

The banner features a central image of Jesus Christ with arms outstretched, a heart emblem, and a halo. To the left is a photograph of the St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church, a brick building with a tall steeple. To the right is a portrait of St. Patrick in green vestments holding a staff and a shamrock, next to the coat of arms of the Diocese of St. Catharines. The text 'ST. PATRICK' is in large green letters, with 'ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH' below it. The address and establishment date are at the bottom.

ST. PATRICK

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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ESTABLISHED 1883

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Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm & Sunday 10:00 am

Daily Worship Schedule

Holy Mass: Monday–Saturday, 9:00 AM

Stay and Pray

Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction,
Thanksgiving Prayers & Daily Devotions
Following Morning Mass
(9:30 AM – 10:00 AM)

**News Office Hours Monday- Thursday
11AM to 3PM**

Pastoral Team

Parish Administrator:

Rev. Fr. Aji Varghese

Deacon: Rev. Frank Durbiano

In Residence:

Rev. Fr. Andy Goodwin

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

Monday to Friday 8:15 AM- 8:45 AM &
Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm & upon
request

Sacraments

Baptism, 1st Communion, Confirmation,
Marriage, and Anointing of the Sick are
arranged through the Parish Office

Music Ministry

Katryna Sacco (Sunday)
Yolanda & Edward (Saturday)

Parish Groups

Catholic Women's League-
President: Mrs Donnell Lucien

St. Vincent de Paul Society-
President: Mrs Patricia Bartley

Homebound Ministry

Please get in touch with the Parish
Office if you or a loved one is seriously
ill, hospitalised, or confined to home.
Pastoral visits, Holy Communion, and
the Sacrament of the Anointing of the
Sick can be arranged.

Catholic Funeral Rite:

When a death occurs in your family,
please call the Parish Office and we will
assist you in making the necessary
liturgical arrangements

Parish School

St. Theresa Catholic Elementary
School:

Principal: Dan Trainor

Our Parish Door Is Always Open

Everyone is welcome at St. Patrick Parish.
Whether you need prayer, spiritual
guidance, pastoral support, or simply
someone to listen, Fr. Aji would be
delighted to meet with you.

To arrange an appointment, please
email: avarghese@saintcd.com

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR A
SEPTEMBER 5/6, 2026

Pastor's Corner

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we reflect on Ezekiel 33:7–9, Romans 13:8–10, and Matthew 18:15–20. These readings remind us of our responsibility for one another, the importance of love, and the need to build our community in a spirit of understanding and unity. St. Paul tells us, “Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.”

This week went very well, and one of my main goals was to find practical ways to address some of the things that urgently need attention around our parish. A major focus has been cleaning up the parking lot and surrounding area. As you may have noticed, the bushes and overgrowth along the fencing have now been cleared. My hope was also to have the holes in the parking lot repaired by this weekend, but unfortunately the weather did not allow us to complete that work. We will continue as conditions permit.

One of the challenges we have encountered is that some cars and trucks are parked in the lot for long periods without any information about the owners or drivers, which makes it difficult for us to organize and maintain the property. My goal is to make sure that, first of all, our parish parking lot serves our parishioners, especially our seniors and those with disabilities, with convenient and clearly designated accessible parking.

At the same time, I want us always to remain friendly, responsible, and loving neighbours. Where possible, and outside our church and parish activity times, I hope we can develop a responsible parking arrangement for those who genuinely need parking. I share this simply so that everyone understands the direction we are taking as we organize the property more carefully.

I am also happy to share that the City has informed me that they will remove the dangerous tree near the entrance to the parking lot. They have also indicated that they will help with the planting of additional trees in the campus. With our limited resources, and through the help of friends and volunteers, I am trying to make our parish surroundings cleaner, safer, and more welcoming.

In the light of today's Gospel, I would especially ask you to remember in prayer all those whom our Lord has invited, and continues to invite, through St. Patrick Parish. Our parish is not only a property to maintain; it is a community through which Christ reaches people. Let us pray for those who are already here, those searching for God, those who have been away, and those whom the Lord may still bring to us. Jesus reminds us today, “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Let us therefore continue to pray together, work together, and stand together in faith.

I sincerely ask you to pray more for our parish, for its renewal, for our families, and for everyone whom God desires to touch through this community.
May the Lord continue to guide and strengthen St. Patrick Parish.
God bless you all.

St Patrick, Pray for us
Rev. Fr. Aji Varghese
Parish Administrator

Holy Mass Intentions

September 7- 13

Let us prayerfully remember these intentions as we gather around the Lord's altar this week.

Monday, Sep 7, 9:00 am - Msgr. Joseph OmensaRIP

Tuesday, September 8, 9:00 am.

For the faithful departed, especially the deceased members of our parish and families

Wednesday, September 9, 9:00 am Ayiwomere Ijiringho-Aisien-RIP

Thursday, September 10, 9:00 am. Thanksgiving for all God's Blessings- The Obazee, Usuanlele and Oke families

Friday, September 11, 9:00 am:

For the spiritual & material needs of our parish

Saturday, September 12, 9:00 am:

Thanksgiving Mass for Claudette Miller

Weekend Holy Masses

Saturday, September 12, 5:00 pm: For the spiritual and material needs of the Usuanlele children

Sunday September 13, 10:00 am
Pro Populous

Holy Mass Intentions

To request a Holy Mass intention for a loved one, living or deceased, please call any time or visit the Parish Office. **Intentions may be booked up to one year in advance with CASH or CHEQUE ONLY**

Sanctuary Candle Offering

Parishioners are invited to offer the Sanctuary Candle, which burns beside the Blessed Sacrament, for one week in memory of a loved one or for a special intention.

The offering is \$20 per candle and will help cover the cost of our sanctuary candles. More importantly, it provides a meaningful opportunity to remember your loved ones and special intentions before the Lord throughout the week.

To reserve a Sanctuary Candle, please contact the parish office.

Parish Stewardship August 22/23

Sunday Offertory:\$995

Loose Money:\$296

Other: \$80

Candles: \$54.75

Total Parish Offering:\$1425.75

A Mass of Penance and Healing

A Mass of Penance and Healing will be celebrated on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 7:00pm, at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria (3 Lyman Street, St. Catharines). Please plan to attend as we gather to beg for God's mercy and healing, and to pray for those harmed by the sinful actions and abuse committed by some of the priests, religious and laity of our diocese who have represented God and our diocese over the years. We will also pray to be strengthened in our resolve to be holy and faithful servants of Our Lord and the people of God.

Carmelite Sisters' Thanksgiving Mass

A Mass of Thanksgiving for the Carmelite Sisters' 106 years of service will be celebrated on Thursday, October 1, at 2:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Catherine of Alexandria. A reception will follow.



Help Our Parish Grow

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Our parish grows when we share our time, talents, faith, and prayers. Volunteers are needed to serve at the altar, help clean the church, tidy the pews each week, and care for our parish grounds.

If you can help in any way, please contact the parish office. Ask the Lord: "How can I help my parish grow?" When we take the first step, God will do the rest.



Support Our Parish

Our parish can move forward only through your presence, prayers, service, and generous support. Your assistance is also needed with the many small works and maintenance needs around our church. Every contribution of time, talent, or financial support makes a difference.

New Parish E-Transfer Address

emt.stpatrick.stc@saintcd.com

You may use this address for parish donations, Holy Mass intentions, and Sanctuary Candle offerings. Please include your name and the purpose of your offering in the message section.

Thank you for remembering and supporting our parish as we grow together in faith.



We have completed **24 DAYS** of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction after our weekday Masses. Each day, we offer special prayers for healing, families, and the needs of our parish.

Please join us for weekday morning Mass, followed by Adoration and Benediction.

"Those who honor me I will honor." — 1 Samuel 2:30

A parish that adores Jesus becomes a parish that reflects Jesus.



Children, youth, and adults are warmly invited to serve at the Lord's altar. Training is provided.

Please get in touch with the Parish Office.

Join Our Parish Choir

Share your gift of music and help lead our worship.

Saturday 5:00 PM: Ted & Yolanda –

teabart50@hotmail.com

Sunday 10:00 AM: Katryna Sacco –

katryna.s@gmail.com

Everyone is welcome! Please contact our choir leaders for rehearsal information.

Blessings for St. Teresa Catholic Elementary School

I had a fruitful meeting with the principal and vice-principal of St. Teresa Catholic Elementary School. Together, we planned the school Masses, sacramental celebrations, and other pastoral activities for the entire academic year.

I am very happy to welcome the students, families, teachers, and staff as they begin this new school year. May all our children develop a living relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church.

I wish every student God's abundant grace, wisdom, and guidance throughout the coming academic year.

Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married couples are invited to the BLD Marriage Encounter Weekend #19 on November 14–15, 2026, at St. Ann Church Hall, 5740 Buchanan Avenue, Niagara Falls.

This special weekend offers couples an opportunity to grow closer, deepen their love, and walk together with God. To register, please scan the QR code on the poster or visit www.bldstcatharines.org.

Give your marriage time, attention, and intention—your marriage is worth it!

Would You Like to Become a Parishioner at St. Patrick Parish?

Please complete the form below and place it in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office.



PARISH REGISTRATION & INFORMATION UPDATE FORM



☐ New Parishioner

| ☐ Change of Address

| ☐ Moving

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

☐ I would like to receive Offertory Envelopes. *Please place this form in the collection basket or return it to the Parish Office.*

Believing • Belonging • Becoming

| "For all things are possible with God." (Mark 10:27)

Prayer for the Evangelisation of Our Parish

Heavenly Father,

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church. Fill our hearts with love for Christ and a passion to share the Gospel.

Make our parish a place where all are welcomed, faith is nurtured, hope is renewed, and lives are transformed through the Holy Eucharist and the power of Your Word. Give us the courage to invite, the wisdom to teach, the compassion to serve, and the joy to witness to Your love.

May our parish truly become a community of Believing, Belonging, and Becoming, bringing others to know, love, and follow Jesus Christ.

Through the intercession of St. Patrick and the Blessed Virgin Mary, guide us always in Your mission.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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