Saint Patrick Basilica Parish

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Office Hours – Monday to Friday 9 am to 12:15 pm | 12:45 pm to 4:30 pm
Church Open – Sunday 7 am to 3 pm & 6 pm to 8 pm | Monday to Saturday 6:30 am to 6 pm
Book & Gift Shop – Saturday 1 pm to 5 pm | Sunday 8:30 am to 2 pm | Monday & Tuesday closed
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 11 am to 5:30 pm

Parish Clergy

Fr. Stephen Amesse, Rector; Fr. Tadeusz Jordan, SDS, Associate Rector; Fr. Larry McCormick, Fr. Ikedi Obikaonu, Fr. William Penney, In Residence; Fr. Martin Farrell, O.P., Assisting; Deacon Jim Scheer; Deacon Michel Pilon; Deacon Bob Farmer

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Francesca Bailey, Music Director; Andrée O'Donnell, Parish Office Administrator; Carol Reaume, Book & Gift Shop Manager; Rob Renaud, Property Superintendent; Shawn Green, Custodian

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General Information

- For the celebration of baptisms, marriages and funerals, please contact the Parish Office
- Couples planning to marry should contact the Parish Office at least six months before their proposed date of marriage
- For baptism or marriage, a Catholic must be a registered parishioner or have the consent of their own pastor
- For a list of ministries, services and contacts, please visit the parish web site

Sunday Mass:

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am; 9:30 am; 11 am; 12:15 & 7 pm

Daily Mass:

Monday to Friday – 7:30 am, 12:15 pm & 4:30 pm. Saturday Morning – 7:30 am

Confessions:

30 minutes before all Weekday Masses including Saturday morning
Saturday afternoon - 3:30 pm to 4:25 pm
No Confession on Sunday

Mass Intentions:

Intentions can be offered by emailing; massintention@basilica.ca

Prayer & Devotions:

- First Friday - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:15 pm Mass until Benediction before the 4:30 pm Mass
- First Saturday - Morning Prayer at 8 am
- Miraculous Medal Novena -Tuesday 4:30 pm
- Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena - Wednesday 4:30 pm

Lending Library:

Hours are posted at the Library door

"For a Church open to everyone… We pray for the Church; ever faithful to, and courageous in preaching the Gospel, may the Church be a community of solidarity, fraternity and welcome, always living in an atmosphere of synodality."
Pope Francis

Catholic Cemeteries

Hope Cemetery
613 822-1212 | Traditional – Mausoleum – Crypts & Niches – Catholic Chapel – Reception Hall

Notre-Dame Cemetery
613 746-4175 | Traditional – Niches – Monuments

Sacred places for sacred memories in the tradition of faith

The Epiphany of the Lord

Feast

January 8, 2023

† – For the repose of the soul of the person(s) indicated

Saturday 7th January

4:30 PM Sunday Vigil Mass: Lucienne and Christian Poirier
by Carole and Roger Poirier

Sunday 8th January – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 AM † Tina Israel by a friend
9:30 AM † Frances Corish and Gaston Bedard by Marie Bedard
11:00 AM Intentions of Msgr. Kevin Beach
by Deacon Bob and Carmel Farmer
12:15 PM In thanksgiving by the Udawatta family
† Louis Zefferi by Catherine and Adrian
† Conn and Margery Armit by Amelita Armit
† Frank McGuire by his wife, Toni
† Odette Aboud by Cecilia Bloch
For poor sinners by a parishioner
7:00 PM Pro Populo – For Parishioners

Monday 9th January – Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

7:30 AM † Patrick Lawson
12:15 PM Special Intentions of a parishioner
4:30 PM † Lucian De Silva by the Magnussan family

Tuesday 10th January

7:30 AM † Agnes Ta by Kim Chi Tran
12:15 PM † Mr. and Mrs. Wally Fitzpatrick by Carmel Fitzpatrick
4:30 PM † Ronald Morgan

Wednesday 11th January

7:30 AM † Zita Bocin by Sylvia Bertolini
12:15 PM † Marie Hopps by Lanchier family
4:30 PM † Jean-Marie Ruel by the estate

Thursday 12th January – Memorial of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

7:30 AM † Decima De Silva by the Magnusson family
12:15 PM † Helena Cook by Lori Cook
4:30 PM 125th anniversary of Fr. James McGrath, OMI,
Pastor, Saint Patrick's Parish, 1861-1866

Friday 13th January

7:30 AM † Maria Bocin by a family member
12:15 PM For the canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney,
by the members of the Michael McGivney Honoris
Souls in Purgatory by Helénè Bouchard
† Gerald and Margaret Fitzpatrick by Suzanne Fitzpatrick
† Diane Green by Cindy, Linda, Valerie, Sandra and Joseph
† Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rooney by Carmel Fitzpatrick
For poor sinners, by a parishioner
4:30 PM † Roberto Betita by family

Saturday 14th January – Our Lady's Saturday

7:30 AM † Brenda O'Brien by Audrey O'Brien

AN EPIPHANY PRAYER

Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!
Darkness covers the earth and its people,
but the radiance of God's Light
burns away its shadows,
illuminates the smallest corner,
and heralds in the start
of a new dawn,
where hearts no longer fear,
souls might be set free,
and sister shall follow brother,
nation shall follow nation,
and kings and princes bow down in awe
before the one who comes to reign.
Arise, shine, for the Light of the World has come!
Alleluia!

Meditations on Holy Mass
Epiphany of the Lord (Year A)

First reading: Isaiah 60.1-6
The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.
Second reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6
Now the mystery has been revealed: now the Gentiles have become fellow heirs of the promise.
Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12 CCC 486*, 528* 724*
We have come from the East to pay homage to the king.

In the *first reading*, the Prophet reveals that, "Nations shall come to your light." That is, that in Jesus Christ, salvation has come to all peoples of the earth. This looks to *the Gospel*, in which St. Matthew shows us the adoration of the Wise Men. These are pagans who represent all the nations of the earth. Their adoration of the Christ Child, Son of God and son of David, is a symbol of the salvation offered to every human being everywhere. In the *second reading*, St. Paul teaches us that all peoples are equal in Christ, for all are offered the gift of Baptism. Salvation comes from the Messiah of the Jewish people, but his redemption applies to all humanity.

Before Mass: *The Magi, seeing the star, said to one another, "This is the sign of a great King; let us go and find him and let us offer gifts to him, gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (First Vespers)*
After Mass: *Today the Church has been joined to her heavenly bridegroom, since Christ has purified her of her sins in the river Jordan: the Magi hasten to the royal wedding and offer gifts: the wedding guests rejoice since Christ has changed water into wine, alleluia. (Lauds)*
Later in the day: *Three wonders mark this day we celebrate: today the star led the Magi to the manger; today water was changed into wine at the marriage feast; today Christ desired to be baptized by John in the river Jordan to bring us salvation, alleluia. (Second Vespers)*

Parish News

Please pray for the sick, infirm, and hospitalized of our parish and for those who are caring for them.

RECENT SAINT PATRICK'S BASILICA CELEBRATIONS:

Our congratulations and prayers accompany the families of **Rhodes Muldoon** and **Joseph Stuart Quesnel,** who were baptized in our Basilica**.**

Collection Envelopes 2023: 2023 envelopes are available in the Baptistry for those who have envelopes this year. Please note that your number may change. If you would like a set of envelopes or information on how to donate using automatic debit or credit card please contact accounts@basilica.ca or 613-233-1125 ext 589.

Message of Appreciation: The St. Patrick Basilica Knights of Columbus Council 485 offer their heartfelt thanks for the generous donations made by parishioners during the recent **Coats for Kids** fundraising campaign. This winter, over $5,000 in donations received enabled the purchase of 250 coats for children and teenagers.

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St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Support: Thanks to your generous contributions to the poor fund, members of our parish's Saint Vincent de Paul conference, assisted by other volunteers, were able to deliver Christmas grocery gift cards to 57 households within Saint Patrick's neighbourhood. Those households included 10 families with 22 children among them as well as six couples. The remainder were roommates sharing accommodation or single men or women living alone. Thank you for your financial and prayerful support for our neighbours in need throughout the year.

THIS WEEK IN THE CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday 8th January: Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Brothers and sisters, as it was for the Magi, so it is for us. The journey of life and faith demands a deep desire and inner zeal. Sometimes we live in a spirit of a "parking lot"; we stay parked, without the impulse of desire that carries us forward. We do well to ask: where are we on our journey of faith? Have we been stuck all too long, nestled inside a conventional, external, and formal religiosity that no longer warms our hearts and changes our lives? Do our words and our liturgies ignite in people's hearts a desire to move towards God, or are they a "dead language" that speaks only of itself and to itself? It is sad when a community of believers loses its desire and is content with "maintenance" rather than allowing itself to be startled by Jesus and by the explosive and unsettling joy of the Gospel. (*Pope Francis)*

Monday 9th January: Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

In the liturgical calendar, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord signifies the end of the Christmas season. The Baptism of the Lord is notable because it marks the beginning of Jesus' ministry and confirms his identity as the Son of God. This event is documented in all the gospels except John.

Thursday 12th January: Memorial of St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

O Mother Bourgeoys, you, whose compassionate power is ever increasing, show us your way of Truth, Faith and Holiness. Make us humble enough to abandon ourselves to the Will of God, generous enough to find in the Cross the joy of the Loving Giver. May your fidelity to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament lead us ever nearer to this source of light and peace. May your spirit of openness help us to be concerned for our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Finally, may Our Lady of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bring us to this unity of eternal grace to which God has called you for all eternity. Amen.

Stewardship — 2022 Summary
Due to bulletin publication deadlines, an update of the Stewardship report will be provided in the next bulletin. Thank you for your faithful and generous support throughout 2022!

From the Rector

Sisters and Brothers,

HAPPY NEW YEAR. We have once again put up a new calendar, marking yet another milestone. And while none of us can predict how the next twelve months will unfold, we can be certain of this: God is in charge! Our faith is an anchor in the ups and downs — the mundane and routine of each year of our lives. Let us continue to pray for each other — for our parish family as we walk together in the coming days and months of 2023.

While most of us spend just about an hour in church during each of the various Christmas season Masses, we may forget that behind the scenes there are so many people working hard to ensure that the Basilica is decorated, the choir is rehearsed, the doors are open, and the Mass is celebrated. I want to thank everyone — whether you gave hours or just a few minutes — who assisted in ensuring this past Christmas (the first in two years without restriction) was meaningful for all who attended; and that would include ushers, servers, sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, choir members, decorators, lectors and our staff and clergy. We are blessed to be able to celebrate the major feasts in such a beautiful church and equally blessed by all those who give of their prayer and financial sacrifices. THANK YOU!

Be Not Afraid!

Fr Steve

A New Year's Prayer

God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for January

For educators
We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

SAINT PATRICK'S BOOK & GIFT SHOP CORNER

The Book and Gift Shop is currently closed for our Annual Inventory Count. We will reopen on **January 12th, 2023**.

Regular Opening Hours:
Monday and Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday through Friday: 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
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