
St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18th & January 19th, 2020**

Through the worldwide celebration of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we strive for “unity in diversity”. This time of shared prayer, reflection, and fellowship invites Christians of different traditions to deepen our relationships and to live and witness together throughout the year



“Here is the lamp of God who takes away the sins of the world!”
(John 1, 29-34)

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	Confessions: They are heard before Mass upon request. The Pastor is also available to hear you every Saturday from 14:30-15:30.

Ministers and servers	Saturday January 18 th 16:00	Sunday January 19 th 10:00	Saturday January 25 th 16:00	Sunday January 26 th 10:00
READERS	Steven Neatt	Maria Di Giovanni	Aileen Rose Ruane	Tom Brzozowski
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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 January 11th and January 12th, including the collection from St. Brigid's Home, was \$217.55. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	January 18 th (16:00)	2 nd Sunday in OT		
Sunday	January 19 th (10:00)	2 nd Sunday in OT	Yolande Bédard-Vézina Laurence Pigeon	Pierre Gagnon & Family Bridget O'Connor & André Gosselin
Monday	January 20 th (11:30)			
Tuesday	January 21 st (11:30)		Gilles Lachance	Audrey Stewart
Wednesday	January 22 nd (11:30)			
Thursday	January 23 rd		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	January 24 th (11:30)		<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Saturday	January 25 th (16:00)	3 rd Sunday in OT		
Sunday	January 26 th (10:00)	3 rd Sunday in OT	Joseph Sutcliffe (1st A.) Cecilia Martin Desmeules	Kane Family



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.



Our AGM will be Friday, Jan 24 at 7 p.m. A new executive will be elected and we appreciate your participation and/or support. Annual dues of \$25 are being collected by Marie White or Maureen Martineau. Many thanks to those who have submitted already. Visit cwl.ca for information about upcoming conventions, our 100th anniversary in 2020 and communiques. For prayer requests, information or to join, please contact Marie White at [418-254-0510](tel:418-254-0510) or mariewhite.qc@gmail.com. ♥

«There is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world»

Today, when seeing Jesus, we have heard John saying «There is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world» (Jn 1:29). What may all those people have thought? And, what do we think, ourselves? In the celebration of the Eucharist we all pray «Lamb of God who remove the sins of the world / have mercy on us». And the priest invites the congregation to the Communion, by saying: «There is the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world...».

When John said, «this is the Lamb of God» we should have no doubts they all understood what he meant, as the lamb is a metaphor of messianic character that prophets like Isaiah had already used, and it was very well known to the good Israelites.

On the other hand, the lamb is the animal Israelites sacrifice to celebrate their Passover, marking freedom for the Israelites from the Egyptian slavery. The Pasch dinner consists of eating a lamb.

And even the Apostles and the Fathers of the Church state that the lamb is a sign of purity, simplicity, goodness, mansuetude, innocence... And Christ is Purity, Simplicity, Goodness, Mansuetude and Innocence. Saint Peter will say: «For you know that it was not with perishable things (...) but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect» (1Pet 1:18,19). And St. John, in the Revelation uses thirty times the word “lamb” to describe Christ. Jesus Christ is the lamb who takes away the sins of the world, which has been immolated to give us Grace. Let us fight to always live by Grace, to fight against sin, to hate it. The beauty Grace gives to the soul is so great that no treasure can compare with it. It makes us agreeable to God and worthy of being loved. This is why, the “Gloria” of the Mass mentions the peace of those men the Lord loves, of those who live by Grace.

John Paul II tells us, while urging us to live by the Grace the lamb has given us: «Pledge to live by the Grace. Jesus was born at Bethlehem precisely for that reason (...). To live by Grace is the supreme dignity, the ineffable joy, the guarantee of peace, the marvelous ideal».

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