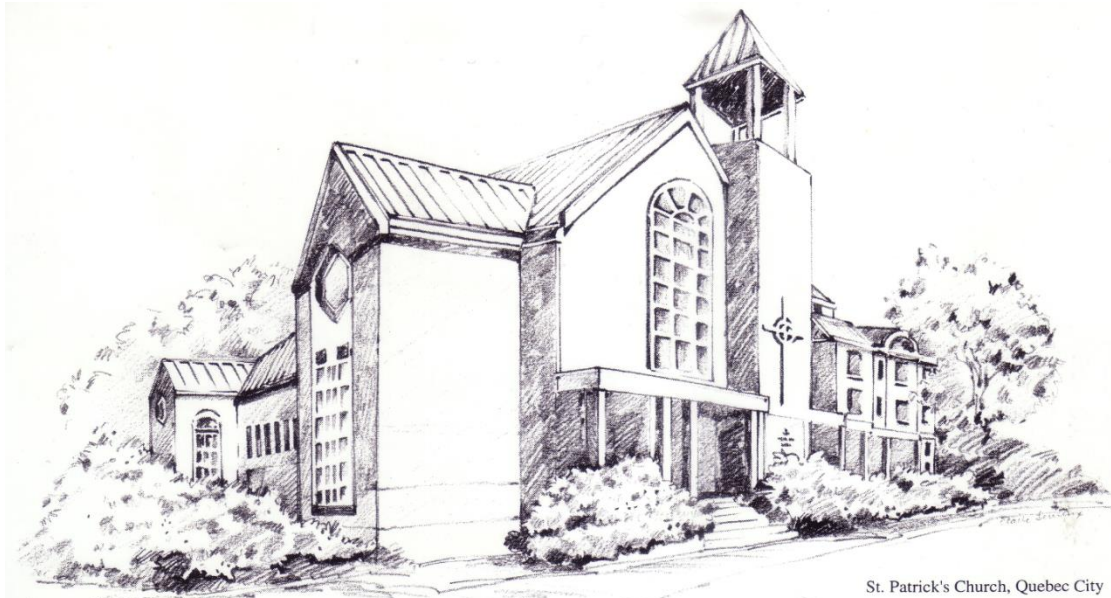


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St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

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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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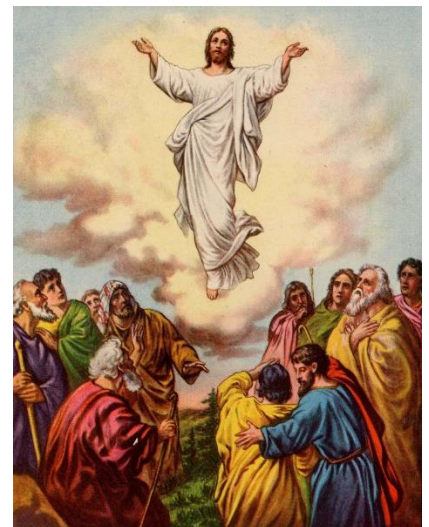
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Ascension of the Lord, May 23rd & May 24th 2020

This ending of Matthew's Gospel can be understood as the beginning of the Church. Jesus commissions his disciples to continue to teach in his name and to bring others into the community of disciples through baptism. The Gospel ends, as it had begun, with the promise that Jesus will continue to be Emmanuel, "God with us" (cf. Matthew 1:23), for all eternity.



"Go make disciples of all nations; I am with you always, to the end of the age."
(Matthew 28. 16-20)

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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	May 23 rd (16:00)	Ascension of the Lord	Patricia O'Doherty Fleury	Fleury family
Sunday	May 24 th (10:00)	Ascension of the Lord	Raymond Marie Gagnon	Pierre Gagnon & family
Monday	May 25 th (11:30)	St Bede, St Gregory and St Mary Magdalene		
Tuesday	May 26 th (11:30)	St Philippe Neri		
Wednesday	May 27 th (11:30)	St Augustine of Canterbury	Propulo	
Thursday	May 28 th (11:30)			
Friday	May 29 th (11:30)		Purgatory soul	Parishioner
Saturday	May 30 th (16:00)	Pentecost	Joan Holton	Maureen Martineau
Sunday	May 31 st (10:00)	Pentecost	Mildred Haznedl	Rita B. Whitt
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 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 birthday of a child 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

Reflection for the Ascension of the Lord

Today is the Feast of the Ascension. Jesus spent 40 days in the company of the disciples explaining things, making miracles, eating with them and spending time teaching. But, there came a time when he had to leave, and return to God his Father. So he ascended into Heaven. A cloud took him from their sight. Ten days later, all the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit. He did not want the disciples to become orphans.

The disciples were probably very upset when they saw Jesus Christ ascending into Heaven. They probably were mad at him: Why are you leaving us like this? We really need you. We have to build the Church. We have to proclaim the Good News everywhere. We are just a small group of men with not much experience. There are so many things to do on earth and you are leaving us alone for Heaven. »

But, when I started to meditate upon today's Gospel, I found out that it is not what really happened. The disciples did not complain one bit. Let me remind you what Luke is telling us in the Gospel: « Jesus was carried up into Heaven. The disciples worshiped him. They returned to Jerusalem with great joy. They were continually in the temple blessing God. » They had great joy in their hearts. Also, in today's Gospel, Saint Matthew is proclaiming: « Remember, I am with you always, to the end to the age. »

Wow. What a lesson for you and I! The disciples kept praising the Lord. They were willing to suffer all the torments just to see Jesus again one day in Heaven. They knew that their future was not going to be easy. As a matter of fact, all of them got killed at the end of their lives because they loved Christ. They were martyrs. In spite of this, they had joy in their hearts.

I think we should follow their example. Praise and bless the Lord more and more. We should never forget this: Every evening, when we go to bed, we have at least one reason that can allow us to praise and bless the Lord for something good that happened to us during the day even during this pandemic. We are not orphans. Jesus is there with us. He won't abandon us. He is with us until the end of time.

Therefore, this week, try to focus upon something good which will allow you to praise and bless our Lord for his blessings that will happen in your life or in the life of others. Instead of only focussing upon the worst things that will happen to us, we should rather look at the best things that happened to us during the day. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to recognize the gifts which you will receive from our Lord. In today's Psalm 47, we sing this: « Clap your hands, all you peoples, shout to God with loud songs of joy. »

Father Réjean Lussier

The Rosary for the Month of May

In Fatima Our Lady appeared six times to the Shepherd children—Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. In each and every apparition Our Lady insisted upon the praying of the most Holy Rosary.

St. John Paul II in his document on the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Rosary insisted, pleaded, that the whole world pray the Holy Rosary for the salvation of the family and for world peace.

The famous Rosary priest, Father Patrick Peyton, put it concisely: *“The family that prays together stays together”... and “A world at prayer is a world at peace.”* Why not obey the new saint — Saint John Paul II? Why not obey the Mother of God, Our Lady of Fatima's requests? If done the family will be saved and there will be peace that the human heart so longs for.

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