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The Angelus, Jean-François Millet (1859)

MASS TIMES

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM
Monday - Saturday	8:30 AM
First Friday	7:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. — Closed for prayers and lunch)
Saturday	2:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
First Friday	6:15 PM - 6:45 PM

ADORATION

First Friday	9:00 AM - 10:00 AM 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
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THE BULLETIN AT A GLANCE

- Alpha starts Tuesday, Sept. 15
- Life Shared starts Wednesday, Sept. 16
- That Man is You begins Sept. 19
- Out of the Cold Fall 2026 drop-off
- ShareLife matching gift day
- Youth Ministry summer re-cap

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK'S

FALL ALPHA SESSION STARTS SOON

Curious about the Christian faith? Looking for a place to ask questions and connect with others? Alpha is a series of welcoming, interactive sessions where you can explore life's big questions in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Join us for our Fall Alpha Session, running **September 15th to December 8th**, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Register today!

FAITH IN ACTION: A LIFE SHARED

Have you ever wanted to share your faith but weren't sure where to begin? Life Shared is a four-part series designed to encourage and equip you to share your faith naturally through everyday relationships. Through engaging biblical teaching and inspiring real-life stories, you'll discover how God can work through a life shared with friends, neighbours, and colleagues.

Session Dates: September 16, 23, 30, and October 7

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m

Bring a friend and **register today!**

THAT MAN IS YOU

That Man Is You! is a Catholic men's program designed to help men deepen their relationship with Christ and grow as leaders in their families and communities.

Sessions begin **Saturday, September 19, 2026**, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Large Hall. All men are welcome!

To register and get more details, **visit our page** or get in touch.

HELP FIGHT HUNGER

Buy or make a casserole and make a difference! Your generosity supports the free meals program for the homeless at the Good Shepherd ministry in Toronto. High school students get three hours of community service for each casserole you make.

The first of the Drop-Off dates is **September 19th**. More details can be found on our website **here**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SHARELIFE MARKS 50 YEARS WITH A SPECIAL MATCHING GIFT DAY

September 17 marks 50 years since Archbishop Philip Pocock officially introduced the name ShareLife in a pastoral letter, *For Which We Stand*.

To celebrate this milestone, an anonymous donor will match all online gifts as well as those called in through the ShareLife office on Thursday, September 17, 2026 will be matched dollar for dollar, up to \$50,000. Your gift will help twice as many people receive food, counselling, care and other essential support.

On **September 17**, double the difference you make at www.sharelife.org/donate.

YOUNG ADULTS' SPORTS NIGHT

Sports Night is back! Join us on **Monday, September 21st** from 8:15 p.m. to 10:15 p.m. at Fr. Michael McGivney High School.

CELEBRATING AN INCREDIBLE SUMMER IN YOUTH MINISTRY

Another joyful and beautiful summer in youth ministry has wrapped! Most of the summer was spent with our incredible camp staff who facilitated 3 weeks of Agnus Dei Camp. They led campers in grades 1-6 through games, songs, prayer, and teachings about our Catholic faith. Immediately after Agnus Dei Camp concluded, we headed up to EDGE Camp with our grade 6-8 students, high school leadership participants, and a fantastic team of volunteers who led our campers through 5 days of adventure and encounter with Jesus up at Camp White Pine in Haliburton. A big thank you to all who made this summer so special for our ministry! While we miss the camp season, we eagerly anticipate the start of [EDGE and Life Teen](#) in October!



ALPHA TESTIMONIAL

GOD IS AT WORK EVEN WHEN WE CAN'T SEE IT



Dear Fellow Parishioners,

My name is Kate, and in March, I joined Alpha here at St. Patrick's. What began as a simple decision to show up became an invitation to encounter God anew.

One question from Alpha that has stayed with me is: If God exists, why do bad things happen?

Our table reflected on free will and God's love, which gives us the freedom to choose Him. While some suffering comes from human choices, other suffering, such as illness, tragedy, and loss, remains beyond our understanding. We may never fully understand why certain things happen in this life, but Alpha has helped me understand that not understanding God's plan does not mean He is absent from it. Our Lord does not abandon us in our suffering.

And sometimes faith simply means trusting that He is at work before we can see how.

That conversation, and so many others like it, changed the way I see my faith. Alpha gave me the freedom to ask questions I had carried for years, and in doing so, opened my heart to encounter Him. Through the testimonies and witness of others at my table, I began to shift from simply knowing about God to actually trusting Him, and allowing that trust to shape the way I live.

To any young adult who may be on the fence about Alpha, I would simply say: go. You do not need to have all the answers. You do not need years of theology or a perfectly formed faith. You simply need to show up with an open heart.

If you have been praying for a sign to take a step deeper in your faith, perhaps this is it. Say yes. You may be surprised by what God can do with a heart that simply gives Him permission to begin.

In Christ and Our Lady,
Kate

UPCOMING EVENTS

THANK YOU FOR FILLING BACKPACKS AND HEARTS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR

Thank you to all of the parishioners who supported the Backpack Program this year. Due to your generous support, 162 backpacks were collected to support children and families here at St. Patrick's, to St. Martin de Porres Parish in Scarborough, and to Native Child Family Services in Toronto. They were all delivered before the start of the school year. Those students have started off the new school year well supplied with school essentials, and with a sense of dignity and hope. Thank you for your generosity!

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF: NEPAL & COLOMBIA

Please keep in your prayers all those affected by the recent natural disasters in Nepal and Colombia. Catastrophic flooding and mudslides in Nepal, along with a devastating earthquake in Colombia, have resulted in significant loss of life, widespread destruction, and the displacement of countless families.

Donations to support relief and recovery efforts through trusted Catholic partners can be made using envelopes available at the back of the church.

Please continue to pray for all those who have lost loved ones, been displaced from their homes, and for the first responders, relief workers, and volunteers serving those in need.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, September 13th

8:00 am (†) Marcelle Kipp-Smith
9:30 am (INT) For the People
of St. Patrick's Parish
11:00 am (†) Amado Ayuyao
12:30 pm (†) Juanita Somera-
Sombrito

Monday, September 14th

8:30 am (†) Felicitas Dismaya

Tuesday, September 15th

8:30 am (†) Hung, Kam Chu

Wednesday, September 16th

8:30 am (†) Francis Nicholson

Thursday, September 17th

8:30 am (†) Mark Henry
Pacapac

Friday, September 18th

8:30 am (†) Francis Nicholson

Saturday, September 19th

8:30 am (†) Francis de Xavier
(†) Gertrud Heres
(†) Fazil Bacchus
(†) Luis and Andre Aragon
(†) Jimmy Lo
(†) Fr. Clem Flaherty
5:00 pm (†) Eileen Mendes

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