



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

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

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Archbishop of Kingston

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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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24th, 2023

Mass Times:

St. Patrick's Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
St. Mary's Saturday at 4:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

St. Patrick's: Please see Fr. Amato after Mass on Sunday or call the parish office to make an appointment.
St. Mary's: Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Parish Ministries:

St. Patrick's:
Pastoral Council
Finance Council

Liturgical Ministries

Liturgy Committee
Altar Servers
Eucharistic Ministers
Eucharistic Outreach
Ushers/Greeters
Lectors
Choir
Funeral Receptions
St. Patrick's Cemetery
Screening Committee

Fred O'Keefe
Sherri Sagriff
Kimberly Dowling
Jean Myers
Bill Flynn
Don Murphy
Pauline Hogan

Catechetical Ministries:

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

Service Ministries:

Catholic Women's League
Knights of Columbus
Prayer Group

Maryanne Takala
Jerome Clair

St. Mary's:

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Ushers/Greeters
Sacristan
Choir
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St. Mary's Cemetery

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

MASS INTENTIONS – St. Mary’s, Odessa

December 30th St. Mary’s at 4:30 p.m.

People of the Parish

December 31st New Year’s Eve at 4:30 p.m.

People of the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS – St. Patrick’s, Railton

December 31st St. Patrick’s at 11:00 a.m.

+ Lorraine Woods

December 31st New Year’s Eve at 5:00 p.m.

+ Father Liam Tallon

January 1st New Year’s Day at 11:00 a.m.

+ Lorraine Woods



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

O, the humility of God! St. Francis of Assisi, the one who 'invented' the Nativity Scene, knew the profound mystery that we celebrate each Christmas. The Almighty God, Creator of the universe, becomes a man! What humility! What divine mystery, that Our Lord would love us so much that He would enter our earthly reality, take on every aspect of our humanity - except sin - so as to draw us back to the Father. Celebrating the Nativity of Our Lord is a celebration of the overwhelming love God has for each and every one of us. A Love that invites us to a deeper friendship, every day, with Him! This love is not restrained to 2,000 years ago because it continues and is offered to us every time we go to Mass. St. Francis, writing to his community of brothers, reminded them: "*Look, he humbles himself every day, as when from the royal seat he descended into the womb of the Virgin; every day He himself comes to us in humble appearance; every day He descends from the bosom of the Father on the altar in the hands of the priest.*" The overabundance of Love we celebrate in the Nativity of Our Lord, December 25th, is celebrated at every Mass, when Jesus Himself comes down to us in the Eucharist - His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity! O, the humility of God!

May this celebration and the celebration of every Holy Sacrifice of the Mass be a joyful reminder of His overabundant love!

With my prayers and blessing,
Fr. Michel Quenneville

Find the latest event updates on the archdiocesan website at: romancatholic.kingston.on.ca/calendar



We are quickly approaching Christmas Day! There are a lot of things that we could be busy with as we prepare for our celebrations. In the midst of those activities, we are called to reflect upon what the coming of Christ signifies for all of us as his people. Of particular note is that Jesus was born in the lowest of places.

With no place to stay, the stable became the place where God came into the world. It is a reminder for us to be attentive to what is going on around us because we can become occupied with what we must do. Yet, what Mary and Joseph experienced, has continued to happen from generation to generation. In this time in history, we find ourselves realizing that many folks are not able to make ends meet since prices of food are going up as well as the cost of lodging. We have heard about this in the media, word of mouth and I am sure that we have seen tents in various places in our city as well as in the most unlikely places.

In reality we don't fully know how people have come to this point in their lives. We have to be careful not to place blame or comment on what they should do or not do. However, there is a lesson for us from the experience of Mary and Joseph. They were in need of a place to stay especially since Mary was ready to give birth. They didn't shy away from their plight. They accepted the hospitality of someone who helped them to find someplace to spend the night and eventually the birth of the Christ happened.

God in his mysterious ways is calling us to be people who care about others. How we respond to this call will make a difference to everyone we encounter. For some, we will take time to pray. For others we may help out in a place like Veronica's Veil downtown at St. Mary's Cathedral where people volunteer to stay with the homeless overnight, or to be fed a hot meal at noon. For others, it may be to give clothing to those in need. For some they have a gift of sharing God's peace talking to people in need.

Christmas can be seen as only a festive season. However, the birth of Christ points to what we do for the least in the Kingdom is what lifts us up. That's the festive part! May the Christ child inspire all of our parishioners to spread hope to all we meet and live with. God bless you during this Christmas time.

Fr. Sebastian Amato

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

St. Patrick's Christmas Masses - Railton

Sunday, December 24th at 5 p.m.

Monday, December 25th at 11 a.m.

St. Patrick's Solemnity of Mary Masses - Railton

Sunday, December 31st at 5 p.m.

Monday, January 1st, 2024 at 11 a.m.

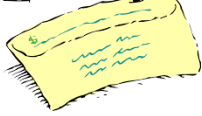
St. Mary's Christmas Mass – Odessa

Monday, December 25th at 10:00 a.m.

St. Mary's Solemnity of Mary Mass – Odessa

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

Offering Envelopes



2024 SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The 2024 Offertory boxes are labelled and ready to be picked up in the parish hall. If you do not have an offertory box assigned to your family and would like a box,

please contact the parish office at 613-376-6695.



OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

The Archdiocese of Kingston has a new domain name. As part of this change our parish now

has a new email address: StPatrick.Railton@archkingston.ca Please update your email address book.



PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Please remember in your prayers the following: Stephen Fink, Cathy Dunne, Janet Behm, Bev Huff, Carla Jackson, Tori Gemmill, Marlayne and Clem Roy, Leanne O'Connell, Trudie Thurlby, Sally Fink, Charlie and Veronica Barry.



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

You are asked to remember in prayer those recently deceased especially for Sister Norma Millan, CND.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note that the parish office is closed. Denise will be away and will be returning on January 9th, 2024.

Confirmation

A mandatory parent meeting will take place on Monday, January 15, 2024, at 7:00pm in St. Patrick Parish Hall. If you are not able to be there on that day the same meeting content will take place on Sunday, January 21, 2024, following the 11:00am Mass (at 12:30pm) in the Church.

The meeting will consist of an outline of the program that will be used as well as encouraging you to be supportive of your child and to try your best to be interested in what she or he is doing by participating in preparation for Confirmation. I will also outline the component of parish participation.

If you have a child who has made their first Communion and first Reconciliation, it is time to complete their process of being a full member of the Catholic Church. Parents who want to enroll their child for the Sacrament of Confirmation can go to the parish website and download the Registration Form.

<https://www.stpat-stmary-railton-odessa.com/> You are asked to fill in the required information and include a copy your child's Catholic Baptismal Certificate. Please ***bring them to the Parent meeting. Do not return them to the school.***

Please take time to help your child to form a deeper relationship with Jesus. *I invite you and your family to participate at Sunday Mass at 11:00am at St. Patrick in Railton or on Saturday at 4:30pm at St. Mary in Odessa on a regular basis.* Gathered to worship God as a parish community is the strongest connection to your faith life since it is where the Holy Spirit leads us as the Body of Christ and helps us to grow with others in our relationship with Jesus.

A great benefit for you as a parent is that you will have a spiritually strong bond with your child. It may be a good opportunity for you to learn more about your faith as well since you will be directly involved!

If you and your family attend another parish other than St. Patrick, and you want to celebrate Confirmation there you can contact the Parish Priest of your parish to find out what is involved to prepare at that parish.

Hope to you see at our meeting.
Sincerely in the Lord,

(Fr.) Sebastian Amato