St. Patrick's Parish

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





Mission Statement

We strive to be a vibrant Catholic community where divine worship, faith formation, compassionate outreach, and enthusiastic evangelization inspire us to embody Christ-like virtues and draw others to the love of the Lord.

Pastoral Staff

Fr. Thomas O'Rourke, C.Ss.R. - ***Pastor***
Fr. Graham Hill, C.Ss.R. - ***Associate Pastor***
Irene Mihaljek - ***Parish Administrator***
Loreta Conte - ***Secretary***
Dr. Robin Williams – ***Music and Liturgy***
John Pavao, Nelson Franco **-** ***Maintenances/Caretakers***

Pastoral Assistance offered by the Redemptorist Community.

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Mass Schedule
Sunday Masses
Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:30 am
11:00 am
5:00 pm

Weekday Masses
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 12:10 pm

Mass and Devotions to our Mother of Perpetual Help
Wednesday: 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 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Wednesday 11:00 am - 11:45 am
4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

Religious Articles Store
Open every Wednesday
10:15 am – 12:00 pm & 12:45 pm – 7:00 pm

SACRAMENTS

Holy Matrimony

Engaged couples from St. Patrick's are required to contact the parish office at least one year in advance.

Baptism

Parents wishing to have a child baptized must contact the parish office to register. Baptism are usually at Mass on the first Sunday of the month.

R.C.I.A.

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

Chants of the Assembly

ORDO MISSAE CELEBRANDE
Order of the Celebration of Mass on
The First Sunday of Advent

INTRODUCTORY RITES
Entrance The Advent of Our God
1. The Advent of our God
With eager prayers we greet,
And singing haste upon His road
His coming reign to meet.

2. The everlasting Son
Was born to make us free;
And He a servant's form put on
To gain our liberty.

3. As Judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again,
His scattered people to unite
With them in heaven to reign.

4. Praise to th'incarnate Son
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one,
To all eternity.

Penitential Act
Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Assembly: **For we have sinned against you.**
Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
Assembly: **And grant us your salvation.**
Kyrie *from* Mass for the Parishes *Victor Togni*
Sung in alternation between the Choir or Cantor & the Assembly

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Responsorial Psalm 992
Gospel Acclamation *based on O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*
Assembly**:** Alleluia! (3x)
Psalm & Alleluia: the Cantor or Choir sings initial refrain, after which the Assembly repeats it & sings the subsequent refrain(s)
Universal Prayer *based on Creator of the Stars of Night*
Cantor: Lord, rain down mercy from above;
Assembly**: And let the skies pour forth Your love.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST
Offertory The God Whom Earth and Sea and Sky
1. The God whom earth and sea and sky
Adore and praise and magnify,
Whose might they own, whose praise they tell,
In Mary's body deigned to dwell.

2. O Mother blest, the chosen shrine
Wherein the Architect divine,
Whose hand contains the earth and sky,
Vouchsafed in hidden guise to lie.

3. Blest in the message Gabriel brought;
Blest in the work the Spirit wrought;
More blest, to bring to human birth

The long desired of all the earth.

4. O Lord, the virgin-born, to thee
Eternal praise and glory be,
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.

Dominus Vobiscum 178
Sanctus Parishes *Togni*
Cantor chants the incipit, 'Holy, Holy', after which the Assembly continues, 'Holy Lord, God of Hosts'
Sung in alternation between the Choir or Cantor & the Assembly
Memorial Acclamation + Per Ipsum 181 + 183
Agnus Dei Parishes *Togni*
Choir (Cantor): (3x) Lamb of God, you take away …
Assembly: (2x) have mercy on us.
(Final) grant us peace.
Communion O Come, O Come, Emmanuel 395
The Cantor sings the initial refrain, after which the Assembly repeats it and sings all subsequent refrains; sing from heart while in communion procession without the hymnal
Thanksgiving Come, O Long-Expected Jesus 403

Solemnity of the Immaculate Concepcion

Tuesday December 8th, 7:00pm

Come join us Tuesday evening as we celebrate this feast day at a special Solemn Mass beginning at 7:00pm. Several Redemptorist Priests will be present at the Mass. As is their tradition, will renew their religious vows of poverty, chastity, obedience & perseverance.

There will be no 12:10pm Mass today

RCIA – A Journey of Faith

We are pleased to share that **eight candidates** have been participating in our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program during this first period of Inquiry and Discernment. Of these eight, four are unbaptized and are exploring the possibility of becoming Catholic, while the other four are already baptized Christians who are discerning their call to enter into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

On **Sunday, December 6th, at the 11am Mass**, we will celebrate the **Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens** for three of the unbaptized candidates. This is an important step in their journey of faith, as they publicly express their desire to continue preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation and becoming members of the Catholic Church.

Beginning that Sunday, the Catechumens will be dismissed after the Homily at every 11am Sunday Mass to gather for further reflection and discussion on the Word of God proclaimed in the Liturgy. This practice, rooted in the Church's tradition, allows them to deepen their understanding of Scripture and prepare for full participation in the Eucharist, which they will receive for the first time at their initiation into the Church.

We invite our entire parish community to keep all eight candidates in your prayers as they continue this journey of faith and discernment. May the Holy Spirit guide them, strengthen them, and lead them ever closer to Christ and His Church.

2027 Offertory Envelope Boxes

Offertory envelopes for 2027 are available for pick up at the back of the Church. **Please continue to use your 2026 envelopes until the end of the year and destroy any envelopes you may have from previous years.** Boxes are arranged alphabetically for easy pickup. New parishioners, or those who wish to begin using envelopes, may obtain a box from the parish office. If your contact information has changed, please notify the office at secretary@stpatrickstoronto.ca Please ensure you pick up only the box with your name on it.

OPEN DOOR Wednesday Lunch!

Advent/Christmas

Join us in celebrating together on **Wednesday December 2,** after the noon Mass the season of Advent and Christmas. Come to the Parish Hall for a sit-down lunch and fellowship. There is no charge, donations are appreciated. Everyone is welcome. Hope to see you there!

Coffee Hour



Please join us for Coffee Hour on **Sunday December 6th,** after the 11:00am Mass in the Parish Hall for a time of fellowship and refreshment. There is no charge, donations are appreciated. Everyone is welcome! Hope to see you there!

Advent Video Series with The Redemptorists

As the season of Advent begins, the Redemptorists of Canada invite you to join us each Sunday for a special video reflection series as we await the birth of Jesus Christ this Advent. Beginning Sunday, November 29, each episode will feature Advent reflections and prayers from Archbishop Gerry Pettipas, Bishop Jon Hansen, Father Santo Arrigo, and Father Tony Bidgood. New episodes will be available each week on the Redemptorists' Facebook and Instagram pages, as well as on www.redemptorists.ca. Come and join us! Together, let us prepare the Way of the Lord!

Ashadeep Advent Giving Tree 2026

Again, as in past years during Advent, we focus our thoughts and giving on the children of Ashadeep Centre for the Differently Abled in North India.

Unfortunately, this year we are not able to have the Giving Tree. There will be a display of photos showing projects you have generously contributed to over the past 18 years. These will also be on our parish website.

There will be envelopes in which you can place your donation, cheque made out to **St. Patrick's Church** or cash, and these can be placed in the boxes at the back of the church or in the collection basket during Mass.

Last year your generous donations, along with the donation from the beautiful concert given by our talented choir, raised **$10,454.70**. This went to provide equipment for a **Braille Lab** for the children who are blind. This year the need is for the completion of a **Sensory Garden** for all the children.

As Fr. Baiju the priest who is developing facilities for the disabled children tells us:

Ashadeep promotes a nurturing environment where children with special needs can thrive both educationally and emotionally. Creating a sensory garden for special children is a wonderful way to provide a therapeutic and inclusive environment that stimulates the senses and supports various aspects of development.

All money goes directly to support the children of Ashadeep.

THANK YOU for your ongoing generosity in supporting Ashadeep for the last 18 years. The children and priests at Ashadeep are grateful for your support and keep the parishioners of St. Patrick's continually in their prayers.

MASSES OF THE WEEK

MONDAY NOV 30, 2026
12:10pm Intentions of Dario & Lucia Ardila

TUESDAY DEC 1, 2026
12:10pm +Velita Contiga

WEDNESDAY DEC 2, 2026
9:30am (Sick) Evalenda Pineda
(Deceased) +Procopio & +Sofia Parazo, +Deceased members of the Silveira family, +Luis & +Benilda Burgos, +Ohanes & +Berjoulie Bosnoyan
12:00pm Intentions of Antonio Galicia
2:30pm +Vivian Isidro
5:05pm (Sick) David Denou, Henriette Cudore
(Deceased) +Mercoline Ferraira, +Patrocenia & +Emelita Mendoza
7:00pm Intentions of Cristina Talisayon

THURSDAY DEC 3, 2026
12:10pm +Stanley Kula

FRIDAY DEC 4, 2026 Followed by Holy Hour
12:10pm +Luis & +Benilda Burgos

SATURDAY DEC 5, 2026
5:00pm Intentions of Remy Cabrera

SUNDAY DEC 6, 2026
8:30am Intentions of the Parishioners
11:00am +Lucia & +Jovencio Amargo
5:00pm +Katherine Ide

Young Adults Ministry (18-39)

Ignite invites you to our upcoming Advent Adoration

Tuesday December 1st, 7:00pm
in the Church 137 McCaul St. Toronto
Register: https://bit.ly/AdventAdorationDec2026
Join us for an evening of prayer and reflection as we prepare the Way of the Lord this Advent. Light refreshments to follow.

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