

ST. PATRICK PARISH, FALLOWFIELD



We are a vibrant and engaged faith community, growing together in Christ for 160 years. Nourished by the sacraments, we serve with joy—within our parish and beyond.



First Reading

Acts 10.34a, 37-43

Second Reading

Colossians 3.1-4

Gospel

John 20.1-18

Psalms 118

THIS IS THE DAY THE
LORD HAS MADE; LET US
REJOICE AND BE GLAD.

160 Years Young — A Year of Gratitude and Celebration

This year, our parish enters a remarkable milestone: the 160th anniversary of our founding. While the official anniversary date falls on October 21, we begin our celebration now, marking not just a moment in time, but a living story that continues to unfold in our midst.

There is much for which we give thanks.

In recent years, we have witnessed the restoration of our church, the beauty of sacred art adorning its ceiling, and the quiet devotion inspired by the Grotto of Our Lady of the Fields. These are not simply projects completed, they are visible signs of a parish that is not only alive, but flourishing. At 160 years, ours is not a community looking back with nostalgia, but one moving forward with vitality. We are, in every sense, 160 years young.

Yet, the true strength of our parish has never been found in brick or stone, but in its people.

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Gospel Reflection

The Resurrection does not begin in triumph, but in confusion. Mary Magdalene comes to the tomb in the dark, and finds it empty. Peter and the beloved disciple run, see, and believe—but still do not fully understand. Even Mary, standing before the risen Christ, mistakes Him for the gardener.

This is the pattern of the Resurrection: it breaks into the world quietly, almost hidden, and must be recognized in faith. It is not imposed with force, but revealed to those who seek, who remain, and who are willing to see beyond what appears at first glance.

St. Peter, in Acts, proclaims what the Apostles

came to grasp that Jesus is not merely alive again, but Lord of all, the one appointed as judge of the living and the dead. St. Paul tells us what this means for us: “Seek what is above.” The Resurrection is not only an event to celebrate, but a reality that reorients our entire life, drawing our hearts toward heaven even now.

Mary recognizes Him only when He calls her by name. The Resurrection is personal. Christ is not risen in abstraction—He is risen for you.

“This is the day the Lord has made.” Not just a day in history, but the beginning of a new creation. And those who belong to Him must now live as those already raised.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	8:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Roberta Fernandes, by Ralph Fernandes. † Sid Smith, by Ron & Linda Gervais. † Jackie Goyette, by Linda Gervais. † Colleen Hutchinson, by Pat Liscum.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> People of the Parish † Jeannine Masson, by Deacon Mark, Judy and the family. † Rosemary Shepherd, by Bernie and Margaret Carrol.
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Sid Smith, by Amanda, Melanie, Jake and Violet. † Jeannine Maillet, by Maureen Speer. Michael Conroy (Get Well/Health), by Maureen Speer.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Ron Vidal, by Maia Vidal.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † All Souls Intention
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † David Hill McLeod, by Carolyn Montcalm.
Friday	9:00 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Rosemary Shepherd, by Cindy Noah.



See. Believe.
Proclaim. Christ is
alive. Alleluia!

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



Sunday Smile

There was a camp of rough Canadian lumberjacks in the deep woods. They hadn't been to confession for quite some time, so they all decided to find a church in the nearest town.

They all lined up at the confessional — and sent the bravest one in first.

“Bless me, Father, for I have committed every sin a man could commit.”

The priest paused, then asked, “Every sin? Even murder?”

“No, Father, that's one sin I've never committed,” said the lumberjack.

“See, you haven't examined your conscience thoroughly,” said the priest.

“Go out and examine your conscience for a bit, and then come back.”

As the lumberjack stepped out of the confessional, he saw the long line of lumberjacks looking at him questioningly.

“It's no use tonight, boys,” he said.

“They're just hearing murder cases.”

News & Events

**160th Anniversary
Community Breakfast**
Sunday, May 3, after all Masses



Join us for our first 160th Anniversary Community Breakfast hosted by the

Knights of Columbus! While there's no cost, we are gratefully accepting free-will donations from those who wish to support parish activities. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with fellow, share a meal, and celebrate in a spirit of fellowship. All are welcome—we can't wait to see you there!

Life in the Spirit Seminar
“Come, Holy Spirit!”
Saturdays, Apr. 18 to May 30



All are invited to Holy Redeemer Parish in Kanata for a powerful time of

renewal and encounter with the Holy Spirit. Through inspiring talks, praise and worship, prayer ministry, and fellowship, participants are invited to open their hearts to the grace and gifts of the Spirit—“I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh” (Joel 2:28). Scan to register, or call Justin at 647-522-7407.

News & Announcements

A Note from Father Paul

Dear St. Patrick Parishioners,

On behalf of my father, Bryan, and my sister, Monica, and my brother, Jim, I thank you for the many messages, cards, and personal expressions of condolences on the passing of my mother, Rosemary. Your prayerful presence and support throughout these past couple of weeks has been a source of consolation for me and my family. Please accept my sincere thanks for your continued prayers and for the many Masses offered for the repose of my mother's soul. Thank you most sincerely for your gentle and prayerful support at this time of loss.

May the Lord bless you all.

—Father Paul

A Powerful Witness: For the First Time Since 1994

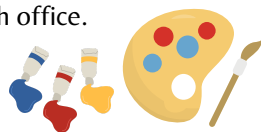
On Good Friday in Rome, Pope Leo XIV personally carried the Cross through all fourteen Stations of the Cross at the Colosseum—something not seen since Pope John Paul II last did so in 1994.

For the Holy Father himself to bear the Cross at every station is a powerful sign: the Church's shepherd walking with Christ in His Passion, and carrying in prayer the sufferings of the world.

In an age marked by conflict, suffering, and uncertainty, this visible act of devotion stands as a reminder that Christ still suffers in His people—and that the Church is called to walk that path with Him. From the Cross to the empty tomb.

Artist Needed for Minor Touch-Up Work

We are seeking a parishioner with experience in painting or artistic work to assist with some minor projects related to our 160th Anniversary celebrations. While the work is relatively small, it requires a careful eye for colour matching and a steady, skilled hand. If you have these abilities and are willing to offer your time, please contact the parish office.



9 a.m. Choir – Voices Needed (Especially Men)

The 9 a.m. Choir is seeking new members, with a particular need for men to help strengthen and support the choir's sound. If you enjoy singing, this is a great opportunity to serve the parish and enrich the liturgy. All are welcome—no formal training required. If you are interested, speak the choir director before or after 9 a.m. Mass.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass 2026:



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(or more), 50, 40, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10 & 5 years of marriage in 2026! At Notre Dame Cathedral on Sunday, May 3, 2:30 pm. Please register before April 16 to ensure your place! Scan the QR to learn more.

Pope Leo's April Prayer Intention

For Priests in Crisis

This April, the Holy Father calls us to pray in a special way for priests who are experiencing crisis—those who may be burdened by loneliness, discouragement, fatigue, or doubt.

The priesthood is a profound gift to the Church, but it is also a demanding vocation. Priests carry the weight of pastoral care, often quietly and without recognition. In moments of trial, they need not only perseverance, but the support and prayers of the faithful.

This intention is not abstract. It is a reminder that our priests are human, and that their fidelity is sustained not only by grace, but by the prayer of the Church around them. To pray for priests in crisis is to stand with them, to ask the Lord to renew their strength, restore their joy, and deepen their trust in Him.

As we celebrate the Resurrection during this Easter season, we are reminded that no darkness is beyond the reach of Christ's light. Let us take up this intention with seriousness and charity, and remember our priests in our daily prayers throughout the month of April.

On Two Wings: Faith & Reason Circle



A new parish study group exploring the great works of theology, philosophy,

and literature to form the Catholic mind. Beginning Thursday evenings in late April, we will read and discuss *Mere Christianity* by C.S. Lewis.

Open to adults (18+), including young adults. No prior background required.

Scan the QR code to learn more and register.

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It is found in you, those who gather here in faith, who worship within these walls, and who build up the Body of Christ through acts of service and charity. From the faithful work of the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Women's League, to the compassionate outreach of our Pastoral Care Team, to the tireless and often unseen work of our Liturgy Team who help make our worship prayerful and beautiful, to the choirs and music ministry whose voices lift our hearts in praise, this parish is what it is because of you.

This anniversary belongs to you.

This is your celebration.

This is your home.

Together, you have built it, through faith, sacrifice, and love.

Throughout this anniversary year, we will be announcing special events, programs, and a few surprises as we prepare for our solemn celebration in October. The weekend of October 17–18 will be filled with special events and celebrations marking this milestone, with more details to follow in the months ahead. At the same time, we will mark this year not only in celebration, but in mission through acts of charity, the strengthening of existing ministries, and the introduction of new initiatives to serve our community. As we give thanks for 160 years, we remain mindful that our purpose is not only to celebrate what

has been, but to continue the work we are called to do.

Stay tuned. Stay close. There is much more to come.

And above all, let us continue—together—to build a parish that will stand strong for generations yet to come.

Stay Engaged

Follow us on social media and stay engaged with our vibrant community.



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Parish Life

- The 11 a.m. Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church.
- The 9 a.m. Choir practices on Thursday evenings at 6:15 p.m. in the church.
- The Legion of Mary meets Wednesday mornings in the McGivney Lounge at 9:30 a.m.
- The Catholic Women's League meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall.
- The Knights of Columbus meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in 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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