
St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



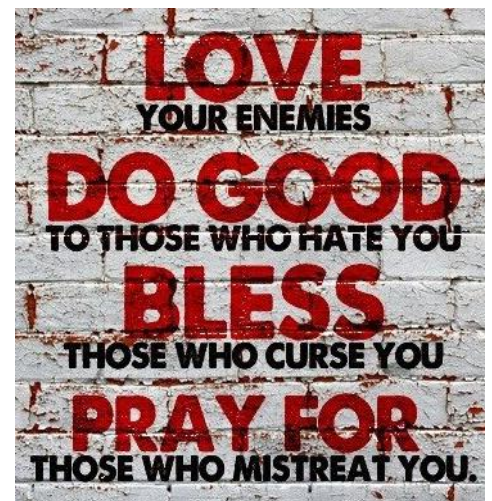
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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 22th & February 23rd 2020

We are to be perfect as our heavenly father is perfect. Matthew uses the Greek word *telos*, which is probably better translated here as "complete." We are not to be perfect as in doing everything correctly, that is, as in being absolutely morally correct. We are to be perfect as in striving to reach the completeness we are called to in the Kingdom of Heaven. Attempting to love our enemies is part of striving for that completeness.



"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5. 38-48)

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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 February 22 nd 16:00	Sunday February 23 rd 10:00	Saturday February 29 th 16:00	Sunday March 1 st 10:00
READERS	Steve Kack	Pierre Gagnon	Steven Neatt	John Haberin
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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 15th and February 16th, including the collection from St. Brigid's Home, was \$748.05. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	February 22 nd (16:00)	7 th Sunday in OT	Jeanine Dumas	Succession Jeanine Dumas
			Adrien Fleury	Barbara Fleury
Sunday	February 23 rd (10:00)	7 th Sunday in OT	Iris Murray Lachapelle	Robert, Karen and Kevin From the children
Monday	February 24 th (11:30)			
Tuesday	February 25 th (11:30)		Daniel & Émilie	Drouin Family
Wednesday	February 26th (19:00)	Ash Wednesday		
Thursday	February 27 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	February 28 th (11:30)		<i>Pro Populo</i>	
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	St Patrick's Office Staff



Lent will begin soon. **Ash Wednesday Mass** will be on February 26th at 19:00



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 St Patrick's Council voted in our new executive at the annual meeting. Provincial President Rosa Lam was our special guest speaker! Congratulations to Marie White (President and Communications), Christie Ann Mitchell (Vice-President, Organization), Isabel Sullivan-Barry (Treasurer), Carol Mazurat (Secretary) and Andrée Lemieux (Parish Activities). February 22 at 4:00 during Mass, will be the installation ceremony. All CWL members are encouraged to attend. Please 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. ♥



The St. Patrick's Day banquet, to be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 will begin with a mass at 4 pm followed by the banquet in McMahon Hall at 5 pm. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and are free for children under 12 accompanied by an adult. Please indicate the names of children under twelve and obtain a ticket for them when you buy your tickets.

Ticket sales will begin after mass on Sunday, February 16 and after both weekend masses beginning on Saturday, February 22. They may also be purchased through the parish office at 418-524-3544.

Free parking is available at Îlot St. Patrick. Follow the instructions for St. Patrick's Church and bring your ticket stub to the church for validation.

«You shall be righteous and perfect in the way your heavenly Father is righteous and perfect»

Today, the word of God teaches us that the original source mandate means to sanctity is through God: «Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect» (Mt 5,48). He inspires us and we are drawn to Him. The way is set for us by the new law, that of Love. Love is the solid driver of our convictions, expressed so clearly in this fifth chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew.

The old law of Talion from the book of Exodus (cf. Ex 21,23-35), that was to be the law to avoid all revenge and restrict "eye for an eye", the terror of war, is definitively superseded by the law of love. We are given, in these verses, an entire Carta Magna for moral belief; love of God and thy neighbor.

Pope Benedict XIV tells us, «it is only through service to others that opens my eyes as to what God does for me and to how much He loves me». Jesus gives us a law whereby justice is infinite, whereby evil is not defeated by causing more hurt, but by expelling it entirely from our lives, thereby reducing its hold on us.

In order to triumph, Jesus tells us, one must have a strong hold of our own interior lives and be clear by which law we live, that of unconditional love, free and magnanimous. Love led Him to the Cross, as love triumphs over hate. This is the way to victory, without violence, with humility and abundant love as God is love translated into action. If our actions are driven by this same love that will not abandon us, Our Father will recognize us as his children. This is the perfect path, one of superabundant love that places us in the current of the kingdom, whose most loyal expression is the sublime manifestation of overflowing love that God has drenched our hearts with through the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5,5).

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