



# THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK'S

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we draw near to the joy of Christmas. As we light the final candle, we remember Mary's faithful "yes" and God's promise fulfilled. May our hearts be ready to welcome Christ with hope, love, joy, and peace.



## SHAMROCK CAFE

Join us on the weekend of [Dec. 20/21](#) after all masses for our last Shamrock Cafe of the year! There will be coffee, tea, and delish snacks. We hope to see you all there!



## ADVENT PRE-DAWN NOVENA MASSES

Our Pre-Dawn Advent Novena Masses are continuing until [December 24](#) at 5:30 a.m. each morning. All are invited to join us in prayerful preparation for Christmas. Come start your day with reflection, community, and hope. Refreshments will follow after each service.

## A NOTE OF GRATITUDE

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Frank Portelli, Fr. Szymon Sorbian, and to all the Parishioners who supported our missionary appeal in the parish on the weekend of December 13 and 14.

Dear Parishioners, your support has been invaluable. In total, we received nearly \$5,000 CAD in cash, including cheques, Visa, and E-transfer. In addition, we received \$20 USD. We truly appreciate your generous response!

May the blessing of Christ's birth fill your home with love and peace.

With gratitude,  
*Sr. Monika Zwiek*  
*The Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver*

## **PARKING**

As you know, our attendance increases significantly at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses; unfortunately, our parking lot does not expand at the same rate. As tempting as it may be, please do not park in fire routes or undesignated areas. The Fire Department and towing companies are not as merciful as the Lord!

Please use only marked parking spots and allow extra time to arrive. We also ask for your patience with one another and with our volunteers who will be doing their best to help everyone find a place. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## **COLLECTION BASKETS ARE RETURNING**

From Christmas onwards, the passing of donation baskets will be permanently returning.

We want to thank everyone who contributes electronically, whether it's via PAG, credit card or online. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

The basket is not meant to replace these options; it's simply for those who prefer to give in person.

So if the basket comes your way and you're giving through one of the ways above, just pass it along.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **YOUR WARM HEARTS FIGHT COLD AND HUNGER**

Thank you for your outstanding response to the Out of the Cold clothing drive. HUNDREDS of new socks, underwear, hats, scarves and mittens were donated this week from our parishioners to the Good Shepherd shelter for homeless and underhoused men. Many were hand-knit with loving care.

A big thanks as well to those who donated delicious meals and baked goods to the December Out of the Cold casserole program. A reminder that our

next casserole drop-off date is January 24 between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the back parking lot of the church.

### **NEW YEARS EVE DINNER AND DANCE**

Celebrate the New Year with us at our New Year's Eve Dance on **December 31, 2025**, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. This year's theme is Western! Tickets are \$55 per person and are available for purchase in the parish office payments in cash or cheque only. (Cheques made payable to FRAN PULUMBARIT). We hope to see you there!

## 2025 DONATION DEADLINE

Any donations received in the parish office by noon on **December 31, 2025**, will be credited toward your 2025 charitable donation tax receipt. Donations received after that time will be considered 2026 donations. In accordance with CRA regulations, donations submitted by mail must be postmarked by Canada Post by **December 31, 2025**, to be eligible for a 2025 tax receipt.

## JOIN OUR PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FRANCE, SPAIN & PORTUGAL

This upcoming year, from **April 28 - May 11, 2026**, parishioners are invited to take part in a blessed journey through some of Europe's most cherished Marian sites under the spiritual direction of Fr. Szymon. The pilgrimage will visit the Shrine of Lourdes, walk in the footsteps of the great saints of Spain, and pray at the holy sanctuary of Our Lady of Fátima.

The cost of the pilgrimage is \$5,390. For a full itinerary and registration details, please take a flyer in the lobby by the bulletin boards, visit [Heritage Tours](#) or contact Fr. Szymon for more information.



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, December 21st

8:00 am (INT) Paolo and Yolanda Ciampini

12:30 pm (†) Domenico Petrucci

### Monday, December 22nd

8:30 am (†) John Doyle

### Tuesday, December 23rd

8:30 am (†) Frank Neugebauer

### Wednesday, December 24th

8:30 am (INT) Gilbert Kcomt

### Thursday, December 25th

Christmas Day (INT) For the parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish

### Friday, December 26th

8:30 am (†) Rebecca Tomines

### Saturday, December 27th Multiple Intentions

8:30 am (†) Tina Hanks  
(†) Ronaldo Mariano  
(†) Marceline Serra  
(†) Hiyasmin Canseco  
(INT) Sandra Mourra

5:00 pm (†) Anthony and Norma Soares



*May the peace and hope of  
Christ's birth  
be with you now and in the days ahead...*



# PARISH OFFICE *Christmas Hours*

Tuesday, December 23 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

Wednesday, December 24 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, December 25 Closed

BOXING DAY

Friday, December 26 Closed

Saturday, December 27 2:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 28 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Monday, December 29 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Tuesday, December 30 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

NEWYEAR'S EVE

Wednesday, December 31 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

NEWYEAR'S DAY

Thursday, January 1 Closed

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# ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

## ADVENT PRE-DAWN NOVENA MASSES

**December 16 - 24**

5:30 am

Fellowship to follow in parish hall



## CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Wednesday, December 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE**

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

5:00, 7:00, 9:00 & 11:00 pm

Livestream Mass 5:00 pm

**Thursday, December 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY**

### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

\*The church will close after the 12:30 pm Mass.



## NEW YEAR'S EVE/ DAY MASSES

**December 31/January 1**

**WEDNESDAY**

5:00 pm

Livestream Mass 5:00 pm

**THURSDAY**

9:30, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

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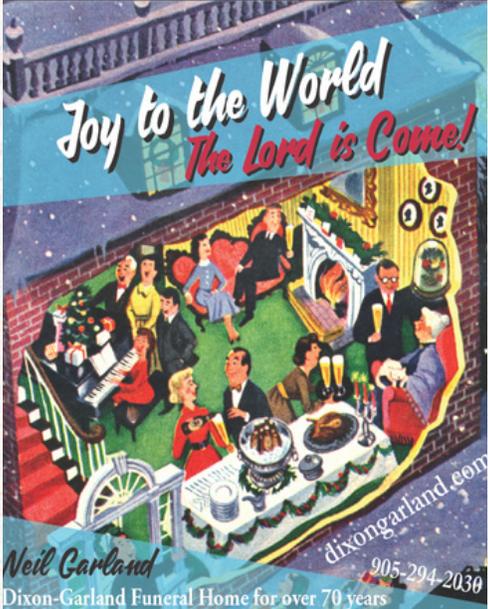


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