

# 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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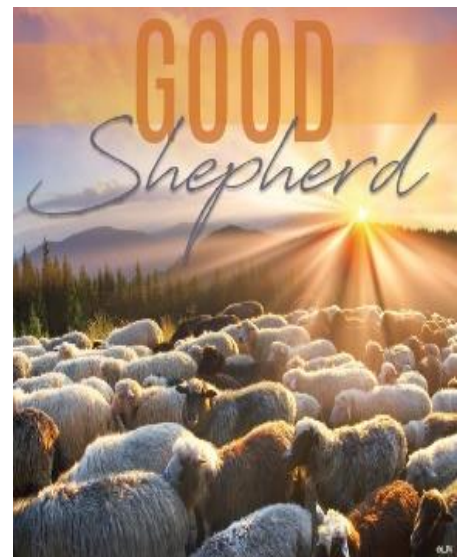
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**4th Sunday of Easter, May 2<sup>nd</sup> & May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020**

Throughout John's Gospel the Pharisees fail to accept Jesus' ministry and teaching. They show themselves to be "robbers and thieves" because they try to lead the sheep without entering through the gate, Jesus. Through these metaphors, Jesus is telling his listeners that those who follow him and his way will find abundant life. He identifies himself both as the shepherd and the gate. The shepherds who are faithful to him are the ones whom the sheep (Jesus' disciples) should follow.



"I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and my own know me."  
(John 10.14)

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

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> (16:00)	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Gemma (Louise) Walsh	Ellen Walsh
Sunday	May 3 <sup>rd</sup> (10:00)	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	O'Donnell McCauley families	Constance O'Donnell
Monday	May 4 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)			
Tuesday	May 5 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)		Pearl Young	Marius Houde
Wednesday	May 6 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)			
Thursday	May 7 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)			
Friday	May 8 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)		Propulo	
Saturday	May 9 <sup>th</sup> (16:00)	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Myles Furlong	The family
Sunday	May 10 <sup>th</sup> (10:00)	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Terry McNeil O'Gallagher	Dean Gosselin & Carolanne Leblanc
<b>ALL LITURGY CELEBRATIONS ARE PRESIDED BY THE PRIEST WITH NO PARISHIONERS IN ATTENDANCE</b>				

### 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 or her 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.



### Mass offerings

As you know, I, Father Lussier am still celebrating Mass everyday alone without parishioners during the confinement which I hope will end as soon as possible. It is still possible for you to offer Mass intentions. You may offer Mass intentions for different reasons; for example in thanksgiving or for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday) or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. You may also offer a Mass intention to any particular Saints who can intercede for us during this pandemic. You can **phone the office on Monday or Thursday** if you want to pay with a credit card or you may send a check by mail.



Also, you may still pay your dues if it has not been done already. Some parishioners are asking me on the phone if they can still send their Mass offerings. You may send to the parish your Mass offerings which you usually give when you come to church. You may send a check or call the office if you want to use your credit card. Be sure to give us your personal number which is on your envelopes.

God bless! Father Lussier

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Homily from Father Lussier**

A few years ago, I had to give a speech about the Priesthood. They wanted to know why I chose to be a Priest. What is a Priest? What does he do during the day? Before giving the speech, I asked the crowd this question: What do you expect from a Priest in our world today? In front of me, I had some kids and teenagers with their parents. Some elderly were also present in the assembly. Here is what they told me:

We want a Priest who likes sports, who likes hockey, who likes to play golf and have fun. We want a Priest who will be similar to us. We want a Priest who will think like us. We would like to have a Priest who is open-minded to other religions. We want a Priest who is not against abortion or euthanasia. We want a priest who will dress like us. We like to see a Priest who wears jeans and a t-shirt. We want a Priest who will tell jokes and make us laugh during his homily.

I asked them: don't you want a Priest who is going to help you grow in your faith? Don't you want to have a Priest who will help you to prepare for Eternal Life? This assembly in front of me did not seem to know why Jesus instituted the Priesthood. A Priest is not some kind of clown. He is not the president of some company. He is not a Prime Minister. He is not there to try to please everyone. He is a man sent by God to pray for everyone, to help his fellow men and women have a close relationship with Christ.

My dear friends, today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. When Jesus told me in my heart that He wanted me to become a Priest, I heard my name. He said to me: « Réjean , come ... follow me. » It was a personal call. It is proclaimed in today's Gospel: « The Good Shepherd calls his sheep by their name. »

Do you know what? When Jesus asks someone to become a Priest, it is a mystery. Why does he choose this particular man instead of this man or that man? We thank Jesus for giving us the Eucharist and the Priesthood. Both the Eucharist and the Priesthood were born during the Last Supper. The two Sacraments of the Eucharist and Holy Orders are so closely linked together because without the Priesthood, we would have no Eucharist.

Priests are involved in many pastoral activities. No matter what type of good work a Priest does, the highpoint of the Priest's ministry is celebrating the Eucharist. It is the most important moment of the day for the Priest. Without the Eucharist, it will not be possible for him to serve Christ and his fellowmen and women.

Pope Francis told us the other day that it is very important to pray for vocations so that Priests may never be lacking in the Catholic Church. A Priest is not a Priest for himself. The Pope told us that a Priest is there to show everyone that a tiny bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just. I want to ask you this: What do you expect from a Priest in our Catholic Church today? How can you help a Priest to become more holy? How can you help a Priest be a Priest? Ask us to preside Mass with piety. Ask us to give you Jesus in the Eucharist. Ask us to give you a homily that will help you understand the Scriptures and will show you how to put Jesus' commandments into practice in your daily life. Ask us to provide you with forgiveness in the name of Christ for your sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Ask us to give you time and to lend a listening ear even though the Priest may seem to be very busy. We are supposed to be there to serve you. It is a priority in a good Priest's life. Ask us to be Priest who is not going to ask you: What do you do but who are you as a person? Ask us to help you find the will of God for yourself through your daily events, for your spouse and for your kids.

Do not ask us to give you our personal opinions on hot subjects of our time. Rather ask us as Priests to remind you what Jesus proposes to his creatures to be happier in life. Ask us to be discreet, confidential and to avoid gossiping. Ask us to be detached from all modern ideas which can keep us away from Jesus who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Ask us to be true instruments of God. Ask us to be available when you are living a difficult time or even a moment of joy.

Ask us to be merciful Priests. Ask us to be Priests who try to imitate Jesus: feed the hungry, give drinks to the thirsty, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, visit the sick, visit prisoners, bury the dead, instruct the ignorant, counsel the doubtful, admonish sinners, forgive offenses, comfort the afflicted, bear wrong patiently and pray for the living and the dead. Jesus proclaimed: « I, Jesus, I am the Bread of Life and the true Vine. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. » Amen

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