

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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Most Holy Trinity, June 6th & June 7th 2020

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it. He is calling us to respond by professing our belief in the Holy Trinity.



“GLory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is,
who was, and who is to come ”

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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	June 6 th (16:00)	Most Holy Trinity	Mary Lou O'Grady - Murphy	Gina & John Klassen
Sunday	June 7 th (10:00)	Most Holy Trinity	O'Donnell McCauley Families Charlotte & Alfred Pichard	Constance O'Donnell Helen Pichard
Monday	June 8 th (11:30)			
Tuesday	June 9 th (11:30)	St Ephrem		
Wednesday	June 10 th (11:30)		Propulo	
Thursday	June 11 th (11:30)	St Barnabas		
Friday	June 12 th (11:30)			
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
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.

Sheila Kennedy Leger passed away on May 26th, at St Brigid's Home. She was a long time standing parishioner of St Vincent, St Stephen and finally St Patrick's and was involved in Pastoral councils, the choir, the CWL and took part in numerous other community events over the years. See attachment for more details.

Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

During the confinement, many parishioners, family members and relatives, and some of my close friends told me that they really missed going to church and receiving Holy Communion. However, it was possible for you to watch Mass on the Internet or on television. Did you faithfully take advantage of this possibility? But, this



confinement helped us to realize that it is necessary for Christians to gather with other believers around Jesus Christ in our parish church. The faith of others always helps us to grow interiorly.

Let me ask you these questions. Did the confinement increase in your soul a greater desire to pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament more often in the future? Did the confinement increase in your heart a greater desire to go to confession or go to Mass more often in the future? Did the confinement help you grow in holiness? Did the confinement help you to realize how fortunate we are to have a church? Did the confinement help you to realize how important it is to propose Jesus to others and to evangelize?

I would like to share with you how I chose to live this confinement day in and day out without becoming morbid. This confinement has been so far a real retreat for me with Jesus Christ. I celebrated Mass and prayed for all of you every day. I watched and listened to a lot of catechisms and Catholic religious teachings on the Internet, on EWTN and on Salt and Light. Furthermore, every day, I asked myself this particular question: « What does God want to proclaim particularly to each one of us through this coronavirus? » Maybe, some of you have asked yourselves this same question over and over again.

Some Christians around the world are wondering if God is punishing us. Others think that our Father is reminding us that we have to accept the consequences for our sins. Other Christians asked themselves this question: « Why does God permit such things as this coronavirus? » While having some conversations on the phone with other Priests, we realized that through coronavirus, God is calling us to conversion. God is calling each one of us to convert more and more to Jesus Christ. Just like in the Old Testament. God called everyone to conversion when they had plagues or wars or slaveries. All of a sudden, we ended up with less and less distractions. All of a sudden, the grocery stores were closed on Sundays like it was years ago. We realized all the more the real value of Sunday. Suddenly, it was impossible to travel all over the world. We saw how fragile our health care system is and so forth and so on.

But, we saw family members get closer and closer again. Many of us rediscovered the importance of family. Many young moms and dads were spending more time with their children. Not only that, in Quebec City, a young dad and young mom chose to have pastoral activities at home with their children like they never did before. They also prayed with their children around the kitchen table as well.

We realize how important each elderly person is in our society. For months, the media was talking about medical assistance in dying. Suddenly, the media was talking about medical assistance in living. The government was screaming for help concerning our nursing homes all over the Province of Quebec. Many surgeons and retired nurses came to their rescue. Coronavirus is also a reminder for us that unless we pass away at the age of 20 or 40; one day, we all are going to become an elderly person whether we like it or not. We are all going to pass away at the end of our life. This is a true fact that entertains no discussions. More persons have chosen to return to God and to pray more at home. I don't know how many Quebecers found out about Salt and Light the Canadian Catholic Network. Many of our citizens did not even know that there is a lot of Catholic Catechism on Internet and on Television.

Also, many men and women have re-evaluated their values and priorities. Many persons realize that we don't need to run and run from one activity to another all the time. Many parishioners see and recognize that pastoral care which nourishes our faith is an essential service in our society, in our community and in our Church. They know that a Priest with all the staff surrounding him in his ministry with a vibrant spirit, is an essential service in the eyes of Jesus especially when we live a difficult time. This is why the Church is so essential at all times in our life whether we are struggling or rejoicing. What would our life be without Jesus who wants us to go to Heaven and rise from the dead one day? It is proclaimed in today's Gospel: « God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but, may have Eternal Life. » I would like to conclude with Saint Paul's words in the Second Reading. « The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. » Father Lussier

FUTURE REOPENING OF THE CHURCHES

June 7th, 2020

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

Please find below a brief description of our St. Patrick's Parish pastoral committee meeting held on June 3rd 2020 @ 18:30 EDT.

The meeting was held outside behind the rectory with the following committee members in attendance: 5 lay members, the lay pastoral assistant & myself. At my request, one guest was also present.

As per the agenda, the pastoral committee proceeded with their normal business. More specifically, I presented item 4 on the agenda which was a discussion on the protocols for the reopening of the church. These protocols consisted of the Archdiocese's protocol; the protocol for Mass and the protocol for Funeral Masses.

Within item 4, the following subjects were discussed:

- 1) a brief resume of my 2 meetings with the Cardinal and the Archdiocese;
- 2) the participation of the parishioners in these initiatives which I highlighted to be essential;
- 3) the introduction of myself the leader & co-leader (Steven Neatt) who will be developing our parish protocol in conjunction with the Archdiocese;
- 4) a brief explanation of the highlights in the 3 protocols with an emphasis on the Archdiocese's and Mass protocols; and
- 5) a few preliminary details about our intentions on how to proceed ex. parishioners will have to register for mass, possible time(s) of mass(es).

There was some discussion and a few questions concerning such topics as the time frame for the opening of our church, Funeral Masses, Sunday Mass, weekday Masses and so forth and so on.

In the next few days and weeks, the co-leader and myself in conjunction with the lay pastoral assistant will be working on completing the necessary forms, gathering information and completing our protocol. Please note that everything must be approved by the Archdiocese.

In the coming weeks and as we progress, I will be reconvening the pastoral committee in order to present and discuss our initiatives.

The Archdiocese has presented a protocol to the government and is waiting for an answer. The Cardinal sent the protocol to all the pastors even though there is a possibility that it could change because of our everchanging circumstances. Every parish has to be ready and well prepared for the reopening of the churches even though the opening date is unknown at this point.

Yours in Christ,
Father Lussier

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