
St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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**7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 29th & March 1st 2020**

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.



*"Away with you, Satan! For it is written, Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him."
(Matthew 4. 1-11)*

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Ministers and servers	Saturday February 29 th 16:00	Sunday March 1 st 10:00	Saturday March 7 th 16:00	Sunday March 8 th 10:00
READERS	Steven Neatt	John Haberlin	Steve Kack	Pierre Gagnon
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SERVERS	Volunteers Needed	Gagnon family	Volunteers Needed	Gagnon family
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
COFFEE ASSISTANCE	N/A	Volunteers Needed	N/A	Volunteers Needed



The collection total for the weekend of February 22nd and February 23rd, including the collection from St. Brigid's Home, was \$395.50. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	February 29 th (16:00)	1 st Sunday of Lent	Gertrude Edwards Grogan (1 st Anniv.)	
Sunday	March 1 st (10:00)	1 st Sunday of Lent	Terence Kerwin Terry O'Gallagher	St Patrick's Office Staff Raymond & Raymonde Kirouac
Monday	March 2 nd (11:30)			
Tuesday	March 3 rd (11:30)			
Wednesday	March 4 th (11:30)			
Thursday	March 5 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	March 6 th (11:30)		<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Saturday	March 7 th (16:00)	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Rita Sponza (1 st Anniv.)	
Sunday	March 8 th (10:00)	2 nd Sunday of Lent	O'Donnell & McCauley families Rocco Farinaccio	Constance O'Donnell Daniela Marcolin



Please note that on the second weekend of Lent on March 7th and 8th, there will be a Special Lent Collection for the charities of the Diocese of Quebec.



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.



All CWL members are invited to save the date of April 25 for Our Lady of Good Counsel Mass followed by our 95th Anniversary Supper (catered) in McMahon Hall. Please contact our President at mariewhite.qc@gmail.com or 418-254-0510 for the Prayer Chain, for more information or to join. All Catholic women are welcome to join this national organization of 80,000 members for the celebration of its 100th anniversary this August 9-12 in Montreal. ♥



Tickets for the St. Patrick's Day banquet are available in the foyer of the church after weekend masses on February 29 and March 1, as well as March 7 and March 8. Please note that the final sale of tickets will be after Sunday mass on March 8 as the order for the caterers must be placed after that date. There will be no ticket sales on the weekend of March 14 - March 15. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and are free for children under twelve.



St Patrick's Parade: Members of our parish will be marching down Grande Allée in this year's parade. Please come and join us and have some fun and make some new friends. The group of the parish has to be in St Patrick's High School at 13:00 on Saturday, March 21st. Put on some green and let us show the city that we are a proud and vibrant parish. For more information, contact Richard Drouin.

«The Spirit led Jesus into the desert that He be put to the test by the devil»

Today, we celebrate the first Sunday of Lent, and this “strong” liturgic time is a spiritual path leading us to participate in the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ. John Paul II says «Each year, the Lenten Season is set before us as a good opportunity for the intensification of prayer and penance, opening hearts to the docile welcoming of the divine will. During Lent, a spiritual journey is outlined for us that prepares us to relive the Great Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ. This is done primarily by listening to the Word of God more devoutly and by practicing mortification more generously, thanks to which it is possible to render greater assistance to those in need».

Lent and today's Gospel teach us that life is a path leading us to Heaven. But, to deserve it, we must first overcome our temptations. «Then the Spirit led Jesus into the desert that He be put to the test by the devil» (Mt 4:1). By allowing him to be tempted, Jesus wanted to show us how we can fight and overcome our temptations: with our trust in God and in prayer, through grace and fortitude.

Temptations may be described as the “enemies of the soul”. In fact, they can be summarized and determined by three aspects. In the first place, “the world”: «order these stones to turn into bread» (Mt 4:3). It implies living to possess material things only.

Secondly, “the devil”: «if you kneel and worship me» (Mt 4:9). It conveys the greed for power.

And, last but not least, “the flesh”: «throw yourself down» (Mt 4:6), which means placing our confidence only in our body. St. Thomas Aquinas explains it better when saying that «the cause of temptations are the causes of concupiscence: the pleasures of the flesh, a drive for glory and the lust for power».

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