

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

Mission Statement

While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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2nd Sunday of Easter, April 18th & April 19th 2020

Thomas, the disciple who doubts, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of disciples. Like him, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. It is part of our human nature to seek hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death is, indeed, the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who had died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed for we have not seen and yet have believed.



“You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me; blessed are those who have not seen, and yet believe. ” (John 20: 19-31)

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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 April 18 th 16:00	Sunday April 19 th 10:00	Saturday April 25 th 16:00	Sunday April 26 th 10:00
READERS	-----	-----	-----	-----
EUCARISTIC MINISTER				
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There was no collection for the weekend of April 11th and April 12th.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	April 18 th (16:00)	Sunday of Divine Mercy	Jeanine Dumas	Succession Jeanine Dumas
Sunday	April 19 th (10:00)	Sunday of Divine Mercy	Gemma (Louise) Walsh (1 st Anniv.) Henriette Robichaud McGarretty	Ellen Walsh Robie McGarretty
Monday	April 20 th (11:30)		Gilberte Fournier	The Family
Tuesday	April 21 st (11:30)	Saint Anselm	Hubert Dansereau	The Family
Wednesday	April 22 nd (11:30)		Propulo	
Thursday	April 23 rd (11:30)	Saint George & Saint Adalbert		
Friday	April 24 th (11:30)	Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen	Katheleen Murphy Pierre Théoret	Steven Neatt Father Lussier
Saturday	April 25 th (16:00)	Saint Mark, Evangelist	Patricia O'Doherty-Fleury (1 st Anniv.) Our Lady of Good Counsel	CWL 95 th counsel anniversary
Sunday	April 26 th (10:00)	3 rd Sunday of Easter	O'Donnell McCauley families	Constance O'Donnell
ALL LITURGY CELEBRATIONS ARE PRESIDED BY THE PRIEST WITH NO PARISHIONERS IN ATTENDANCE				

Celebration of a Mass before the Funeral Mass can be held in the Church

Because of the coronavirus, we cannot celebrate any Funeral Mass. Father Lussier will celebrate a Mass without people in attendance for the deceased, his family and friends. It is a way for him to accompany spiritually the family members who are mourning. We pray that God will bring consolation and hope to all the people touched by this difficult situation.



Special measures during Coronavirus for the Parish Office

For the safety of everyone, we will follow the recommendations of public health officials and advise parishioners and volunteers not to come to the parish office until further notice. We will continue to monitor and follow the recommendations provided by the proper Authorities. If you have urgent matters to discuss with the office, please call us to make arrangements.



«Receive the Holy Spirit; for those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven»

Today, 2nd Sunday of Easter, we complete the octave of this liturgical time, one of the two octaves —along with that of Christmas— that have remained out of the renewal made by the Vatican Council II. During eight days we contemplate the same mystery and we try to go deeper into it by the light of the Holy Spirit.

Pope John Paul II decided to call this Sunday Divine Mercy Sunday. It is something that goes far beyond a particular devotion. In his encyclical *Dives in Misericordia*, the Holy Father explains that Divine Mercy is the ultimate manifestation of God's love in a history injured by sin. In Latin “*Misericordia*” (which means “mercy”) comes from two words: “*Miseria*” (misery) and “*cor*” (heart). Our own despicable situation due to sin is placed by God in Jesus' loving heart, that is faithful to His Father's designs. Jesus Christ, dead and resurrected, is the supreme manifestation and acting of the Divine Mercy. «For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son» (Jn 3:16) and has sent him to die to save us. «To redeem the slave He has sacrificed the Son», we have proclaimed in the Easter Proclamation of the Easter Vigil. And, once resurrected, He has constituted him into a source of salvation for all those who believe in Him. By faith and conversion we receive the treasure of his Divine Mercy.

Holy Mother Church, who wants her children to live the resurrected life, commands that —at least for Easter— we receive Holy Communion and we do it in the grace of God. The fifty days following Easter is the right time for us to fulfill the Paschal Precept. It is time to practice the sacrament of confession and benefit from the power of forgiving sins the Lord resurrected has conferred to His Church. As he said to the Apostles: «Receive the Holy Spirit; for those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven» (Jn 20,22-23). We shall thus go to the source of Divine Mercy. And we should not doubt either to bring our friends to these sources of life, to the Eucharist and to Penance. Jesus resurrected expects us to.

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