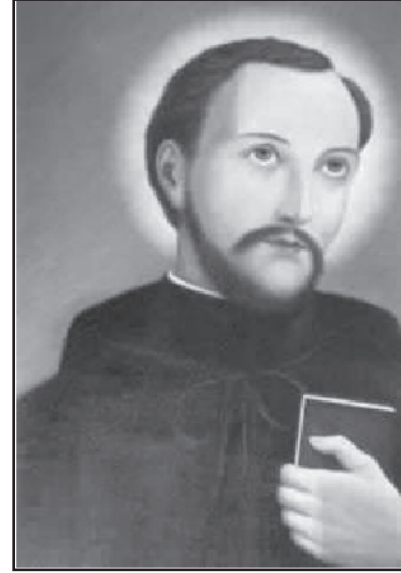


ST. PATRICK'S & ST. NOEL CHABANEL

DECEMBER 9, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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St. Patrick's Mass Schedule

Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
Friday 6:30 p.m.
Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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DEACON: Rev. Mr. David Whall

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OFFICE ASSISTANT: Mary Ann Carruthers

SCHOOL: St. Noel Chabanel 705-429-1081
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St. Noel Chabanel HALL and St. Patrick's
HALL Bookings: 705-315-2424

CHOIR DIRECTORS:

St. Noel: 9:30am, Alfred Medakiewicz, 1-647-385-5595
St. Patrick: 11am, Karen Endicott: 416-659-3337 (choir director)
& Karen Bany: 705-428-0592 (choir director, organist)

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Grand Knight: Brian MacDonnell 705-429-0499

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President: Charlotte Casey 705-424-6797
Co President: Dorothy Mittins 705-429-4286

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ST. NOEL CHABANEL MISSION

133 Dunkerron Ave at 20th St. N., Wasaga Beach, ON

St. Noel Chabanel Mass Schedule

Monday 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 9:15 a.m.

Pastors emergency and direct land-line 705-315-2424

Email: stpatrickstnoel@gmail.com

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First Friday's:

St. Noel Chabanel - 10a.m. Mass followed by Adoration & Benediction till 8pm.

St. Patrick - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 3:00p.m. - 6:00p.m., followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet, and meditation. Benediction at 5:30p.m. and Mass at 6:30pm.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:

Baptisms, First Communion & RCIA

call Fr. Mounir 705-315-2424

MARRIAGE: Please contact us one year in advance to arrange.

RECONCILIATION: (Confession)

St. Patrick Every Friday 6:00p.m. - 6:20p.m.

St. Noel Chabanel Every Saturday 4:30p.m. - 4:50p.m.

Or before every Mass at Request.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:

In emergencies call 705-315-2424 anytime.

HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK and SHUT IN'S:

Co-Ordinators: Ken & Dorothy Mittins 705-429-4286 (St. Noel)

Denis Farley 705-428-3540 (St. Patrick's)

PRAYER REQUESTS: Regina 705-428-3151

regi.roz@hotmail.com or place Prayer Requests in the Prayer Boxes in the Churches.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions: DEC 10 - 16, 2018

OFFICE Schedule: Mon, Wed, & Fri 9AM - 1PM 705-428-2124.
For urgent after hours, please call 705-315-2424



Scheduled Events & Contacts



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

All Catholic men are invited. Council #15162 St. André Bessette. GRAND KNIGHT, Brian MacDonnell 705-429-0499. The Executive meeting is the 4th Thursday of each month, & the General Meeting is the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7PM at St. Noel Chabanel Church. Next meeting Dec. the 13th.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE: All women are invited.

President: Charlotte Casey (705) 424-6797; Co-President: Dorothy Mittins (705) 429-4286. Next meeting is 7pm, Jan 07, 2018 at St. Noel Chabanel.

St. Noel Chabanel Hall

St. Vincent De Paul- By appointment Mon. & Thur. 705-428-3396
St. Vincent De Paul Council last Wed. of the month at 9:30am
VON Smart Program Exercise Group: Mon. 2:30 - 3:30 & Tue. 1:00-2:00pm

St. Patrick's Hall

Good Food Bags – Every 3rd Wed. of the month 9:00am -- 1:00pm
VON Smart Program Exercise Group: Tue. & Thurs. 10:00 – 11am

Saint and hero of the month for Jan 25: TBA

Last Friday of the month at St. Patrick's Hall, 7:15pm. Free pass & popcorn. Bring a friend with you. Any suggestions about what movie or the event please send an email to the office found on the cover page. Thank you.

"Divine Mercy, Lectio Divina, Prayer-Group"

Every Wednesday! Reflection on St. Faustina's diary, praying the Chaplet, & Scripture meditation after the 6:30pm Mass; starting at 7:15PM - 8:30PM at St. Noel Chabanel. Coordinators Lynda & Norman Trimble. Notes from the diary are found on our website, under News & Events. All are welcome to join. Contact 705-429-3402

If You Want Help: When you don't know where to turn. Call 211. Website: www.211Ontario.ca



Parish Highlights



Dec., 10, Monday, Celebration of our patron Saint:

Refreshments and cake for our patron saint: you are invited to join us at the Hall at St. Noel Chabanel after Mass. Happy Feast Day. Thank you.

Advent and Christmas Schedule: Available for pickup

Correction: Nativity of the Lord at St. Noel Chabanel should read Tuesday, Dec 25th Mass 9:15am (not Monday 9:15am).

National Day of Prayer: Dec 12, 2018: In Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples.

This day falls on the feast day of our Lady Of Guadalupe. All are invited to join their Indigenous sisters and brothers in a special way this day through prayer and acts of solidarity.

St. Noel Chabanel MON. 10:00AM Dave Rozycki (B.day) By Regina Rozycki
Darryl Simpson (B.day) By Aileen Simpson

St. Patrick WED. 10:00AM Private Intention

St. Noel Chabanel WED. 6:30PM Manuel Cafua,
+Goao Cafua & +Maria Filomena
By Maria Lima
+Mary Trafford By Dave + Linda Feldpusch

St. Noel Chabanel FRI. 10:00AM +Walter Bartoletti,
+Pat & +Adele Caicco By John & Gail Dolan

St. Patrick FRI. 6:30PM Private Intention

St. Noel Chabanel SAT. 5:00PM +Patricia Smith
By Ann-Marie & Ed Anderson

St. Noel Chabanel SUN. 8:00AM Missa Pro Populo

St. Noel Chabanel SUN. 9:15AM +Hellen Keller By Ray Keller Family

St. Patrick SUN. 11:00AM Julia Van Ostaaijen (70th B.day) By CWL
+Antanas Laucius By Rita Talbot

Only Announced Masses are printed and announced.

BOOKING MASS INTENTIONS: Mass offering envelopes are found in the rack at the back of the Church. Drop off your donation & filled envelope in the collection basket.

Announced Mass is \$20 & private intention is \$10.

Or call the office with your details 705-428-2124

Offertory on Dec 02: \$2952 (+ \$390 PAG).

*PAG: pre-authorized automatic giving through the bank.

If interested in giving in this manner, please call the office.

Thank you for your continual generosity, time, and talent.

PRAY FOR THE SICK: Claire Branco, Moira Waren-Lawson.

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED SOULS: Giovanni Giacomodonato, Salvatore ArrigoMurray McCharles, Mary Vander Wielen.

Our Local St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery:

8342 County Road 91, Stayner. For service or for acquiring a plot. Please Contact Peter at: 705-734-4089 or call the office.

Gospel readings for week: DEC 10 - 16, 2018

MONDAY	Luke 5.17-26	
TUESDAY	Matt 18.12-14	OM. St. Damasus I, Pope
WEDNESDAY	Luke 1.39-47	F. Our Lady of Guadalupe
THURSDAY	Matt 11.11-15	M. St. Lucy
FRIDAY	Matt 11.16-19	M. St. John of the Cross
SATURDAY	Matt 17.10-13	
SUNDAY	Luke 3.10-18	3rd Sunday of Advent

SOL=Solemn F=Feast M=Memorial OM=Optional Memorial

Christmas Gift or Dedication

Both our churches are going through restoration & renovation. If you wish to dedicate, to your family name or a person, a hymnal book or a needed piece of furniture, please contact the pastor via an email or call 705-315-2424. Thank you for loving our Church.

St. Lucy December 13:

St. Lucy is a virgin and martyr of Syracuse in Sicily, whose feast is celebrated on December 13th. According to tradition, Saint Lucy was born to rich and noble parents in the year 283. Her father was of Roman origin, but his early death left her dependent upon her mother, whose name, Eutychia, seems to indicate that she was of Greek heritage.

Like so many of the early martyrs, Lucy had consecrated her virginity to God, and she hoped to devote all her worldly goods to the service of the poor. Her mother, Eutychia, arranged a marriage for her, but for three years she managed to postpone the marriage. Lucy prayed at the tomb of Saint Agatha to change her mother's mind about her faith. As a result, her mother's long haemorrhagic illness was cured, and she consented to Lucy's desire to live for God.

Saint Lucy's rejected bridegroom, Paschasius, denounced Lucy as a Christian. The governor planned to force her into prostitution, but when guards went to fetch her, they could not move her even when they hitched her to a team of oxen. The governor ordered her to be killed instead.

After a gruesome torture which included having her eyes torn out, she was surrounded by bundles of wood which were set afire, but the fire quickly died out. She prophesied against her persecutors, and was then executed by being stabbed to death with a dagger.

Legend says her eyesight was restored before her death. This and the meaning of her name led to her patronage with eyes; the blind, eye trouble, and other eye ailments.

St. John of the Cross December 14:

Dec. 14 is the liturgical memorial of Saint John of the Cross, a 16th century Carmelite priest best known for reforming his order together with Saint Teresa of Avila, and for writing the classic spiritual treatise "The Dark Night of the Soul." Honored as a Doctor of the Church since 1926, he is sometimes called the "Mystical Doctor," as a tribute to the depth of his teaching on the soul's union with God.

The youngest child of parents in the silk-weaving trade, John de Yepes was born during 1542 in Fontiveros near the Spanish city of Avila. His father Gonzalo died at a relatively young age, and his mother Catalina struggled to provide for the family. John found academic success from his early years, but failed in his effort to learn a trade as an apprentice. Instead he spent several years working in a hospital for the poor, and continuing his studies at a Jesuit college in the town of Medina del Campo.

After discerning a calling to monastic life, John entered the Carmelite Order in 1563. He had been practicing severe physical asceticism even before joining the Carmelites, and got permission to live according to their original rule of life – which stressed solitude, silence, poverty, work, and contemplative prayer. John

received ordination as a priest in 1567 after studying in Salamanca, but considered transferring to the more austere Carthusian order rather than remaining with the Carmelites.

Before he could take such a step, however, he met the Carmelite nun later canonized as Saint Teresa of Avila. Born in 1515, Teresa had joined the order in 1535, regarding consecrated religious life as the most secure road to salvation. Since that time she had made remarkable spiritual progress, and during the 1560s she began a movement to return the Carmelites to the strict observance of their original way of life. She convinced John not to leave the order, but to work for its reform.

Changing his religious name from "John of St. Matthias" to "John of the Cross," the priest began this work in November of 1568, accompanied by two other men of the order with whom he shared a small and austere house. For a time, John was in charge of the new recruits to the "Discalced Carmelites" – the name adopted by the reformed group, since they wore sandals rather than ordinary shoes as sign of poverty. He also spent five years as the confessor at a monastery in Avila led by St. Teresa.

Their reforming movement grew quickly, but also met with severe opposition that jeopardized its future during the 1570s. Early in December of 1577, during a dispute over John's assignment within the order, opponents of the strict observance seized and imprisoned him in a tiny cell. His ordeal lasted nine months and included regular public floggings along with other harsh punishments. Yet it was during this very period that he composed the poetry that would serve as the basis for his spiritual writings.

John managed to escape from prison in August of 1578, after which he resumed the work of founding and directing Discalced Carmelite communities. Over the course of a decade he set out his spiritual teachings in works such as "The Ascent of Mount Carmel," "The Spiritual Canticle" and "The Living Flame of Love" as well as "The Dark Night of the Soul." But intrigue within the order eventually cost him his leadership position, and his last years were marked by illness along with further mistreatment.

St. John of the Cross died in the early hours of Dec. 14, 1591, nine years after St. Teresa of Avila's death in October 1582. Suspicion, mistreatment, and humiliation had characterized much of his time in religious life, but these trials are understood as having brought him closer to God by breaking his dependence on the things of this world. Accordingly, his writings stress the need to love God above all things – being held back by nothing, and likewise holding nothing back.

Only near the end of his life had St. John's monastic superior recognized his wisdom and holiness. Though his reputation had suffered unjustly for years, this situation reversed soon after his death. He was beatified in 1675, canonized in 1726, and named a Doctor of the Church in the 20th century by Pope Pius XI. In a letter marking the 400th anniversary of St. John's death, Pope John Paul II – who had written a doctoral thesis on the saint's writings – recommended the study of the Spanish mystic, whom he called a "master in the faith and witness to the living God."

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