

# 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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**5th Sunday of Easter, May 9<sup>th</sup> & May 10<sup>th</sup> 2020**

Today's Gospel takes us back in time to an event in Jesus' life before his Passion. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to prepare a place for them in his Father's house. He promises that where he is going, his disciples will be able to follow. Thomas, who will later doubt the disciples' reports that they have seen the Risen Lord, contradicts Jesus by saying that the disciples don't know where Jesus is going or how to get there. Jesus explains that he himself is the way, the truth, and the life. In knowing and loving Jesus, the disciples now love God the Father.



"I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me." (John 14.6)

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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 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
Monday	May 11 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)		Glenn White	Corbett Family
Tuesday	May 12 <sup>h</sup> (11:30)	Saints Nereus, Achilleus and Pancras		
Wednesday	May 13 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)			
Thursday	May 14 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)	Saint Mathias		
Friday	May 15 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)		Propulo	
Saturday	May 16 <sup>th</sup> (16:00)	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	Murphy & O'Grady families	Marylou & Edward Murphy
Sunday	May 17 <sup>th</sup> (10:00)	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter		
<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

## Information for the safe “deconfinement” of the churches

The Catholic bishops of Quebec are working in consultation with one another and in close collaboration with other religious leaders, who face the same challenges. They are seeking practical solutions to the complex issues associated with the period of progressive and safe “deconfinement” that lies ahead. They must do so in a responsible manner so as to protect the health of the faithful, of our most vulnerable citizens, and of the People of God. Let us pray that they will find the right solution to this difficult situation. (From **Latest News**, from the Archdiocese of Montreal, Website page, May 4, 2020)

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### «I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me»

Today, the scene we consider in the Gospel explains the existing intimacy between Jesus Christ and the Father; but not only that; it invites us to discover the relationship between Jesus Christ and his disciples. «After I have gone and prepared a place for you, I shall come again and take you to me, so that where I am, you also may be» (Jn 14:3): these words of Jesus, not only place his disciples in a perspective of future, but also exhort them to keep on faithfully following the course they had begun. To share with the Lord the glorious life, they also have to partake the same way that takes Jesus Christ towards the dwellings of his Father.

«Lord, we don't know where you are going; how can we know the way?» (Jn 14:5). Jesus answers: «I am the way, the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me. If you know me, you will know the Father also; indeed you know him and you have seen him» (Jn 14:6-7). Jesus does not certainly propose a simple way, but he points out the path to follow. In fact, He becomes himself the Way to the Father; through his resurrection, He becomes the Walker who is to guide us; with the gift of the Holy Spirit, He encourages and fortifies us so that we do not lose heart in our pilgrimage: «Do not be troubled; trust in God and trust in me» (Jn 14:1).

In the invitation Jesus makes to us, to go to the Father through Him, with Him and in Him, his deepest mission and most intimate desires are revealed: «He, who is the Son of God who became the Son of Man, wants to make us his brothers and, thus, He is in Himself presenting all humanity to its God and true Father, by taking with him all of his own kin» (St. Gregory of Nyssa).

A Way to walk, a Truth to proclaim, a Life to share and enjoy: Jesus Christ.



*Motherhood is a million  
little moments that God  
weaves together with grace,  
redemption, laughter, tears,  
and most of all, love.*  
-Lysa TerKeurst





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