

# ST. PATRICK'S PARISH



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## MASS TIMES

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 5:00 pm; Sunday: 8:30 am; 10:30 am

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Friday: 9:00 am

**Confessions:** Saturday at 4:00 pm or upon request

**Monthly adoration:** First Friday of the Month 9:30 am-10:30 am

## PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in the day of battle.  
Be our safeguard against the  
wickedness  
And snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him,  
we humbly pray,  
And do thou, O Prince of the  
Heavenly Hosts,  
By the divine power  
Cast into hell Satan and all the  
evil spirits,  
Who wander throughout the world  
Seeking the ruin of souls.

For emergency call the pastor by using the  
phone number 519-722-5274;

email: [fatherjeromeocd@stpatrickscaledonia.com](mailto:fatherjeromeocd@stpatrickscaledonia.com)

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday-9:30am-12:30pm

### Pastoral Care/Prayer Request

Please place this request in the collection  
basket or give directly to Father

Please let us know about:

Illness

Hospital Stays

Bereavements

Other Pastoral Concerns

Good news

Please give clear information about prayer  
request, pastoral concern or celebration.

Optional:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Third Sunday of Advent, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

*Lord, come and save us. Psalm: 146*

### MASS INTENTIONS

Mon.	Dec.	16	9:00 a.m.	Special Intention for Jacqueline Cadieux
Tues.	Dec.	17	9:00 a.m.	+Paul & Germaine Stoneman
Wed.	Dec.	18	9:00 a.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving by Tina Ekperigin
Thur.	Dec.	19	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Parishioners
Fri.	Dec.	20	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of the Parishioners
Sat.	Dec.	21	5:00 p.m.	Mass of Thanksgiving by Patricia Timson
Sun.	Dec.	22	8:30 a.m.	Intentions of the Parishioners
			10:30 a.m.	Special Intention by Tina Ekperigin

Weekday Mass is held in the Church – Monday to Friday at 9:00 am

### PARISH SUPPORT      Thank you

December 8, 2019 Sunday Collection: \$1880 (78 Envelopes); Loose \$381

### PARISH NEWS

SUN. DEC. 15	MON. DEC. 16	TUES. DEC. 17	WED. DEC. 18	THUR DEC. 19	FRI. DEC. 20	SAT. DEC. 21
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent		R Villa Mass				
SUN. DEC. 22	MON. DEC. 23	TUES. DEC. 24	WED. DEC. 25	THUR DEC 26	FRI. DEC. 27	SAT. DEC. 28
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent		Christmas Eve-Masses-5pm,7pm,11pm	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY-Mass 10:30am</b>	NO MASS		

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES- 5 pm-Children's Mass; Children's Pageant and Children's Choir;**

**7:00 PM;**

**11:00 PM**

**CHRISTMAS DAY-10:30 am**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE- 5:00 PM**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY 10:30 AM**

2020 envelopes are ready to be picked up at the back of the church. If you are interested in getting envelopes, please fill out the form for new parishioners at the back of the church, or call the rectory at 905-765-2729.

If you would like to make a **prayer request** for someone, to be placed on the Prayer line or Prayers of the Faithful for weekend masses, please let Laurie Burley know- 4laurieburley@gmail.com, 905-765-6619 or the parish office- stpatschurch@rogers.com.

### CWL Members

It's that time of the year. Membership fees for 2020 are due by the end of December. Fee is \$25. Please

If you would like to receive your bulletin by email please contact [john.hollow@rogers.com](mailto:john.hollow@rogers.com)

The Parish now accepts Visa & MasterCard. Please contact Suzanne at the parish office

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for the Month of December-The Future of the Very Young  
That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

A second collection for the Accessibility Fundraising project will be after each mass on the first weekend of the month. Thank you.

WEBSITE: [stpatrickscaledonia.com](http://stpatrickscaledonia.com)

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Masses are offered for various intentions such as death, anniversaries, birthdays, and for the sick and dying or other intentions you may have. We look forward for your mass intentions. Please contact the Parish office. Each mass intention is \$10.

put it in an envelope and mark it CWL Membership and drop it in the collection basket.

### **WEEKLY MISSALS**

**Weekly missals for next year** will be available for the next few weekends at the entrance of the church. The cost is \$5.

### **BIDS AND BITES**

Our latest fundraiser, Bids and Bites, held on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at Notre Dame School raised \$2,718.68. A special thank you to all for making the evening fun and successful.

**The Caledonia and District Food Bank** is in need of many items for the Christmas Season. Non-perishable food items, personal hygiene products- toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, hairbrushes, baby wipes, diapers, Kleenex, deodorant, hand sanitizers, lotions, laundry soap, treats (cookies, etc.), gloves, hats and socks. There is a container at the entrance of the church to deposit any items that you are able to donate.

### **WHAT IS ADVENT**

Advent is a time of joyous anticipation, but also of penance and preparation for the great Christmas feast. The liturgical color of the season is purple, a sign of penance, which is also used during Lent. The Church discourages excessive ornamentation, boisterous music and even weddings during Advent, in order to foster a sense of quiet hope.



### **Week Three:**

Three candles, including the rose candle, are lit on Gaudete, the third Sunday, and during that week. The following prayer is said:

Let us pray.

We humbly beg Thee, O Lord,  
to listen to our prayers;  
and by the grace of Thy coming  
bring light into our darkened minds.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen

### **REJOICED IN THE LORD**

Dear friends, The Third Sunday of Advent continues to prepare us for the coming of the Lord Jesus among us. During this special time of Advent, we are called to embrace a holy mind so that we may perceive for the benefit of our spiritual growth the true spiritual meaning of the

Words of God given to us. The readings of today tell us of the necessity to wait for the Lord and prepare our hearts to receive him. At the same time they invite us to discover who the messiah is and how we can identify him. This Sunday is called "Gaudete Sunday" from the first word of the Entrance Song in Latin, giving a call to rejoice. So, the Mass text and readings today are full of joy, especially the Entrance Song that tells us to rejoice in the Lord always and tells them to rejoice again because the Lord is near. In the first reading Prophet Isaiah sees new life in a once-barren land. God is coming to save his people. In the second reading St James refers to farmers and prophets as examples of patient waiting. Christians can learn from them as they look for the coming of Christ and wait for him patiently. In the Gospel Jesus indirectly claims to be the Messiah. He points to the actions that exemplify the presence of the Messianic age. He praises John as a prophet and one even greater than a prophet, a person who prepared the way of the Lord.

The First Reading from the Book of Isaiah echoes the anticipation of God's chosen people. The people believed that God would come and save them from their worldly suffering. To them, God's coming was perceived as a second Exodus. In their perception of the coming of the promised Messiah, the people visualized a transformation of the physical world where the entire creation would rejoice. They envisioned blooming deserts that would manifest the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. The scene he describes brings to mind the Garden of Eden. They visualized a revived people under the leadership of an eternal King who would arrive to save them and avenge them. There is a striking transformation taking place among them. They were once weak and feeble without the wisdom to rely on God's strength. Once more the weak hands and feeble knees would be made strong. Those who are physically blind, they would see again. Those who are deaf, they would hear again. They have no fear because God is with them and the word of God reaches their hearts. God's people waited for a Redeemer who would bring them out of their exile, something similar to what was experienced in the Exodus from Egypt. What God was revealing to them was a different Exodus, salvation through the power of God. So our salvation is drawing nearer so let us rejoice in the Lord.

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