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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

Reflection— 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jealousy, envy and selfishness are key themes in this week's readings. If we look carefully at our own lives, we know that these traits can cause us to argue with others and deny the good someone else is doing. Yet Jesus tells us that in order to be first, one must be last of all and servant to all. Let us strive to be faithful servants in God's eyes, consider the needs of others, and allow our lives to be influenced by what we hear in the Sunday Liturgy.

Random act of Stewardship you can do at home

It is important to affirm and imitate the goodness in others. This week we have the opportunity to witness the good in parishioners, as they reach out to share their time and their treasure with those in need, by signing up to prepare casseroles for the hungry and provide for the needs of the Raezkallah family. Follow their example and put your faith into action.

Readings for 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Numbers 11.25-29, Psalm 19, James 5.1-6,
Mark 9.38-43, 45, 47-48

Daily Mass Intentions

Monday, September 21
8.30 am Nell McKinnon

Tuesday, September 22
8.30 am Jude Antonipillai

Wednesday, September 23
8.30 am Mario Greco

Thursday, September 24
8.30 am Imelda Wai

Friday, September 25
8.30 am Paddy & Kitty Wall

Saturday, September 26
9 am Multiple Intentions Mass
5 pm Fernand Cyr

ALTAR SERVER INFORMATION

St. Patrick's invites anyone in Grade 4 and older to consider becoming an Altar Server. We have a special need for servers for the new 8 and 9.30 am Sunday Liturgies, as well as the Sunday evening mass.

In addition to serving at mass, servers have the opportunity to assist at other liturgies such as Weddings, Confirmations and during the Easter Triduum, and other special ceremonies.

If you are interested in signing up for training, drop into the office to complete a volunteer form.

We are also having a special **2 hour Training & Pizza session on Sat. Oct. 3 at 11 am, and another on Wed. Oct. 7 at 6 pm.** This is open to our current altar servers, but also to anyone interested in meeting other altar servers or in finding out more. **Let the church office know if you are attending either of these sessions.**

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Parents of Children preparing to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are invited to attend an evening of prayer, preparation and registration, being held on:

Friday, Sept. 25
or

Wednesday, Sept. 30

7.00—8.30 pm at St. Patrick's Parish*

Children in Grade 2 attending Catholic Schools within our parish boundaries will have brought home a registration package from school.

For parents with older children or children attending Public or Private schools, or Catholic schools outside of our parish boundaries, registration packages are available in our church office.

***Note: This is a parent-only evening.**

Parents are asked to attend only one of the two evenings.

Please remember the sick in your prayers:

This month, we have been asked to pray for:

**Augusta Guempel, Richard Wulf,
Sandra Murphy.**

For a complete list of those wishing to be kept in our prayers, please see our website, under *"Please remember the sick in your prayers..."*

ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR

St. Patrick's Choir serves at the 10.30 am Sunday mass. Rehearsals are on Thursdays, 7.45—9.30 pm and resume on Sept. 10th. New members are welcome throughout September.

Choirboys are coming!

On **Friday, Oct. 16 at 7.30 pm**, the Junior Choir from **St. Michael's Choir School** will perform a 1-hour concert to conclude the inaugural year for our new organ. They number about 60 boys from Grades 5 & 6, who are not often featured outside St. Michael's Cathedral. More details to follow.

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith and it is a humbling privilege to be able to serve our parish as a Minister of Communion. To better prepare for this Ministry, and to understand upcoming changes, **a very important general meeting will take place on Wed. Oct. 14, and Wed. Oct. 21, at 7.30 pm. It is critical that all Eucharistic Ministers attend one of these two meetings.**

New procedures will be presented by Fr. Ed, Fr. Thomas and Lois Shaw.

Come to the session so that you will be prepared.

Baptisms

This week we welcome the following children into our Catholic community. Let's remember to pray for them and lead them by our example:

Nathan Kafieh, Julia Maccagnano, Madelyn Scott, Eden Mah, Payton Mah, Daniel D'Urso, Ava Chuck, Madysan Colangelo, Christopher Mootilal, Maximo Doewich Araya.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

at St. Patrick's Parish

Expanded to twice a month

Join us on the **First Friday** of every month, for mass at 7.30 pm, followed by an Hour of Adoration and Benediction.

"Speak Lord, your servant is listening".

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available prior to the mass, at 6.30 pm.

The next First Friday mass is Oct. 2.

On the Third Friday of the month we have Praise and Worship at 7.30 pm.

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"Come and See" Jesus

in the Blessed Sacrament.

The next Praise and Worship is Oct. 30.

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CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, young people will affirm the faith commitment that their parents made for them at Baptism. Confirmation preparation will soon begin at St. Patrick's Parish. Therefore, if you have a child in Grade 8, he/she is eligible to begin this process.

Parent and candidate meetings will be held at 7 pm on Friday, Oct. 23 or Wednesday, Oct. 28 at St. Patrick's Parish.

Informative letters will be distributed to the children attending our Catholic schools. **For those attending Public/Private schools, or a Catholic school outside our parish boundaries, please pick up an information letter in the parish office.**

Parents and candidates need to attend only one of the meetings.

Sunday Programs for Pre-Schoolers

Faith development begins at birth and continues throughout one's lifetime. As part of their ongoing religious growth, the children of our community are invited to meet Jesus in the Gospels at a level they can understand. There are several opportunities in which this can take place during the Sunday masses:

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

❖ 8.45 am – children 4 – 7 years of age are called out after the opening prayer to participate in a Children's Liturgy. They return to the main assembly at the Offertory.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/BABYSITTING

❖ 10.30 am and 12.15 pm – babysitting (for children 0 – 3 years of age) and Sunday School (for children 4 – 6 years of age) are available for the entire mass. The Gospel message is shared with each group and the children are guided to understand how it relates to their own lives. **START DATE OCT. 17/18**

These programs are not available on long weekends or during school vacations.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY PROCESSION

Wed. Oct. 7 at 7.30 pm

Our Lady is the dispenser of grace and the Rosary is known as one of the most powerful prayers of the Church. Come out and pray together as members of the family of St. Patrick's.

Servant Development

PARISH & HOME CATECHISM PROGRAM

The Church reaches that the family unit is the domestic church and so parents are the primary educators of faith. Learning together, praying together, and sharing together strengthens not only the individual family but also our parish family of faith.

The Parish & Home Catechism program focuses on building faith in our children using the resource Faith First. This resource introduces and reinforces the timeless truths of our Catholic tradition that can provide a transformative catechesis encouraging the integration of faith and life. The families are invited to attend the monthly family celebrations on Sat. mornings. This program is primarily for all families with children currently enrolled in a private or public school. However, families who are interested in joining in for this catechesis are welcome.

Fall registrations will be held after all masses next weekend. The cost is \$40 with cheques payable to St. Patrick's Parish. For more info contact Silvana Amantea at Silvana.amantea@stpatrick.on.ca or 905-294-5955, ext. 226.

ST. PATRICK'S YOUTH GROUP

Junior Youth Group is for students in grades 4,5,6, and 7. It is the perfect place for young people to get involved, learn about God and make new friends. Events range from bowling, movie nights, community service projects and much more.

This group meets from 2.30-4 pm on Sundays in the large hall. All youth are invited to attend 4.30 mass after each meeting.

This Sunday, Sept. 20, the 4.30 mass is a Youth Mass, with registration for the Youth Group from 5.30-6 pm in the large hall.

Service & Outreach

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Due to the overwhelming generosity of our parishioners, 506 children were provided with a backpack filled with school supplies, toiletries, socks, and healthy snacks or with a homework pack of school supplies. On behalf of these children, the Social Justice Ministry would like to thank all parishioners who contributed to the success of our program again this year.

The backpack distribution was as follows:

St. Martin de Porres	239
Native Child	77
St. Patrick's	38
Friends of Dismas	20
Markham Food Bank	5
St. Paul's	127 homework packs

Thanks is also extended to the following who assisted with all aspects of this initiative. Lyris Dainton, Bella Headland, Irene Kreutz, Jacqueline Clark, Tom Roth, Liz Maple and Angela O'Neill.

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