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RECONCILIATION:

Saturday:	4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
	or anytime by appointment
First Friday:	6:30 - 7:20 p.m.

BAPTISM:

Baptism kits are available from the church office. A kit **MUST** be picked up before attending a Baptism Preparation Class. Please note that, due to the large size of our parish, Baptism dates are booked 2 months in advance, at the Preparation Class.

MARRIAGE:

Contact parish office **ONE YEAR BEFORE.**

**PREPARATION COURSES MANDATORY FOR
BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE**

MASS TIMES:

Saturday:	5:00 p.m.
Sunday:	8:45 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.
	12:15 p.m.
	4:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday:	8:30 a.m.
Saturday & Holidays:	9:00 a.m.
First Friday	7:30 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday:	9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
	2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday:	9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Sunday:	8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.

SACRAMENTS & WORSHIP

What kind of King are we expecting?

Prepare for the Birth of Christ by attending our **Parish Advent Mission**. It begins at all masses the weekend of Dec. 5 and 6, with Fr. Keith Callaghan as our guest homilist.

The mission continues to explore how we experience the King in our lives at mass on Mon. Dec. 7 at 7 pm, and concludes with an Advent Reconciliation service on Tues. Dec. 8 at 7 pm. Come and spend time reflecting on how we walk God's talk and talk God's walk.

Reflection – Christ the King

This week's readings are apocalyptic literature telling us of the glory of the Chosen One. Jesus says that His Kingdom is not of this world but the readings describe a king who is not limited to this world. Our mission is clear; we are to bring the Kingdom of Christ to this world.

A random act of stewardship you can do at home

We know we are to bring the Kingdom of Christ to this world. We are reminded every week when we pray the Lord's Prayer at mass. "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." What part do you play in bringing his Kingdom to earth? Pray for the courage to love and forgive others, help those in need, and be peaceful in the way you treat those with whom you live.

Readings for First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33.14-16, Psalm 25,

1 Thessalonians 3.12 – 4.2, Luke 21.25-28, 34-36

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

This month, we are praying for:

Carol Anne Ellis, Beatrice Limcaco, Leo Ioannou, Loreta Greco, Ike Cristobal, Lucia Deluca, Sabrina Moreino, Kathleen McEwen, Vincent Sgambelluri, Spencer MacPherson Celeste Stone, Lina Melino, Carly Wilson, Heinz Breiter, Christopher Zaina, James Gaughan, Doreen Gaughan.

First Friday Mass – Fri. Dec. 4

Mass at 7.30 pm, Reconciliation at 6.30 pm,
Adoration and Benediction until 9 pm

Our next Praise and Worship is on Dec. 18 at 7.30 pm
"Come and See" Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

Baptisms

This Sunday, the following children are being baptized into the Catholic community. Join us in welcoming:

**Bianca Beninato, Marcus Dolap, Mayah Ponce,
Sydney Lord, Talon Sorani, Makayla Herold,
Noelle Wong. Ebishan Emmanuel.**

On Sun. Nov. 8, the following children were baptized:

**Isiah Ellis, Aidan Ferreira, Eliza Lee, Ethan Li,
Maggie Lin, Mariangela Maniscalco, Ethan Rosario,
Bailey Tong.**

Adult and Children's Sunday Missals

Are now on sale at \$5 each, in the church office.

CHRISTMAS CAKES

The annual sale of Christmas Cakes will be on Nov. 28/29 after all masses. The cakes cost \$15 for a bar cake, and \$22 for a ring cake in a decorative tin. All proceeds go to Campaign Life. Enjoy a delicious fruit cake this Christmas and support the pro-life cause!

FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace

ACTION Weekend of Dec. 5/6 2009

In a world that produces food for every man, woman and child to eat a daily balanced diet, about 860 million people do not have enough food to lead healthy and productive lives. Another 100 million may soon join them.

Myth #3: any current problem with agro fuels will be sold by "second-generation" agro fuels.

Reality: our global future depends on reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the short term. Second-generation agro fuels may not be readily available for another 10 or 15 years.

Myth #4: agro fuel farming is a needed source of income for small-scale farmers, their families and communities.

Reality: Agro fuel plantations lead to landlessness, loss of livelihoods and a lower quality of life.

What's needed is the political will to make these changes reality.

"232 kg of corn is needed to make 50 litres of bioethanol. A child could live on that amount of corn for a year". Jean Ziegler, former UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, who also called agro fuels a "crime against humanity".

The rush to agro fuels

Driven by policies and supported by subsidies from the developed world, massive areas of land in the Global South are now being converted into plantations for agro fuel monocultures. Agro fuels benefit those of us in developed countries at the expense of the poorest in the Global South. Small landholders and rural communities are being displaced, harassed and evicted due to the spread of plantations for agro fuel crops.

That's why you are asked to support our action on Dec. 5/6 that asks the G8 to support small-scale farmers in the Global South. According to our partners, small-scale farmers' ability to feed populations and protect ecosystems is threatened by developed countries' loan and aid policies. Such policies have encouraged industrial agriculture in the Global South, most recently by supporting agro fuel plantations.

To learn more about this year's D&P Action, an action fully supported by Archbishop Thomas Collins, go to www.devop.org and click on Education Campaign.

CRAFT SALE

The Women's Ministry Network would like to thank all who attended and made this year's craft sale a great success.

The proceeds of the sale will be used by the Women's Ministry Network to support future events. A special thank you goes to those who generously donated the delicious baked goods. The \$845 raised at the bake table will be donated to the Refugee Re-settlement Fund, and the \$610 raised in the tea room will be donated to the World Youth Day team. Congratulations to Ginny Slike who won this year's 50/50 draw prize of \$261!

See you at next year's sale!

Thank you to the following who donated to the tea room:
Food for Thought Catering, Loblaws McCowan Market, Sobeys, Longos, Gord's No Frills, Wal-Mart, Tim Horton's, T&T Bakery, Calabria, Harvey's, Markham Fine Foods.

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PRE-AUTHORIZED GIVING PLAN
(PAG)**

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AUTHORIZATION FORM**

What is the Pre-Authorized Giving Plan?

St. Patrick's Parish has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan (PAG) to assist you in your support of the work of our church through your regular parish offerings.

This initiative is entirely optional.

Pre-Authorized Giving creates a win/win situation for you and your parish. It's a very simple procedure. When you participate in Pre-Authorized Giving your offering will be withdrawn from your account on the day of the month you specify. This amount will then be deposited to the parish account.

Why should I participate?

ADVANTAGES for the Donor:

Convenience: Your offering is made automatically every month, continual support of your home church when you are away, no more searching for cash or cheques before mass.

ADVANTAGES for the Parish:

Regular, dependable cash flow of contributions to the parish. Reduction of paperwork and bookkeeping.

How do I enroll?

Fill out the form included here and attach a cheque from your bank account marked VOID. Put the form and void cheque in an envelope and place it in the collection basket, or drop it off or mail it to the parish office. Remember your donation will be received on a monthly rather than a weekly basis. Decide the amount of donation to the parish to be withdrawn from your account each month.

How will PAG replace my current giving?

You will no longer need to drop an envelope in the collection basket for your weekly offering. *However, you will still have to use the special issue envelopes in your offertory box for ShareLife, New Year's, Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Pope's Pastoral Works, Marygrove Camp, Church Extension/Missions, Shepherd's Trust.*

Please note that the parish office will still issue your tax receipt.

I hereby authorize St. Patrick's Parish, Markham to debit my account each month for my donation to:

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Capital Fund Offering: \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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SIGNATURE OF CONTRIBUTOR

Financial Institution:

Address:

Telephone #: _____

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Account #: _____

Type of Account: _____

PLEASE ATTACH A VOID CHEQUE

Withdrawals will commence in the next month after the completed authorization form is submitted to the Parish Office.

Received in Parish Office on: _____

This week at St. Patrick's

Monday, Nov. 23, 8.30 am mass intention for May Hanks

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
6:30 p.m.	Youth Choir Practice	Church
6:00 p.m.	KOC Christmas party	Large Hall

Tuesday, Nov. 24, 8.30 am mass intention for Fred Bastiansz

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
10:30 a.m.	Amica Monthly Mass	Amica at Swan Lake
7:15 p.m.	Scripture Studies	St. Brendan's Room
7:30 p.m.	Folk Ensemble Practice	Church
7:30 p.m.	RCIA	Large Hall

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 8.30 am mass intention for Lloyd McNeil

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
9:30 a.m.	Parent Link	Large Hall
7:00 p.m.	First Reconciliation for Blessed Kateri & Private & Public Schools	Church
7:30 p.m.	Visiting Ministry	St. Brendan's Room
7:30 p.m.	Prayer Group	St. Brendan's Room

Thursday, Nov. 26, 8.30 am mass intention for George Chin Fook

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
10:00 a.m.	Al-Anon	St. Brendan's Room
2:30p.m.	Markhaven Monthly Mass	Markhaven Home for Seniors
7:00 p.m.	Family of Nazareth	St. Aidan's Room
7:30 p.m.	Marriage Prep Course	Large Hall
7:30 p.m.	St. Patrick's Choir Practice	Church

Friday, Nov. 27, 8.30 am mass intention for John Fernandes

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
6:30 p.m.	Prayer Group Christmas Party	Large Hall

Saturday, Nov. 28, 9 am Multiple Intentions Mass
5 pm mass for the intentions of Araceli

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
9:30 a.m.	Lector In Service	Church

Sunday, Nov. 29, 4.30 pm mass intention for Francesco Mastromartino

Time	Event/Meeting	Location
8:45 a.m.	CHILDREN'S LITURGY CANCELLED	
10:30 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.	CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM CANCELLED	
10:30 a.m.	St. Patrick's Choir Executives	St. Kevin's Room


The next **Seniors' Social** will take place on Mon. Nov. 30 beginning at 1.30 pm with Communion Service, followed by a social in the large hall. All seniors are welcome to attend.

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