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Sunday Masses
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am
Children's Liturgy: September - June

Weekday Masses
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wednesday through Friday 8:30 am
Rosary/Adoration before Weekday Masses

Confessions
Sat 4 - 4:45 pm or before weekday Masses

Baptism
Sunday 12:00 pm by appointment

Marriage
Arrangements should be made at least 6 months in advance.
Marriage preparation course required

Sacrament of the Sick
Communion for the Sick and Shut-ins
Please call the office.

Secretary
Sandy Johnson
Office hours: Wednesday and Friday
8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Enter on Victoria St.

Schools
St. Patrick Elementary School
905-835-1091
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905-835-2451

Cemetery
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Min. Schedule - May 2/3
Hospitality:
5:00 pm - Ron Fortin
9:00 am - Sandy MacIntyre
11:00 am - Mark Morasse

Communion:
5:00 pm - TBD
9:00 am - Susan Foebel
11:00 am - Jackie Gatt

The 4th Sunday of Easter - Year A

I am the gate.

Lectors:
5:00 pm - Kate Ostryhon-Lumsden
9:00 am - Susan Foebel
11:00 am - Jackie Gatt

Video:
5:00 pm - Albert DeLaat
9:00 am - Sandy MacIntyre
11:00 am - Dave Bilodeau

Organist: All Masses - Dino Sicoli

April 26, 2026 A.D. The 4th Sunday of Easter - Year A



*Lord may the request of our
people rise before you like a fragrant offering*

- Tues Apr 28 6:00 pm** +Sarah Muirhead
- Wed Apr 29 8:30 am** *St. Catherine of Siena* +Doreen Calarco
- Thurs Apr 30 8:30 am** *St. Marie De L'Incarnation* +Irene Rady
- Fri May 1 8:30 am** +All the souls of the Aiello family
9:00 am Holy Hour with Adoration, Exposition and Benediction
- Sat May 2 5:00 pm** *The 5th Sunday of Easter* +Jean Huneault
- Sun May 3 9:00 am** For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's
11:00 am +Nicolino D'Uva

by Liz & Alan Martine

by Pat Law

by Victor & Jackie Gatt
by Tony & Jane D'Uva

by the Huneault Family

by the Hendriks Family

GIVE FREELY OF OURSELVES

Our Saviour is the Good Shepherd and we can confidently place our trust in Him as we live the stewardship way of life.

Peter embracing his role as leader of the newborn Church. He exhorts the crowd, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." The ones who accepted his message were baptized that day. Peter simply proposed the Good News to them and then left them free to



accept or reject the call to repentance and belief in Christ, which is ultimately a call from God.

We can find many parallels to our call to a Christian way of life. We, too, are free to accept or reject God's call to discipleship. We can keep our time, talents, and treasure for ourselves, purely to serve our own interests. We are free to make that choice.

Or, we can embrace the call to discipleship through the Christian way of life. If we do so, we will find a path to freedom from "this corrupt generation" just as those first disciples found in the early days of the Church.

Again, St. Peter, offers further motivation for embracing this way of life. Peter reminds us that Christ, "bore our sins in his body upon the cross." And that, "by his wounds you have been healed. For we had gone astray like sheep but... have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of our souls." Such an incredibly poignant description of the love our Savior has for us and the kind of relationship He desires to have with us - as shepherd and

guardian of our souls.

This endearing image of Jesus as shepherd, and His personal love for each one of us, is expanded in through the words of Jesus Himself. He says of Himself, "The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice."

This aspect of our Lord's tender and personal love for each one of us is yet another reason to embrace the Christian way of life - in the offering of our time, talent, and treasure to Him, we can express our gratitude to Him for the incomprehensible love He has for us.

Embracing this way of life certainly requires trust on our part. But Christ has proven Himself worthy of our trust. He "bore our sins in His body." He calls Himself our shepherd and He offers Himself as the guardian of our souls. He has withheld nothing of Himself and His goodness from us. He would never ask anything of us that would bring us harm.

On the contrary. Our Lord did not come to take from us, but to give to us. Again, in His own words, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

This Easter season, let us resolve to freely give all of ourselves and our lives gratefully to Him.

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PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you are still unable to attend Mass for health reason, and would like to assist us financially:

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CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Beginning May 3, 2026, St. Patrick's Parish will offer Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass every week.



All children are warmly invited to hear the Word of God proclaimed and explained in a way that speaks to their hearts and understanding. We encourage parents and grandparents to

bring their children to grow in faith and love for the Lord.

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Mark 10:14

UPCOMING SOLEMNITIES OF THE CHURCH

As we continue our joyful journey through the Easter season, the Church leads us through a beautiful unfolding of the mystery of our faith:

- **The Ascension of the Lord** reminds us that Christ returns to the Father, opening the gates of heaven and entrusting His mission to us.
May 17, 2026
- **Pentecost Sunday** celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, empowering the Church to proclaim the Gospel with courage and joy.
May 24, 2026
- **The Most Holy Trinity** invites us to contemplate the inner life of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - perfect love and communion.
May 31, 2026
- **The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)** calls us to adore Christ truly present in the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith.
June 7, 2026

Together, these sacred celebrations reveal the fullness of God's plan: Christ ascends, the Spirit descends, the Trinity is made known, and Jesus remains with us always in the Eucharist. Let us enter deeply into these mysteries with grateful and faithful hearts.

1st HOLY RECONCILIATION AND 1ST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a mandatory Parent Meeting on April 28 at 6:30 pm in our Parish Hall. Please make plans to attend if you have a child in Grade 2 who is ready to receive these Sacraments on May 23 and May 24, 2026.

If you have a child or grandchild that is in the public school system and would like them to receive the Sacraments of 1st Holy Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion at St. Patrick, we warmly invite you to register them for our catechism classes. Classes begin Tuesday, April 28 at 6:30 pm, following the evening Mass. Please contact the parish office to register.



DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month
(except holidays) 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre,
7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR WINTER/SPRING 2026

- April 27, 2026 Coping With Grief
- May 11, 2026 Navigating Change
- May 25, 2026 Self Esteem
- June 8, 2026 Who Am I Now?
- June 22, 2026 Loving and Respecting Yourself

No meetings July & August

Meetings resume September 14, 2026

FREELY GIVEN HEARTS

Good Shepherd,
You call us each by name and lead us in Your truth.
You bore our sins upon the Cross and,
by Your wounds, we are healed.

Grant us the grace to hear Your voice
and the courage to follow where You lead.
Free us from all that draws us away from You,
and guide us back as sheep to Your loving care.

Teach us to trust in Your goodness,
for You are the guardian of our souls
and the giver of abundant life.

In this holy season,
move our hearts to give ourselves freely
and gratefully to You,
holding nothing back,
but offering our lives in love and devotion.

Amen.