

ST. PATRICK PARISH, FALLOWFIELD



We are a vibrant and engaged faith community committed to building up one another in Christ. We are nourished by the sacraments, and our shared service to one another and the wider community.



FIRST READING

Baruch 5.1-9

SECOND READING

Philippians 1.3-6, 8-11

GOSPEL

Luke 3.1-6

Psalms 126
**THE LORD HAS DONE
 GREAT THINGS FOR US;
 WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY.**

Gospel Reflection

In today's Gospel, we hear the stirring call of John the Baptist: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." This Advent, John invites us to reflect on what it means to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

The imagery of valleys being filled and mountains made low is powerful. It challenges us to identify the obstacles that hinder our relationship with God. These could be pride, distractions, grudges, or fears—anything that keeps us from fully embracing the transformative power of Christ. John's message is not just about physical preparation but spiritual readiness. Advent is a season of hope and renewal. As we

light the second candle on the Advent wreath, symbolizing faith, we are reminded that Christ's coming brings the promise of salvation for all flesh. This promise requires a response: repentance and a commitment to align our lives with God's will.

In our daily lives, preparing the way of the Lord might look like reconciling with someone we've wronged, spending time in prayer, or serving those in need. By doing so, we make straight the paths of our hearts and open ourselves to the joy of Christ's presence.

Let us take John's call to heart this Advent, actively preparing a straight path for the Lord.

December 8th

Second Sunday in Advent

Preparing in faith

The second week of Advent focuses on faith and preparation. As we light the Bethlehem Candle, we remember Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and their trust in God's plan.

This week invites us to reflect on our own faith and how we can prepare our hearts for Christ's coming. It's a time for prayer, reconciliation, and making space for God's light to shine in our lives.

December 8th

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Divine Grace

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception honors the Blessed Virgin Mary's conception without original sin, a grace given to her by God to be the Mother of Jesus. This feast highlights Mary's purity and her total openness to God's will.

As we reflect on this mystery, we are reminded of the importance of grace and humility in our own lives.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Brian Ling by Frank & Pat Power † Parish All Souls Intention Paul Rouleau (Get Well/Health) by Vlado Sigel
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People of the Parish
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Roberta Fernandes by Ralph Fernandes † Sheila Berrea by Angela, Janet, and Carmel † Parish All Souls Intention Mary Bergin Emery (Intentions of) by Jane Molino and Ann Burnett
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For good health and blessings received. (Intentions of) by the Monteiro family
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Living and deceased members Legion of Mary (Intentions of) by St. Patrick Legion of Mary
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shawn and Evan (Birthday Blessings) by the Moore family
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Bronislaw Bienasz by the Beaudette family

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m. in the sacristy or by appointment



Turn to the Lord—
prepare His path in
your life.



Events

Christmas from the Pontiac
Dec 13th, 7:00 p.m.



Ready for some Christmas Cheer? Join Gail Gavan and friends and sing along to Christmas Classics and Ottawa Valley toe-tappin' favourites with stories from the Pontiac. Manotick United Church, 5567 Main St. Manotick. Tickets are \$25 and are available at gailgavan.com.



Bake & Book Sale
Dec 14th and 15th after Masses



The CWL and the Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Christmas Bake and Book sale after all Masses during the weekend of December 14 and 15. Please join us for some delicious Christmas Goodies and Reading material. Donations of baked goodies would be appreciated.



New Year's Eve Dance
Dec 31st, 7:30 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.



Ring in 2025 with an unforgettable New Year's Eve party, hosted by the Knights of Columbus! Enjoy delicious food, lively entertainment, and dancing, plus a special slideshow highlighting the memorable parish moments of 2024! Tickets are \$50, available online or in the office.



Parish Penitential Service

Dec 12th, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



Prepare your heart this Advent season by joining us for the Parish Penitential Service. The evening will begin with a brief Liturgy of the Word, followed by the opportunity for individual confessions.

Additionally, the Pastoral Care team will be available in the church hall for special one-on-one prayers. This is a unique opportunity to unburden your heart, share your worries, and invite

God's healing presence into your life. Confessions are also available every Saturday from 4:00 – 4:45 PM or by appointment. Don't miss this opportunity to renew your spirit, embrace God's mercy, and find peace in the midst of the Advent season. We encourage everyone to come, lay down their burdens, and leave refreshed in faith and hope.



Reconciliation During Advent

As we prepare for the coming of the Lord in Advent, we remember that Jesus calls us to newness of life by the forgiveness of sins. We receive that new life through baptism and reconciliation, as well as in communion. Confession, like all other sacraments, is a gift through which God has made his saving love and mercy real and present to us. In his desire to set all people free and draw them into the authentic peace that is communion with God, Christ entrusted his ministry of reconciliation to the apostles. It is through the sacrament of confession that Christ offers us the opportunity of opening our hearts to him, seeking his help as we strive towards a life of holiness, and ultimately, guiding us to eternal life with him. Please consider celebrating reconciliation this advent.

December 9th
St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Humble, Faithful, Obedient

St. Juan Diego, a humble Mexican layman, received apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1531. Through his faith, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was miraculously created. His devotion reminds us to listen to and act upon God's call in our lives.

December 11th
St. Damasus I, Pope

Devout, Influential, Reforming.

St. Damasus I was a pope known for his devotion to the faith, his efforts to promote the reverence of martyrs, and his role in confirming the canon of Scripture. His leadership helped strengthen the early Church during a time of great challenge.

News & Announcements

Christmas Mission Donations



The CWL is looking for your support to collect Gift Cards for the Missions. Collections will

start the weekend of Nov. 16 and will end Dec. 15. These donations will be delivered to the various Missions and Local Shelters for Christmas.

You may also make a cash donation, and cheques can be made out to St. Patrick's CWL. Please put the Gift Card/Cheque/Cash in an envelope clearly marked CWL and place in the collection basket.

New Liturgical Year Sunday Missals

The new Liturgical Year begins on December 1, the First Sunday in Advent. Sunday Missals for the 2024 – 2025 (year C) cost is \$5 per book, and Sunday

Missal for Young Catholics for the 2024 – 2025 (year C) cost is \$10 per book. Missals can be purchased from the ushers after weekend Masses and from the parish office, during office hours (Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.).

New Donation Envelopes Available Next Weekend

Starting next weekend, donation envelopes for the upcoming year will be available for pickup. Visit the parish hall after any Mass to collect yours and enjoy some refreshments while supporting the CWL and Knights of Columbus Bake & Book Sale!

In the weeks following, envelopes will also be available at the front of the church. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Christmas & New Year

Mass Schedule

December 24 5, 7, and 10 p.m.
 December 25 9 and 11 a.m.
 December 31 5 p.m.
 January 1 11 a.m.



Please note: There will be no 9 a.m. Mass on December 24, 26, 27, 31, or January 1.

Empty Host Containers

Throughout the year, we go through a significant number of hosts, reflecting our vibrant and active community. As a result, we have accumulated many empty host containers, which are now available at the front of the church for anyone who would like to take and repurpose one.

Join our team

9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Choirs



The 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Music Ministries are looking to expand their respective choirs. If you are interested in joining, visit our website for details.

Sacramental Prep Team



We are forming a Sacramental Preparation Team to help prepare children and their parents for the sacraments. If you are interested in joining, visit our website for details.

Children's Liturgy



The Children's Liturgy ministry is inviting anyone who feels called to share the joy of the Gospel with children. See our website for details.

Pastoral Care Registration



Through home visits, hospital outreach, and phone calls, our team brings comfort, encouragement, and a sense of community to those we serve. If you or someone you know would like to receive pastoral care, we invite you to register.

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Parish Life

- The Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church.
- The Legion of Mary meets Wednesday mornings in the McGivney Lounge (after the 9:00 a.m. Mass).
- The Catholic Women's League meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Monsignor Baxter Hall.
- The Knights of Columbus meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Monsignor Baxter Parish Hall.
- Children's Liturgy, for ages 4 through 9, is offered during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Get Involved



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