

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin

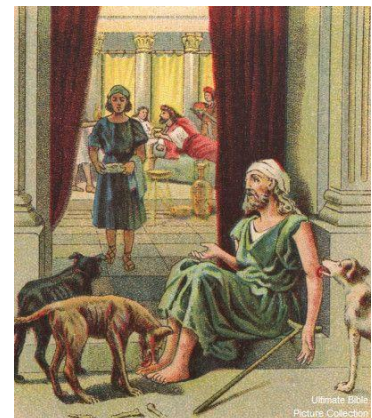


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**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28th & September 29th, 2019**

"I would like to pause with you today on the parable of the rich man and the poor Lazarus. The lives of these two people seem to run on parallel tracks: their life status is opposite and not at all connected. The gate of the rich man's house is always closed to the poor man, who lies outside it, seeking to eat the leftovers from the rich man's table. The rich man is dressed in fine clothes, while Lazarus is covered with sores; the rich man feasts sumptuously every day, while Lazarus starves. Only the dogs take care of him, and they come to lick his wounds. This scene recalls the harsh reprimand of the Son of Man at the Last Judgement: "I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was [...] naked and you did not clothe me" (Mt 25:42-43). Lazarus is a good example of the silent cry of the poor throughout the ages and the contradictions of a world in which immense wealth and resources are in the hands of the few." (Pope Francis)



**"You received good things, but
Lazarus received evil: now he is
comforted, while you are in agony."
(Luke 16:19-31)**

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Ministers and servers	Saturday September 28 th 16:00	Sunday September 29 th 10:00	Saturday October 5 th 16:00	Sunday October 6 th 10:00
READERS	Steven Neatt	John Haberin	Steven Neatt	Denise Turcot
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Volunteers Needed	Patrick McKenna	N/A	Ron Charest
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION	Volunteers needed	Volunteers needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
COFFEE ASSISTANCE	N/A	Volunteers needed	N/A	Volunteers Needed

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	September 28 th (16:00)	27 th Sunday in OT	George Laviolette	Kane Family
Sunday	September 29 th (10:00)	27 th Sunday in OT	Hugh & Dorothea Kane Family	J. Kane
Monday	September 30 th (11:30)		Noella Cloutier	Thérèse Cloutier Godin
Tuesday	October 1 st (11:30)	St. Therese of the Child Jesus	Joseph Schmidt	Bibiane Lessard
Wednesday	October 2 nd (11:30)	The Holy Guardian Angels		
Thursday	October 3 rd	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	October 4 th (11:30)	St. Francis of Assisi	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Saturday	October 5 th (16:00)	28 th Sunday in OT	Pauline Morais McCauley	Helen McCauley & Family
Sunday	October 6 th (10:00)	28 th Sunday in OT	Herman Murphy	Maureen Martineau



The Collections for the weekend of September 21st and September 22nd and from St. Brigid's Home were \$739.75.

We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Next week, we will have a second collection for Canadian Church pastoral deeds.



Our Parish serves the English-speaking Catholic Community of the Archdiocese of Quebec. We wish to be a welcoming community to all in need of one, to open our doors to all who need a family or the brotherly love of Christ. For more information, please contact the Office.



We have the **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** before the Saturday Mass. Between 14:30 and 15:30, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and Father Lussier will be available to hear **Confessions** or for private consultations. **Confessions** are also heard before each Mass upon request. Our families and our Congregation are in great need of prayer; please come and join our Pastor for Adoration.



✚ Catholic Women's League: All parishioners are invited to donate root vegetables (turnips, carrots, potatoes, pumpkins, onions, but please do not bring other fast perishing vegetables) on October 5. All CWL members are invited to meet from 1 to 4:00 on Oct. 5 to help decorate the altar for Thanksgiving and to participate in our Fall Harvest Fundraising Activity. The help of all our members is needed and appreciated. On Oct. 20th after Sunday Mass, the CWL will host its popular Harvest Meet and Greet Soup and Dessert event. Donations will be appreciated. We look forward to seeing all parishioners there! For more information, for prayers or to become a member, please contact our president, Marie White, at 418-254-0510 or mariewhite.qc@gmail.com. Blessings to all.



RCIA
Christian Formation Process

First Reconciliation & First Communion, Confirmation and RCIA (Adult Baptism & Confirmation) programs will start again in this Fall. It is possible to register online on our website or by calling the Office.



The parish is organizing our annual potluck brunch on Sunday October 6th after the 10:00 Mass.

We are asking all parishioners who wish to attend the brunch to bring their favorite hot or cold dish as their contribution to the potluck.

Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church. Please bring or make food for six to eight persons, and if possible, please identify the food which you are going to bring for the brunch.

«Now he is in comfort and you are in agony»

Today, Jesus confronts us with the social iniquity direct consequence of the growing inequality between rich and poor. As if belonging to one of these awful scenes we are used to watch on TV, the Lazarus' yarn hits us, and achieves the sensationalist effect to prompt our emotions: «Even dogs used to come and lick his sores» (Lk 16:21). The difference is obvious: the rich man was dressing in purple and fine linen clothes, while the sores covering him were the poor man's only dress.

But the situation is balanced when both die. And, it is now when the difference is reversed: one takes his place with Abraham; while the other, is simple inhumed. If we had never heard this story before and we would like to apply the values of our present society, we might reason out that who reached into Heaven was the rich man and the poor one, logically, buried in the sepulchre.

Abraham, the Father of the Faith, pronounces the sentence spelling the final outcome: «My son, remember that in your lifetime you were well off while the lot of Lazarus was misfortune. Now he is in comfort and you are in agony» (Lk 16:25). God's justice changes the situation altogether. God does not allow the poor man to remain forever in anguish, hunger and misery.

This message has moved millions of rich men's hearts and have converted large crowds through history; but, what kind of message will be needed in our over-developed, hyper-communicated, globalized world to make us realize all the social injustices which we are directly responsible of, or, if nothing else, which we tolerate as accomplices? Whoever heard Jesus' message desired to rest by Abraham's side, but how many, amongst us here, will have enough by being buried when dead, without wanting to receive the consolation of our Father in Heaven? The true wealth is getting to see God, and what we need, as St. Augustine asserted, is: «Walk with the man and you will reach God». That the Lazarus of everyday help us finding God.

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