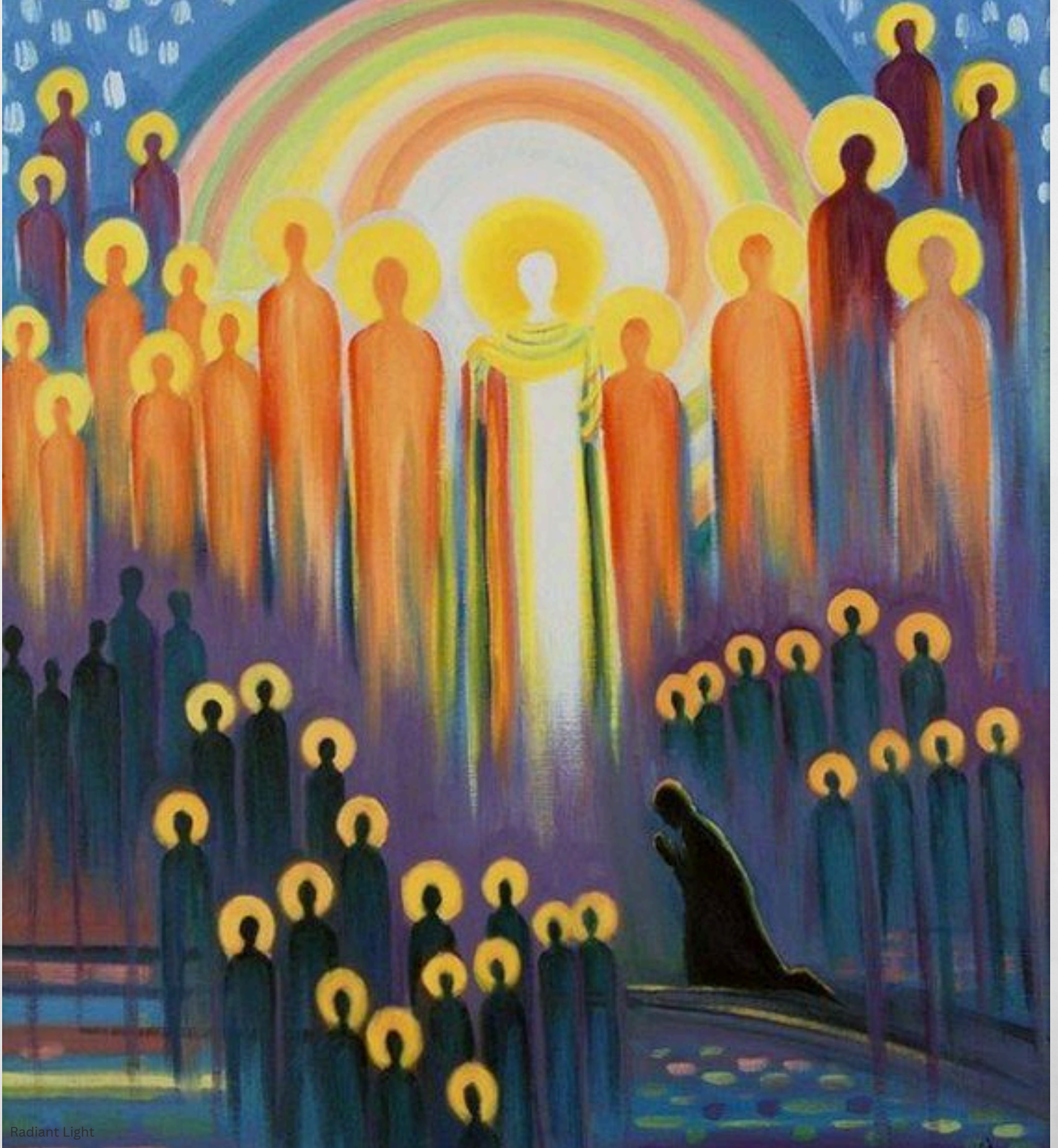


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To bring God's love into the world through a life-changing friendship with Jesus.

PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

PSALM 130

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O
let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on his word. My soul is
longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let
the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of
redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen

Let us pray.

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your
Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of
resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and
ever. Amen

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Amen.

NEWS AND EVENTS



SPECIAL COLLECTION DATES

November 18/19
Shepherd's Trust Collection



The Shamrock Cafe

NOVEMBER 18/19
WEEKEND
AFTER ALL MASSES!

*All Soul's
Day*

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Thursday, November 2nd, 2023
at 7:00 pm
St. Patrick's Parish



lest we forget

REMEMBRANCE DAY

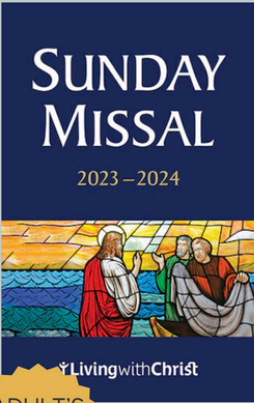
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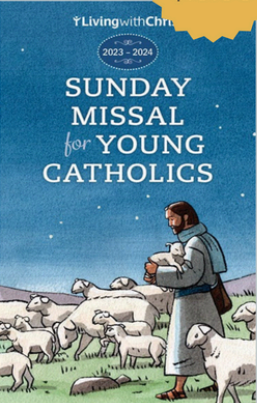
SUNDAY MISSALS FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN



SUNDAY MISSAL
2023 – 2024

Living with Christ

ADULT'S \$5.00



SUNDAY MISSAL for YOUNG CATHOLICS
2023 – 2024

Living with Christ

CHILDREN'S \$10.00

ON SALE NOW IN THE PARISH OFFICE

Society of Saint Vincent de Paul

St. Patrick's Parish

Christmas Outreach Gift Card Program 2023

NOVEMBER 11TH to NOVEMBER 26TH

SPREADING Joy & Hope

Please give generously to support families in need during our annual Christmas Outreach.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

SIGN UP
in St. Brendan's Room

Saturday, November 11
7:30am to 9:00am
& 4:00pm to 6:30pm

Sunday, November 12
7:30am to 2:00pm

NOV. 11/12

DROP OFF
in St. Brendan's Room

Saturday, November 25
7:30am to 9:00am
& 4:00pm to 6:30pm


Sunday, November 26
7:30am to 2:00pm

NOV. 25/26

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS ON WAYS TO DONATE:

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WORLD DAY OF THE POOR



DO NOT TURN OUR FACE AWAY FROM ANYONE WHO IS POOR

November 19, 2023

CWL & Knights of Columbus

POINSETTIA Sale

To place your order visit <https://stpatrickscwl.ca/>



ORDER BY:

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Proceeds will be donated to various charities.

For more details visit the parish website at: <https://stpatrick.on.ca/cwlpoinsettiasale>

Together We Grow

PASTORAL STAFF AND MINISTRY LEADERSHIP SUMMIT



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CONNECT

YOUTH MINISTRY

EDGE

- Friday nights from 7:00-9:00pm
- Open to students in grades 6-8

LIFETEEN

- Sunday nights from 6:00-8:30pm
- Open to students in grades 9-12

Visit www.stpatrick.on.ca/youthministry to register today!

Questions/concerns? Contact Pamela Clerigo at youthministry@stpatrick.on.ca.



YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

Our group meets once a month alternating between fun social events and events that pursue spiritual growth. Follow us on social media via [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)!





BECOMING CATHOLIC R.C.I.A

Q1. WHAT IS THE RCIA AND WHAT IS ITS STRUCTURE?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process (not a program) modelled after the Church's ancient practice of initiating adults into the community of believers through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist.

Conversion is at the heart of the RCIA process. Prior to beginning the RCIA process, an individual comes to some knowledge of Jesus Christ, considers his or her relationship with Jesus Christ and is usually attracted in some way to the Catholic Church. This period is known as the Period of Evangelization/Pre-catechumenate. For some, this process involves a long period of searching; for others, a shorter time. Often, contact with people of faith and a personal faith experience lead people to inquire about the Catholic Church. After some time such a person, known as an "inquirer", may seek acceptance into the Order of Catechumens through the Rite of Acceptance. During this Rite, the inquirer stands amidst the parish community and states that he or she wants to become a baptized member of the Catholic Church. The parish assembly affirms this desire and the inquirer becomes a "catechumen".

The period of the catechumenate can last for as long as several years or for a shorter time. It depends on how the person is growing in faith, what questions they encounter along the way, and how God leads them on this journey. During this time, the catechumens consider what God is saying to them in the Scriptures, what changes in their life they need to make to respond to God's inspiration, and what Baptism in the Catholic Church means. When a catechumen and the priest and the parish team working with him or her believe the person is ready to make a faith commitment to Jesus in the Catholic Church, the next step is the request for baptism and the celebration of the Rite of Election. Even before the catechumens are baptized, they have a special relationship to the Church.

The Rite of Election includes the enrollment of the names of all those seeking baptism at the coming Easter Vigil. Typically, on the first Sunday of Lent the catechumens, their sponsors, and families gather at the cathedral church. Before the diocesan bishop, the catechumens publicly express their desire for baptism. Their names are recorded in the Book of the Elect and they are called "the elect".

The days of Lent are the "Period of Purification and Enlightenment" leading up to the Easter Vigil. Lent is a period of preparation marked by prayer, study, and spiritual direction for the elect, and prayers for them by the parish community. The Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation takes place during the Easter Vigil Liturgy on Holy Saturday when the catechumen receives the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. Now the person is fully initiated into the Catholic Church, and as a new member is known as a "neophyte".

After the person is initiated, formation and education continue in the period of the post baptismal catechesis, which is called "mystagogy". This period continues at least until Pentecost. During the period the newly baptized members reflect on their experiences at the Easter Vigil and continue to learn more about the Scriptures, the Sacraments, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. In addition they reflect on how they will serve Christ and help in the Church's mission and outreach activities.

FAITH FORMATION



CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH TESTIMONIALS

"He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"

- Luke 10



"The faith studies have totally transformed my spiritual life. I've gone from knowing God, and wanting to learn more about Him, to truly feeling the depths of God's love and mercy deep within my heart. For the first time in my life, I understand what a personal relationship with Jesus actually is. I have also come to deeply appreciate the treasured gift that God has given to us in the Holy Spirit, and I turn to Him constantly for help throughout my day. I am so very thankful that our parish is making CCO's faith studies available to us. What a blessing!"

-Carol DoCouto

Participating in the CCO Faith Study has been profoundly transformative. Though the studies are brief (most are six weeks in length), my faith and my prayer life have deepened immensely in community with others. I feel the Holy Spirit working through me, despite my weaknesses, and through others. I feel loved by God in His infinite mercy and yearn to learn more about Jesus and to tell others about Him.

- Cindy S.

The CCO faith study is a wonderful tool that helps the participants to openly share their faith experiences in a safe environment. We all learn from each other and grow in faith as we share our hopes and struggles. We discuss and ponder how we can invite Jesus to be more central in our lives, and at the same time, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide our hearts to move in that direction. I especially enjoy the faith sharing of all the participants. We look forward to meeting each week and find joy in each person. We lift each other up.

-Susan Young Beck

ALPHA TESTIMONIALS



After hearing about it for a year, I made the decision to sign up. I was curious, so I kept my heart & mind open. And really, that's the best way I can think to describe it—a series of open-hearted, open-minded discussions set on unifying people through life & faith. We always started out with food. The environment was really relaxed & informal. It made me feel safe & open. Our group built great rapport over the weeks and I always felt encouraged & empowered to share my honest thoughts. When I was short on words, there was never any pressure. My husband & I agree that the discussions provided us with immense perspective on life, faith, and some of their biggest questions. It truly deepened our faith. For me, these discussions were the missing piece I think many of us long for—fellowship through faith. I hope to see you at the next one!

Camille & Justin Seguin



My name is Annette, I'm grateful to share my Alpha experience with you all. It's been a transformative journey of faith and connection. From day one, I felt embraced by the community. Together, we explored Christianity's teachings, supporting one another through doubts and uncertainties.

Alpha was a safe space for me to ask questions, learn, and grow. It deepened my relationship with God and taught me to be more open and understanding.

I'm thankful for Irene and Lynda who invited me into the program earlier this year, as well as my fellow participants who made this experience special. Their love and support enriched my life beyond words. I encourage everyone to consider joining Alpha—it's life changing and heart shaping.

Annette Ehiorobo

GROWING IN PRAYER

In Flanders Field - by: John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.



PRAYER FOR STRENGTH WHEN GRIEVING - PRAYERSCAPES



WHY DO CATHOLICS LIGHT CANDLES?

Jesus said, 'I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'

John 8:12

A candle is a reminder

It recalls Jesus, the one true light, whom the darkness could not extinguish.

A candle is a parable

Burning itself out, it gives light to others.

A candle is a symbol

It speaks of light, hope, warmth and love.

A candle is a sign

It reminds us of the prayers of God's people.

Jesus said, 'Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.'

Matthew 5:16



PARISH RENEWAL PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

We thank you for gathering us together and calling us to serve as your disciples. You have charged us through Your Son, Jesus, with the great mission of evangelizing and witnessing your love to the world. Send your Holy Spirit to guide us as we discern Your will for the spiritual renewal of our parish. Give us strength, courage, and clear vision as we use our gifts to serve You. We entrust our parish family to the care of Mary, our mother, and ask for her intercession and guidance as we strive to bear witness to the Gospel and allow *God's love, which always assumes the best, to make all things new.*

AMEN.

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MAKE IT MONTHLY



SUPPORT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH
FUND THE MISSION



SCAN CODE
to donate TODAY!

Jesus said

"Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and give to God what belongs to God."

What belongs to God? **Everything!**

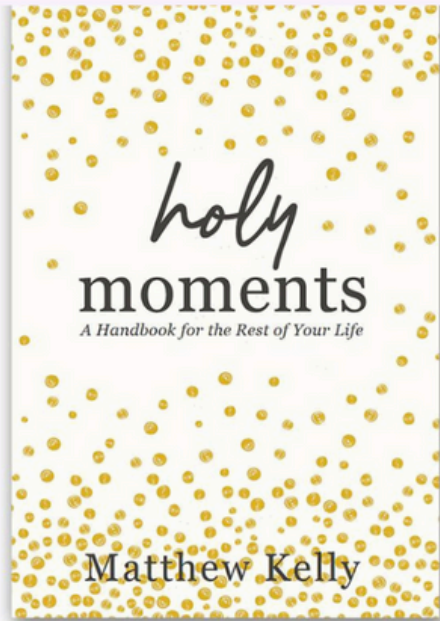
All that we have comes from God. Fundamental to our act of worship is to offer back to God what is His as a sign of gratitude for His bounty. Giving to the parish funds the mission to bring God's love into the world through a life-changing friendship with Jesus.



To bring God's love into the world through a life-changing friendship with Jesus

Coming this Advent!

Come and journey with us during Advent as we explore Holy Moments! Have you ever had a Holy Moment?



"If you are ready for a change, it only takes a handful of Holy Moments to flood your soul with joy and show you a new and exciting vision of the rest of your life?"

ADVENT RETREAT

A REFLECTIVE JOURNEY BY: FR. JOSH ROLDAN

holy moments



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

9:00AM - 11:30AM

AT ST. PATRICK'S PARISH



ABOUT US

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday : 8:00 AM | 9:30 AM
11:00 AM | 12:30 PM

Monday - Friday: 8:30 AM
Saturday and Holidays: 8:30 AM
1ST Friday: 7:00 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Closed for lunch 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM

Saturday: 2:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**closed on statutory holidays*

RECONCILIATION

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

**or by appointment*

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St. Edward	905-471-1445
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