

LITURGICAL WEEK

WEEKEND MASSES:

5:00 PM Saturday
10:00 AM Sunday
12 Noon Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES:

7:00 PM Tuesday
9:00 AM Wed - Friday

CONFESSIONS:

6:30 PM Tuesday
4:15 PM Saturday

MARIAN DEVOTIONS:

7:00 P.M. Tuesday

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Fr. Adam Gabriel
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SAINT PATRICK'S

THE COMING WEEK

Mass Intentions for the week of Nov 30 - Dec 6, 2020

Monday, Nov 30		<i>NO Mass</i> (St. Andrew, Apostle)
<i>Season of Advent</i>		
	7:00pm	Int of Fr Gabriel - 42 nd Ann. of Ordination
Tuesday, Dec 01		† Len & Cecilia Tocker
<i>Novena Mass</i>		
		† Patricia Cantwell
Wednesday, Dec 02	9:00am	Int of Thanksgiving
		† Yacoub Yanas Yanni
Thursday, Dec 03	9:00am	† Tanina Caradonna
<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>		
		† Vern Finlayson
First Friday, Dec 04	9:00am	† Chuck Bourgeois
		† Jim & Loretta Murray
Saturday, Dec 05	5:00pm	Int of St. Patrick's Parish Family
<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>		
	10:00am	Int of St. Patrick's Parish Family
Sunday, Dec 06	12 Noon	Int of St. Patrick & Hungarian Community

Season of Advent

Advent has a twofold nature: It prepares us for Christmas, when we recall Christ's first coming among us, and it is also a time when we look forward to his second coming at the end of the ages. Advent is a season of joyful expectation.

During Advent, each Sunday's Gospel reading has a specific focus. The Old Testament readings, especially those taken from Isaiah, are prophecies about the Messiah and messianic times. The selections from the writings of the Apostles present exhortations and instructions on different themes of this season.

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel!" During this Advent Season, we ask Jesus to come into our lives just as he came to earth on Christmas to live among us.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Heavenly Father, we look forward to the celebration of Christmas and to the coming of the Lord in glory. Bless this Advent Wreath and all of us. As we pray daily around it, fill us with life and strengthen us for our daily tasks. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



1st Sunday of Advent - November 28/29, 2020

Caring is COVID'S message of hope

As Canada goes over 11,000 COVID deaths and 300,000 cases — with medical professionals calling for “circuit breaker” shut-downs and Canada's largest archdiocese having to cancel public Masses in "lockdown" areas — the Church has to respond with unflinching concern for the common good, said Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops president Archbishop Richard Gagnon.

“No one says this is easy, by any stretch of the imagination. It's fatiguing for sure,” Gagnon, the archbishop of Winnipeg, said.

Already a week into a full shutdown that has shuttered churches in Manitoba, Gagnon emphasized that Catholics have to put the interests of others ahead of self-interest.

“It's a practice of faith, charity and justice — prudence. It's a practice of concern for others. It has to do with a mutual health issue. That's important,” he said. “From our Christian perspective, that's a matter of charity, love of neighbour and even social justice. We always keep our eye on the bigger picture.”

In the Archdiocese of Toronto, Cardinal Thomas Collins announced Nov. 20 that public Masses in Toronto and Peel Region were being temporarily cancelled in the wake of new restrictions announced by the Ontario government. The province put a 10-person limit for inside churches, including those serving in ministry or staff.

The directives from the archdiocese replaces one from just three days earlier when it put its own new restrictions on church capacity in Toronto, Peel and York regions that limited attendance to 50 worshipers and any liturgical celebration. Previously it operated at 30 per cent of church capacity.

While the situation is “extremely challenging,” Collins said, “we must also be mindful of our primary concern — our love of neighbour and our collective need to reduce the potential transmission of COVID-19.”

Bishop Ron Fabbro, president of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario, said the pandemic should draw Catholics out of themselves.

“The pandemic has just heightened the reality that we have in our province of being very isolated. People are even more isolated now,” said the London, Ont., bishop. “We can be examples of service to our brothers and sisters. How important that is.”

2021 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The sets of envelopes to be used in the next calendar year starting January 1, 2021 will be available in the Usher's Room starting this weekend. **Due to Covid-19**, we are not able to let everyone into the Usher's Room to look for their envelopes. There will be someone present before the Masses to hand you your set or during the week, you must ask Fr. Gabriel. If you like you can also call the parish office and schedule a pick up time to receive your set.

Parishioners who are not currently using our Sunday envelopes & would like to start – please call the parish office and a set for the upcoming year will be prepared. We encourage our parishioners to use the envelopes when giving donations and then you will receive a yearly income tax receipt for all your offerings. At this time of Covid-19 some of our parishioners who attend our church (and it is only 30%) bring their envelopes, some send them by mail and some come to the office and deliver them personally.

PRE-AUTHORIZED DONATING

At the present time we are working on setting up the pre-authorized offerings and all you have to do is to fill out the form, attach your "Void" cheque and direct our office about the amount that you want to give to the church. Any questions call the office, and we can email you the form or you can pick up at the back of the church.

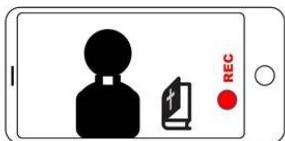
Take advantage of the convenience of automatic withdrawals in supporting your church.

Join us for Mass in person or virtually

The Covid-19 pandemic is changing our way of thinking and doing things. We are using computers with different programs to communicate with each other. We have installed the new equipment with a special camera that can live-stream our Masses and other celebrations. The live-streaming system will allow people to connect via internet and participate with us by watching the Mass on screen at home.

NOTICE

Livestreaming and Recording of Mass



Your image may be recorded and visible on the Internet.

Please speak to a the parish team if you have concerns

The ***Masses are not being recorded*** so that you can watch later but you can ***join us by watching the live-stream at the regular scheduled Mass times on the weekend:*** 5pm on Saturday, 10am & 12Noon Sunday and ***during the week:*** 7pm Tuesday and 9am Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. **Below find the instructions how to connect with us virtually.**

Connect via internet with our website: www.stpatrick.dol.ca and then click on the icon Live-stream at the top of the page or scroll down to the bright blue icon St. Patrick's Church live-stream. If you are not receiving the sound make sure that the bottom right hand corner, volume button is on. If you want to see it full-screen on your device click the top right hand corner of the live-streaming box (just below where it says St. Patrick's RC church) or call the parish office for assistance. **Stay connected with your home parish and community!**

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From meeting space for AA groups to community kitchens serving take-away meals and parishes organizing to support local women's shelters, Catholics are responding to the COVID-19 crisis in a wide variety of ways, said Fabbro.

"Our retreat centre, which isn't taking retreatants at this time, has made its rooms available to our refugee office — for refugees who are coming into the country and need a place to stay (through the 14-day quarantine)," said Fabbro.

It's hard to look at the big picture of the pandemic and imagine Catholics fighting for their self-interest, Fabbro said.

"My hope is that during this pandemic we become much more sensitive to the people around us," he said. "We need to be there for one another. Maybe we've learned that we're not as independent as we thought we were. But we need to really be there for our brothers and sisters, as Pope Francis says, and walk with them."

That outward focus can't stop at Canada's borders, said Development and Peace parish representative Michael Leblanc in a video message to promote the organization's Nov. 15 Recovering Together collection.

"The virus has taught us how interconnected the human family is. It has taught us that we cannot recover alone," said Leblanc, who heads up Development and Peace efforts at Holy Family Cathedral in Saskatoon.

Focus is shifting in Toronto to record food bank use. Two of the largest food banks, Daily Bread and North York Harvest, report that demand at food banks had increased by 22 per cent by June and by 51 per cent in August compared to the previous year. The two organizations, which supply local parish and community food banks, expect this year will have the highest number of food bank visits in Toronto history.

Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Christmas Season

The Christmas Season celebrates the birth of the Lord Jesus and the ways he manifested the presence of God among us. For the Church, only the Easter celebration of the Lord's death and rising is more important than the Christmas Season.



2020 Christmas Schedule at St. Patrick's Church:

Christmas Eve - Thursday, December 24

5:00pm - Families & children

8:00pm - Christmas Mass (Nativity)

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25

10:00am - Christmas Mass

12:00pm - Christmas Mass