



***The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas
December 25th, 2022***

Mass Times:

St. Patrick's Sunday at 11 a.m.
St. Mary's Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Please see Fr. Amato after Mass on Sunday or call the parish office to make an appointment.

SAINT PATRICK'S CHURCH
3977 Sydenham Road,
Railton, Ontario K0H 2T0

SAINT MARY'S CHURCH (MISSION)
131 Main Street
Odessa, Ontario K0H 2H0

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor:

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Welcome to New Parishioners

St. Patrick's and St. Mary's welcomes new members to our faith community. Please visit or email the Parish Office to register.

Parish Ministries:

St. Patrick's:

Pastoral Council
Finance Council

Liturgical Ministries

Liturgy Committee
Altar Servers
Eucharistic Ministers
Eucharistic Outreach Fred O'Keefe
Ushers/Greeters
Lectors
Choir Kimberly Dowling
Funeral Receptions Jean Myers
St. Patrick's Cemetery Bill Flynn
Don Murphy
Screening Committee Pauline Hogan

Catechetical Ministries:

Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation & R.C.I.A.
Fr. Amato

Service Ministries:

Catholic Women's League Maryanne Takala
Knights of Columbus Jerome Clair
Prayer Group

St. Mary's:

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers
Eucharistic Ministers
Eucharistic Outreach
Ushers/Greeters
Sacristan
Choir
Funeral Receptions
St. Mary's Cemetery

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in any of the parish ministries.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 31st St. Mary's at 4:30 p.m.

People of the Parish

December 31st St. Patrick's at 5 p.m.

People of the Parish

January 1st St. Patrick's at 11 a.m.

People of the Parish

To book a Mass Intention please call or email the parish office.

A Christmas Reflection

The unknown circumstances that come forward at various times in our lives can have a lasting effect on us. Sometimes they can be confusing, disruptive, creative and uplifting. Making sense of what we encounter is part of the wonderment of living a life of faith.

As we celebrate the birth of our Saviour we notice that his entrance into our world involved a lot of unknown circumstances: Out of nowhere the angel Gabriel met Mary to announce that God highly favoured her and she accepted the call to bring the Christ into the world; Joseph wanted to do the honorable thing and quietly let her go but was convinced by an angel in a dream to take Mary as his wife since the child within her was the Messiah; Mary and Joseph made a journey to Bethlehem as commanded by the Emperor; Jesus was born in a stable; They were visited by wise men so as to pay homage to the Christ child; Mary, Joseph and Jesus escaped to Egypt when he was about two years of age; They returned home when it was safe to return to their homeland.

Over the last few years, we have experienced the pandemic which turned our lives upside down. The unknown effects of the virus changed how we could do familiar activities. Our civil authorities locked down the population to keep us safe.

This Christmas will mark the first time in a while that we can celebrate a major feast day that can be uplifting and moving. It is a time when we can gather to express our faith through prayers and songs and the Eucharist as a living community of faith. Coming together expresses our union with one another by giving thanks to God for dwelling among us.

If you are getting this message by email before this weekend, I invite you to let others know of our Christmas celebrations. On Christmas Eve at 5pm in Railton, 4:30pm in Odessa and Christmas Day at 11am. An invitation by you may be the spark that could ignite their desire to renew their faith.

God Bless you and I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas! May Christ abundantly bless you, your family, your friends and all whom you meet.

In Christ,
Fr. Sebastian Amato

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION

St. Patrick's Sunday Offertory \$1,842.00

St. Mary's Sunday Offertory 437.00

Thank you for supporting the parish. God Bless you for your generosity.



NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

St. Patrick's Solemnity of Mary Masses - Railton

Saturday, December 31st at 5 p.m.

Sunday, January 1st, 2023 at 11 a.m.

St. Mary's Solemnity of Mary Mass - Odessa

Saturday, December 31st at 4:30 p.m.

FAITH ON FIRE WEEKLY PRAYER

MEETINGS

The "Faith on Fire" Prayer meetings have resumed on Tuesday evenings and continue weekly from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Zoom. All are welcome to join for prayer and teachings as we seek to grow in the Lord. To join the meetings please email Maame Addai at faithonfirekingston@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

BIRTHRIGHT KINGSTON NEEDS

VOLUNTEERS

Birthright still needs volunteers. If you can spare 2 ½ hours per week to assist women and girls in Kingston who are facing a difficult pregnancy, please call them at 613-546-5433 or email info@kingstonbirthright.ca. If you have experience with websites and social media you could help them from home. They provide the training. Please consider helping this life affirming work.



We are currently working on a new parish website. Check it out at www.stpat-stmary-railton-odessa.com



PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Stephen Fink, Cathy Dunne, and John Lesperance.

PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased, especially Sister Mary Rosaria.