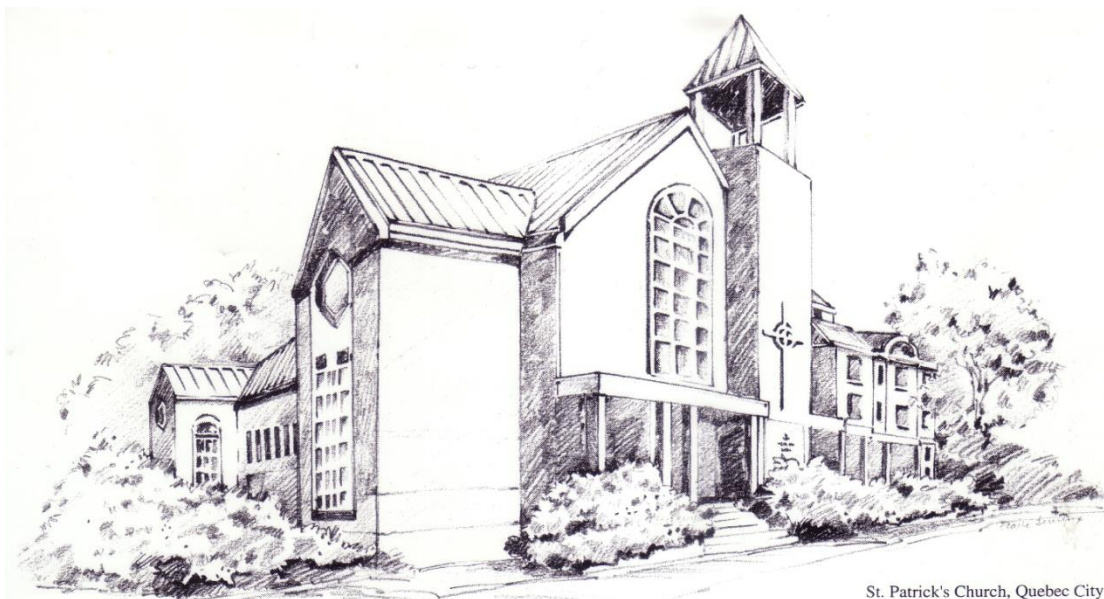


St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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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Pentecost Sunday, May 30th & May 31st 2020

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins.



"Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love "
(Veni Sancte Spiritus)

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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	May 30 th (16:00)	Pentecost	Joan Holton	Maureen Martineau
Sunday	May 31 st (10:00)	Pentecost	Mildred Haznedl	Rita B. Whitt
Monday	June 1 st (11:30)	Blessed Virgin Mary		
Tuesday	June 2 nd (11:30)			
Wednesday	June 3 rd (11:30)	St Charles Lwanga	Propulo	
Thursday	June 4 th (11:30)			
Friday	June 5 th (11:30)	St Boniface	Hugh W. Martin	Family & Friends
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
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

Today is Pentecost Sunday which is reminding us that we received amazing gifts from the Holy Spirit on the day of our Baptism and our Confirmation. They are not material gifts, like toys, video games or kitchen appliances that you might get for your birthday. Those gifts just stay on the outside. They don't really sink into who you are.

Can you go to the store and buy a box of braveness? So that you can eat it and suddenly you become brave? Of course not! Can you go to the store and buy a box of wisdom? You eat a few bits of these and suddenly you become capable of judging things like a wise person? Of course not! Or imagine, you had a special cream in the pharmacy called piety; and it makes you feel truly reverent and easily able to pray to God the Father? Of course not!

Let us focus on the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is these gifts that we want to look at today. What are they? Do you remember? The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit are: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord. Which one of these gifts did you receive from the Holy Spirit lately?

Here is my conclusion. Every day, you use these gifts from the Holy Spirit, whether you know it or not. It is like breathing. You are not conscious of it. But, you do it anyway.

On the day that you and I will end up face to face with Jesus, I hope that Christ will be able to say to each one of us: « Réjean, David, Lucy, Barbara, during your lifetime on earth, you had the eight gift of the Holy Spirit; guts! You became a real follower by saying yes to the Holy Spirit.

Father Lussier

Completion of the month of prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Let us conclude this marvellous month of May consecrated to the prayer to Mary, with this reflection from Pope Benedict XVI for the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin and the memory of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, on May 31 2008.

“The Rosary, when it is not a mechanical, traditional form of repetition, is a Biblical meditation that allows us to trace the events of the Lord's life in the company of the Blessed Virgin, pondering them, like her, in our heart. In many Christian communities during the month of May there is the beautiful custom of reciting the Holy Rosary in a more solemn way in families and in parishes. Now, that the month is ending, may this good habit continue. Rather, may it continue with more commitment so that, at the school of Mary, the lamp of faith may shine ever more in the hearts and homes of Christians.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us return home with the *Magnificat* in our heart. Let us bring the same sentiments of praise and thanksgiving of Mary to the Lord, her faith and her hope, her docile abandonment in the hands of Divine Providence. May we imitate her example of readiness and generosity in the service of our brethren. Indeed, only by accepting God's love and making of our existence a selfless and generous service to our neighbour, can we joyfully lift a song of praise to the Lord. May the Blessed Mother, who invites us to find refuge in her Immaculate Heart, obtain this grace for us.”

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