

# 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*

Fr. Raymond Earle - *Associate Pastor*

Irene Mihaljek - *Parish Administrator*

Loretta Conte - *Secretary*

Maria Luxbacher - *German Community*

Dr. Robin Williams – *Director of Music and Liturgy*

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

*Pastoral Assistance offered by the Redemptorist Community.*



### 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

### Religious Articles Store

Open every Wednesday

10:00 am - 12:00pm & 12:30pm - 7:00 pm

## SACRAMENTS

### Marriage

Engaged couples from St. Patrick's Parish are required to 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.

## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Next Wednesday, February 2nd, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. This Feast is the last echo of the Christmas season and we celebrate the joyous occasion with solemnity at the 7pm mass, at which Candles will be blessed; the choir will sing; and as it is The World Day of Consecrated Life, we will celebrate amongst the Religious who are members of our Parish community.

Religious men and woman contribute in a profound way to the work of the Church and to increasing the faith of its members. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in this mass so that we, as a parish, may show our love and gratitude to our own Religious and pray that God will always remain close to them.

For the Blessing of Candles, parishioners should bring candles from home so that they may be blessed alongside the candles that will be used in the church this year.

### Why does the Church bless candles on this day, and why is there a focus on Consecrated life?

According to her Jewish faith, Mary returned to the temple forty days after Jesus' birth. It was there that they met Simeon, a religious man who had lived his long life in faithful service to God, so much so that God promised him he would meet the Messiah before his death. When Simeon met baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon said, regarding himself, 'Lord, now let you servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation ... a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.'

***Candles remind us that our salvation is brought by Jesus, who himself is the light and is now revealed to those who for ages had lived in darkness.***

***Simeon's encounter with Jesus was a reward of unfathomable joy, which God bestowed on him for having consecrated his whole life to fulfilling his will.***

## The Feast of St. Blaise

**February 3, 2022**

St. Blaise is recognised as the saint of throat disease or 'The Blessing of the Throats' His most famous and memorable act was when he healed a young boy that choked on a fishbone. The boy was placed at the Saints feet by his mother, and he healed straight away! The governor, however, led him to jail due to his faith. The governor was unsuccessful in encouraging Saint Blaise to renounce his faith and therefore he beheaded him in 316 AD. The crossed candles are an important part of Saint Blaise Day, they commemorate the mother of the boy who choked on the fishbone. She presented Saint Blaise with crossed candles to light his way to jail when the ruler of Sebastea ordered his arrest. The origin of the blessing of throats uses crossed candles as a symbol. Blessing of the Throats will take place after the Thursday 12:10pm Mass.

## World Day of the Sick

February 11 was instituted by St. Pope John Paul II, as World Day of the Sick, so that the faithful might offer special prayers for those suffering from illnesses. World Day of the Sick, which is held on the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, is also an opportunity for those who serve in health care ministry to reflect on their role in providing spiritual comfort and healing to those who are sick as well as to those who work in the health care profession. **On Friday February 11, 2022 during the 12:10 pm Mass here at St. Patrick's Parish, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick for anyone who wishes to be Anointed.** Pre-Registration for the reception of the Sacrament is required to allow the Pastoral Team to adequately prepare for this celebration. The Pastoral Care Ritual outlines those who are eligible to receive the Sacrament. "The Letter of James states that the sick are to be anointed in order to raise them up and save them. Great care and concern should be taken to see that those of the faithful whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age receive this Sacrament. A prudent or reasonably sure judgement, without scruple, is sufficient for deciding on the seriousness of an illness. A sick person may be anointed before surgery whenever serious illness is the reason for the surgery. Elderly people may be anointed if they become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present. Sick children may be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament. The priest is the proper minister of the anointing of the sick." IF YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY WOULD LIKE TO BE ANOINTED AT THE 12:10 MASS ON FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> PLEASE REGISTER BY **FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup>, AT 12 NOON.** TO REGISTER CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE EITHER BY PHONE – 416-598-3269 OR BY EMAIL [spatricksto@archtoronto.org](mailto:spatricksto@archtoronto.org). Our Lady of Lourdes – pray for us.

## Pre-Authorized Giving

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving plan (PAG) to help you support the parish's work through your regular offertory gift. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-Authorized Giving allows you to donate to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly into the parish's account. There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish.

### Advantages for You:

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.
- Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish.

### Advantages for the Parish:

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand.
- Reduction of paperwork.

For information on how to enroll, please contact the parish office, [secretary@stpatrickstoronto.ca](mailto:secretary@stpatrickstoronto.ca) or email [development@archtoronto.org](mailto:development@archtoronto.org)



**NETWORK**  
**Professional Development for Ministry**  
**with Young People**  
**Winter Virtual Seminars 2022**

**IGNITE Canada** ([www.ignite-canada.ca](http://www.ignite-canada.ca)),

a program of Redemptorist Youth and Vocation Ministry, is pleased to offer a series for the development and support of leaders in ministries with young people. This series, called, "NETWORK" is a continuation of a yearlong journey for parish leadership development.

These Winter Virtual Seminars will provide parish leaders and volunteers with a comprehensive understanding of ministry, along the tools for developing new initiatives for work with young people (elementary, high school, young adult, and family ministry) by offering sound theological foundations for ministry in four key areas of the Church's mission: Evangelization and Catechesis, Justice and Service, Prayer and Worship and Pastoral Care.

**Justice and Service: Walking in the Way of the Redeemer**

**Fr. Santo Arrigo C.Ss.R. M. Div**

**Saturday February 5 10:00 am – 1:00 pm EST**

Fostering a justice and service consciousness and spirituality drawn from Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching, adolescent development and contemporary catechetical principles. Exploring action-learning models for young people and families.

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**Marriage Sunday**

**Celebration of Marriage Mass with Bishop Kasun, CSB – February 13, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.**

As part of Marriage Sunday 2022 celebrations, Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB, will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples celebrating milestone anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 60+) in 2022. The Mass will take place at **2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 13 at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond Street, Toronto)**. Due to social distancing measures, cathedral attendance is limited to pre-registered couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries and a maximum of one guest per celebrant couple. Registration is now open. Given the limited attendance at the cathedral, we encourage milestone celebrants to register early. Those who are not able to register may join the celebration via livestream Mass here: [www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live](http://www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live). The broadcast will begin at 2:15 p.m.



**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**MONDAY JAN 31, 2022**

12:10pm TBA

**TUESDAY FEB 1, 2022**

1210pm Intention of Fe Tupaz

**WEDNESDAY FEB 2, 2022**

9:30am (Deceased) +Procopio & +Sofia Parazo  
+Derick Garcia

12:00pm +Deceased members of St. Patrick's German Congregation

2:30pm Intention of Candelaria Gan

5:05pm (Deceased) +Leonard Sward, +M. Melanson

7:00pm Intention of Milen Ramos

**THURSDAY FEB 3, 2022**

12:10pm TBA

**FRIDAY FEB 4, 2022**

12:10pm Intention of David Liu

**SATURDAY FEB 5, 2022**

5:00pm Intentions of the Parishioners

**SUNDAY FEB 6, 2022**

8:30am TBA

11:00am TBA

5:00pm Intentions of Felix & Christina Uy & family

**Table for Two – HOME EDITION**

**Friday February 11, 5 PM – 9 PM**

A candlelit dinner for couples (married or engaged). A night to rekindle, enliven, and celebrate each other!  
Cost: \$85 per couple  
As COVID limitations prevent us from having couples gather in person, we will be delivering to homes a box of Table for Two event supplies and prepared meal for 2, with everything you need for a 4-course meal with wine, ornamentation for your table, instructions for set up and meal preparation! Meals will be prepared in advanced and delivered frozen. Delivery will take place leading up to and including Friday February 11th. To Register and pay for tickets, please visit the Eventbrite portal: <http://tablefortwo.eventbrite.ca/>  
This Event is offered by our Ignite Young Adult Ministry

**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 February 2, 2022***

***Marian Talk: Fr. Mark Miller, CSsR***

***"Triduum 2018 – See how they care for one another?"***

***Homilist: Fr. David Louch, CSsR***

***"Signs of Holiness"***



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