

# St. Patrick's Church

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## The Lord's Day Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5:00 PM

Sunday at 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM & 7:15 PM

Daily Mass Schedule

- Listed Inside -

### The Lord Bless you!

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you"; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace". These were the words given by God to be used by Aaron and his sons, the priests of the Israelites, in order to bless the people. We have them in the first reading this weekend. What better words we can use to begin a new year and bless you! As our new liturgy emphasizes, what is being received from God's bounty and returned to Him on the altar and in the church, we are inclined to receive these words from God and transmit them to you in His name. Just say "Amen" and you are blessed even as you read this! And St. Paul is explaining in a very few words how we are made sons and daughters in the Son and how the Spirit of God is given to us and working in us enabling us to call "Abba, Father!" In fact, the Spirit in us is crying out on our behalf "Abba Father", and giving us words to pray. Be aware of this working of the Spirit in and through us and give this Spirit a chance to do this for us.

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### Parish Staff

Rev. George Palamattam, CMI	Pastor
Rev. Vincent Panikulam, CMI	Associate Pastor
Mrs. Rita Kara	Office Administrator
Mrs. Doris Ippolito	Bookkeeper
Mr. Alphonso Ippolito	Maintenance

### Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday	905-522-9828
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM	

### Parish Schools

St. Patrick	905-529-1069
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St. Brigid	905-529-2848
Cathedral High School	905-522-3581

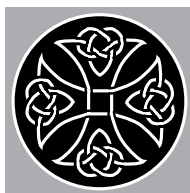
### The Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Monday-Friday	905-524-0431
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	

### Welcome New Parishioners!

Please register by calling the Parish Office.

**The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God - Sunday, January 1, 2012**



# The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

When the shepherds of Bethlehem on that cold night gave a chance to this Spirit, it guided them to the manger and they were blessed by the vision of God and were filled with His peace and happiness. For them it was the fulfillment of a long cherished dream, the coming of the Messiah. The child in the manger became the Messiah for them only when they gave a chance to the Spirit to work in them. It was the same happening for Blessed Virgin Mary at the moment of the Annunciation, for Joseph when he had the dream in his sleep, for the wise men from the east when they saw the star, and for Simeon and Anna at the Temple. All these people had a simplicity and openness of heart and sufficient humility to obey the prompting of the Spirit. But King Herod and his coterie and all the brood who followed him did not give a chance to the Spirit and they could not see the Messiah. Consequently they did not have the peace and happiness they desired much in their life. Instead they remained a frightened lot, an insecure group and doomed for miserable death. Let us not fall in line with them. Let us line up with the shepherds and others, and with the Blessed Virgin Mary whose memory we celebrate today as the Mother of God. She became so by giving in to the Spirit. When we give ourselves to the Spirit to be taken over, we will inherit the blessing, which God gave us through Aaron and his descendents. And because of the same divine blessing we are truly made the children of this Blessed Mother. And we need a mother like her.

Fr. George

## ***TO PREPARE FOR NEXT WEEK'S READING***

**Sunday, January 8, 2012**

First Reading: Isaiah 60.1-6

Second Reading: Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2.1-12

## **Holiday season!**

*Fr. George will be on holidays in India in the whole month of January (29<sup>th</sup> Dec. to 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb) and visiting his mom, siblings, their children and children's children and many other relatives and friends and may have to bless two or three weddings. Your prayers for his safe journey and return are solicited.*

*Please Lord...  
Give me strength  
It gets harder everyday  
Lord please keep me with you  
And guide me in God's way  
Sometimes I feel I am at an end  
The rope it has no more  
A window just won't open  
And someone has closed the door  
Sometimes I feel it's useless  
The serenity is gone  
Help me to remember love of life  
Give me the Strength to carry on*

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

(Confession)

Saturday at 8:30 AM – 8:50 AM & 4:00PM – 4:45 PM

## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

3rd Sunday of the month by appointment only. One month notice required. Please call the Parish Office.

## **SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Please make arrangements at least one year in advance.

## **NOVENA TO ST. JUDE**

Thursday at 8:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon

## **MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA**

Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. & 12:00 Noon.

## **CATHOLIC FUNERAL RITES**

When a death occurs in the family, please contact the parish office and we will assist you in making the liturgical arrangements. For information on Catholic burial, please contact the cemetery office at 905-522-7727 or 1-800-861-5985 or visit their website at [www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca](http://www.thecatholiccemeteries.ca)

Sunday, January 1, 2012

# Mass Intentions

## MONDAY, JANUARY 2

8:15 A.M. SPECIAL INT. – JENA & ANTHONY

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

8:15 A.M. SPECIAL INT. – MARGARET

12:15 P.M. SPECIAL INT. – MARIE HIMMEN

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

8:15 A.M. ALEJANDRO PABLO

12:15 P.M. LUCY & RAUL COMA

2:00 P.M. MASS AT BAYWOODS GARDEN – ALL SOULS  
IN PURGATORY

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

8:15 A.M. SPECIAL INT. – PAUL KOKOSKI

12:15 P.M. MARIA MOORE

## FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

8:15 A.M. SPECIAL INT. MARIA AMBROZIC

12:15 P.M. GEORGE STEWART

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AFTER 12:15  
P.M. MASS UNTIL 2:00 P.M.

7:30 P.M. CHARISMATIC MASS

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

9:00 A.M. ROY POIRIER

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

AFTER 9:00 A.M. MASS UNTIL 10:00 A.M.

5:00 p.m. MARION GRAZIANO

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

9:00 A.M. ST. PATRICK'S PARISHIONERS

11:30 A.M. SPECIAL INT. – MARIE HIMMEN

7:15 P.M. FILIPPO CIAPANNA

## Bible Study @ St. Patrick's

January 9<sup>th</sup> a new 8 part series will begin on the Gospel according to St. John by Dr. Scott Hahn. Mondays 7pm in St. Patrick School gymnasium.

There will be no study held on Dec 26 and Jan 2.

## SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2012 -

We thank all the parishioners who have already picked up their set.

Please call the office or send an e-mail [stpatrickrectory@cogeco.net](mailto:stpatrickrectory@cogeco.net) if you have any changes with your address to keep our records up to date.

## GIFT OF SIGHT AND HEARING

Unwanted eyeglasses and hearing aids can be donated in a box in the Church vestibule to be distributed to visually and hearing impaired persons in developing countries.

## AGAIN THANKS

*As already announced in the church during the mass time on Christmas day, we have exceeded the minimum target set in the month of December for a matching contribution to the Heritage fund, \$ 5000, and no one else offered any upgrade on the matching fund target. The family that promised the matching fund has already given the cheque for \$5,000. Without this contribution we collected an amount of \$10,650. We are immensely grateful to this family and to all who cooperated with them and were thoughtful on the target and some came forward and gave small amounts even after we announced the reaching of the target amount. Thanks to everyone, and we all continue to pray for them for their goodwill and generosity and may the Lord bless us all. May the Lord prosper us and help us to continue the good work we do for our beautiful church.*

Fr. George

## Come away for a few hours of prayer....Praying With The Sisters of St. Joseph:

All interested women are invited to join The Sisters of St. Joseph at the Motherhouse at 574 Northcliffe Avenue, Hamilton on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The day will include Mass, a short talk on prayer, time for reflection and prayer and lunch. Suggested contribution is \$20.00. Please call 905-528-0138 to register by January 8<sup>th</sup>."

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**No fee or registration required.**  
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Interview Q.

Interviewer for a competitive exam said to a young man: "I shall either ask you ten easy questions or one really difficult question. Think well before you make up your mind!"

The young man thought for a while and said, "my choice is one really difficult question." "Well, good luck to you, you have made your own choice! Now tell me this. "What comes first, Day or Night?"

The man was jolted into reality as his admission to the university depended on the correctness of his answer.

He thought for a while and said: "it's the DAY sir!"

"How"?, the interviewer asked. "Sorry sir, you promised me that you will not ask me a 2<sup>nd</sup> difficult question!" He was selected for IIM!