St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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.

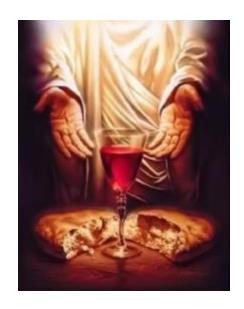
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Body and Blood of Christ, June 13th & June 14th 2020

This day was once called *Corpus Christi*, which is Latin for "Body of Christ." In the revised Lectionary the name for this day is expanded to reflect more completely our Eucharistic theology.

This is the celebration of the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's Body in the world.



"I am the living Bread that came from heaven, says the Lord: whoever eats of this bread will live forever."

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Mass				Mass Intentions			
Day	Day Date		Liturgy	For	From		
Saturday	June 13 th	(16:00)	Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Feliciano Gomez	Rita B. Whitt		
Sunday	June 14 th	(10:00)	Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	Bert Sexton Mme Lyse Pronovost	Michael & Sheila Nellis & Family Emma & Pierre Alain		
Monday	June 15 th	(11:30)		Alice McCaffrey Memorial Mass	Family Lucie Vaudry		
Tuesday	June 16 th	(11:30)					
Wednesday	June 17 th	(11:30)		Propulo			
Thursday	June 18 th	(11:30)					
Friday	June 19 th	(11:30)	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus				
Saturday	June 20 th	(16:00)	12 th Sunday ordinary time	Lorne Mulroney (1 st year) Helen Nellie Lewin Corrigan (1 st year)			
Sunday	June 21st	(10:00)	12 th Sunday ordinary time	Bruce Todman Eljean Schiller	Jean M. Saville Gina & John Klassen		
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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

Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Dear brothers and sisters, it is possible for all of you to watch Mass online via Internet or on television. A few days before Easter, when the Vatican announced that it would be possible for us to follow the Holy Week liturgies online, a Bishop scolded Pope Francis over livestream lining Masses. The Bishop made Pope Francis think more deeply about the danger of celebrating Mass without the presence and participation of the general public.

Before Easter, the Bishop asked the Pope this question: « Why are you going to allow only about 20 Christians to attend all the celebrations during Holy Week in Saint Peter's Basilica? The Basilica is so big. » Pope Francis said that at first he did not understand why this particular Bishop asked him this question. But, after talking to him, the Pope understood why this Bishop was asking him this question.

This Bishop wanted to remind the Pope of how important it is to be careful about "participation with and without persons". The Church, the Sacraments and the people of God are concrete. The faithful's relationship with our Lord must also stay concrete as the Apostles lived it, as a community and with the people of God. Online Masses and spiritual communion do not represent the Church. And so, during one of his homilies, the Pope reflected upon serious concerns about the faithful not being able to come together as a community to celebrate Mass or to receive the Sacraments because of the government restrictions against people gathering in groups in order to stem the spread of the coronavirus.

Masses, prayers and faith-based initiatives have been offered online during our confinements. The faithful have been encouraged to make an act of spiritual Communion because they were not allowed to receive Holy Communion in the church. But, Pope Francis reminded us that this is not the "Church". One's relationship with Jesus is intimate. It is personal. But, it is in a community that we are invited to live our relation with Jesus. This closeness to Christ without community and without the Eucharist and without the People of God assembled together is dangerous. It is dangerous because each one of us could start living our relationship with Jesus « for just ourselves » detached from the People of God. As the Gospels show us, Jesus' disciples always lived their relationship with our Lord as a community. They celebrated Mass with Christ with the entire community. By broadcasting Mass, people are in communion really and truly. But, they are not together. The very small number of Christians present in person in the church while broadcasting the Mass received Holy Communion. The Christians who were watching Mass on line had only Spiritual Communion. Pope Francis added this: « This is not the Church. » And in order to live any Sacrament, you must be present in person. Jesus proclaimed: « I am the living Bread that came down from Heaven. Whoever eats of this Bread will live for ever; and that Bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh. » After not being able to come to Mass in person, today's Gospel really talks to us very loudly. Jesus is telling us how much we need to receive Holy Communion in person. Every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we perform a miracle. The bread becomes the Body of Christ and the wine becomes the Blood of Christ. Are you excited about all this? We should always be excited when Christ is present on the Altar. Father Réjean Lussier



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