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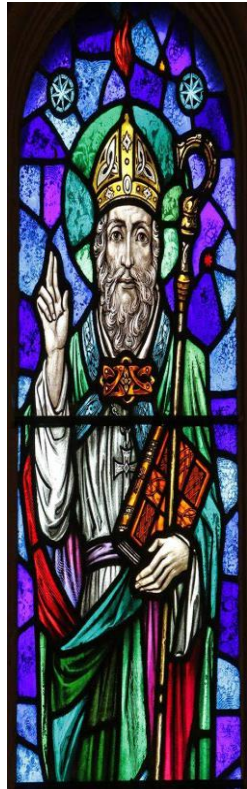


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COVID-19 UPDATES

Parish Office

During this time the church office will remain closed to the public. Please feel free to leave a voicemail at the church office: 519-689-7760 or to e-mail us at stpatmerlin@dol.ca. We will respond as soon as possible.

We thank all parishioners who continue to support St. Patrick's Church & Shrine Merlin by sending in their offertory envelopes by mail.

Keep in Touch!

Please make sure to update your preferred contact information by any of the following methods:

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It is very helpful to ensure that you receive your official receipt for income tax purposes. Thanks for helping to keep the office current!




Rev. Chris Bourdeau, Parish Administrator of St. Francis, Tilbury, will begin a six-month sabbatical on 1 January 2021.

Rev. Thomas Donohue has been appointed weekend coverage from January – June 2021 for St. Francis of Xavier, Tilbury, St. Peter, Tilbury, East.

Sign Up at St. Patrick's Church & Shrine Merlin website (www.olrshrine.ca) to receive the Weekly Bulletin

Go to "Contact Us" and complete the form.

Please check the website regularly for news, updates, events and announcements!


For I am the
LORD
your God,
Who holds your
right hand, and says
Don't ^{be} afraid
I will help you.

ISAIAH 41:13

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH AND SHRINE NEWS



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions will still be offered at private masses being held daily by Fr. Antony and Fr. Sebastin.

January 10 –16, 2021

Monday, January 11

- ✚ Ron Atkinson by Spencer & Devon Newham
- ✚ All Souls in Purgatory Especially Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.
- ✚ Special Intention for Gerry Burchat by Catherine & John Sawchuk

Tuesday, January 12

- ✚ All Souls in Purgatory Especially Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.
- ✚ Jerome & Elsie Devlaminck by the Family

Wednesday, January 13

- ✚ All Souls in Purgatory by Elaine Goldhawk
- ✚ All Souls in Purgatory Especially Deceased Members of F.O.S.S.

Thursday, January 14

- ✚ All Souls in Purgatory Especially Priests & Religious by Elaine Goldhawk

Friday, January 15

- ✚ All Souls in Purgatory Especially Deceased Members of F.O.S.S. by Elaine Goldhawk

Saturday, January 16

- ✚ All Souls in Purgatory Especially Deceased Members of F.O.S.S. by Elaine Goldhawk
- ✚ Deceased Members of F.O.S.S. by Lorenza Thompson

Prayer of the Faithful

R. Lord, hear our prayer.



For the Church, like her Lord, the Beloved of the Father, that his favor may always rest upon her, and his Spirit overshadow her with truth and power, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For those entrusted with the work of the government, that they may serve the cause of right, and strive to establish true justice on earth, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For those who have become lukewarm in their faith, that the Spirit given in their baptism will rekindle faith and love in their hearts, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For ourselves, and our community, that we may eagerly follow Christ's call at our baptism and establish true justice on earth, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For the departed whose memory we recall, that the power of God's grace may bring them to the fullness of glory, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For peace in our world, let us pray to the Lord. R.

For the sick and suffering, that they may turn to the Lord in their need, let us pray to the Lord. R.



Readings for the week

January 10 – 16, 2021

Sunday, January 10 - Baptism of the Lord

- 1st Reading – Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7
- Response – The Lord will bless his people with peace.
- 2nd Reading Acts 10:34-38
- Gospel – Matthew 3:13-17

Monday, January 11

- 1st Reading – Hebrews 1:1-6
- Response – Worship the Lord, all angels of God.
- Gospel – Mark 1:14-20

Tuesday, January 12

- 1st Reading – Hebrews 2:5-12
- Response – You gave your Son authority over all your creation.
- Gospel – Mark 1:21-28

Wednesday, January 13

- 1st Reading – Hebrews 2:14-18
- Response – The Lord remembers his covenant forever.
- Gospel – Mark 1:29-39

Thursday, January 14

- 1st Reading Hebrews 3:7-14
- Response – If today you hear God's voice, harden not your hearts.
- Gospel – Mark 1:40-45

Friday, January 15

- 1st Reading – Hebrews 4:1-5, 11
- Response Do not forget the works of the Lord!
- Gospel – Mark 2:1-12

Saturday, January 16

- 1st Reading – Hebrews 4:12-16
- Response – Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.
- Gospel – Mark 2:13-17



Financial Report

January 3-9, 2021

Christmas	5,190.00
TOTAL OFFERATORY	\$5,190.00



January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Baptism of Our Lord	11 Monday of the First Week in Ordinary Time	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Sunday, January 10th, 2021
(the first Sunday after The
Epiphany of Our Lord – Jan 6)

The Baptism of the Christ (or
the Baptism of Christ), or
Theophany, is the feast day

commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist. Originally the baptism of Christ was celebrated on Epiphany, which commemorates the coming of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the wedding at Cana. Over time in the West, however, the celebration of the baptism of the Lord came to be commemorated as a distinct feast from Epiphany. It is celebrated in the Catholic Church as well as the Anglican and Lutheran Churches on the first Sunday following The Epiphany of Our Lord (January 6).

MANIFESTATIONS AND DEALINGS OF GOD

- **THEOPHANY**- is a manifestation of God in the Bible that is tangible to the human senses. In its most restrictive sense, it is a visible appearance of God in the Old Testament period, often, but not always, in human form.



Is it Okay for Catholics to be Vaccinated Against COVID-19?

The letter from the CCCB, written by the bishops of Alberta and the Northwest Territories, explains why taking the COVID-19 vaccine is morally permissible according to Catholic teachings. The letter is available in [English](#) and [French](#). The Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna/NIH vaccines have been deemed “ethically sourced” by the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute (CCBI) and others. With the Lozier Institute, the CCBI has been following the development the vaccines and you can learn more about their analysis at this [link](#).

Prayer for Ordinary Time

God of Eternity,

As I walk the path of Ordinary Time, help me to count the many ways you are present ~

in the comings and goings of family, friends, coworkers, and acquaintances;

in the sounds of summer and the beauty of your magnificent creation;

in the daily routines and responsibilities that make up the rhythm of my days.

Make all time extra-ordinary as I seek to become more attuned to your presence.

Amen.

ORDINARY TIME

During Ordinary Time, the Church celebrates the fullness of the mystery of the Lord Jesus. The people of God offer praise by celebrating the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

On the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, God assembles the beloved people to hear the Word, to reflect upon it, to offer the living sacrifice of praise, and to eat and drink the banquet of the Lord. Then God sends them forth to proclaim this love by their words and actions.

Sunday is the original Christian Feast Day, following the tradition handed down from Apostolic times, for this was the day of the Lord's Resurrection. Today's Christian communities continue this tradition by celebrating every Sunday as the day of the risen Lord.

Holy Humour

This is a story of a visiting pastor who attended a men's breakfast in the middle of a rural farming area of the country. The group had asked an older farmer, decked out in bib overalls, to say grace for the morning breakfast...

"Lord, I hate buttermilk," the farmer began.

The visiting pastor opened one eye to glance at the farmer and wonder where this was going.

The farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard."

Now the pastor was growing concerned.

Without missing a beat, the farmer continued, "And Lord, you know I don't much care for raw white flour."

The pastor once again opened an eye to glance around the room and saw that he wasn't the only one to feel uncomfortable.

Then the farmer added, "But Lord, when you mix them all together and bake them, I do love warm fresh biscuits."

"So, Lord, when things come up that we don't like; when life gets hard; when we don't understand what You're saying to us, help us to just relax and wait until you are done mixing. It will probably be even better than biscuits. Amen."

Stay strong my friends, because our life is being mixed with lots of things that we don't care for, especially right now! Relax and wait until the mixing is finished!!!

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all and may we all see more happiness and joy in the coming year....



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