of our lives and journey of faith. Usually, we gather together and then head over to the Pub afterwards to continue fellow and socialization. During COVID, we went exclusively ONLINE. Now we are alternating between in-person events in Toronto, and an ONLINE format welcoming participants from across the country. For more information and for the Zoom Link, visit our calendar at [www.ignite-canada.ca/toronto-ignite-events/](http://www.ignite-canada.ca/toronto-ignite-events/) OR ADD THE LINK: (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83947555223?pwd=dzBpOW9mYjdlNUU4UXI1R3hTa0RaZz09>)

**ON VISION TV - DAILY MASS at 8:00am & 12:00noon  
Devotions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help,  
Wednesdays at 8:30 am and 12:30 pm This Week:**

**Wednesday September 29, 2021**

**Marian Talk: Irene Llanto**

**"Growing up with Mary"**

**Homilist: Fr. Leo English, CSSr**

**"A great Listener"**



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