

# 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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**12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time, June 20<sup>th</sup> & June 21<sup>st</sup> 2020**

In today's Gospel Jesus predicts that the disciples will face difficulties and suffering in their mission. We might not face the same type of persecution, but we do experience difficulties as we endeavor to live a Christian life. Sometimes we let the opinions of others prevent us from doing what we know to be right. We need the reminder that what God thinks about us is more important. We are reassured by the promise that God cares for us and protects us.



"The spirit of truth will testify on my behalf, says the Lord, and you also are to testify."  
(John 15.26-27)

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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	June 20 <sup>th</sup> (16:00)	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday ordinary time	Lorne Mulroney (1 <sup>st</sup> year) Helen Nellie Lewin Corrigan (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	
Sunday	June 21 <sup>st</sup> (10:00)	12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday ordinary time	Bruce Todman Eljean Schiller	Jean M. Saville Gina & John Klassen
Monday	June 22 <sup>nd</sup> (11:30)			
Tuesday	June 23 <sup>rd</sup> (11:30)			
Wednesday	June 24 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)			
Thursday	June 25 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)			
Friday	June 26 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)		Propulo	
Saturday	June 27 <sup>th</sup> (16:00)	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday ordinary time	Sheila Kennedy Leger	Steve & Helen Kack
Sunday	June 28 <sup>th</sup> (10:00)	13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday ordinary time	Terry O'Gallagher Phyllis Gomez	Jean M. Saville Rita B. Whitt
<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 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 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. God bless! Father Lussier





### **A Prayer for our dear Fathers**

Heavenly Father,  
you entrusted your Son Jesus,  
the child of Mary,  
to the care of Joseph, an earthly  
father.

Bless all fathers  
as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience;  
support them in the work they have  
to do,  
protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love and  
salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our rock and  
defender. Amen.

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### **Promoting the Gospel and facing rejection**

My dear friends, what is one of the worst emotions that any human being can have? The response is rejection. No one likes to be rejected. Did someone ever reject you? Sometimes, some Christians are rejected by others because of their Catholic Faith.

How about you? Do you have any relatives or family members who are rejecting you because you love Jesus? Do you have some loved ones who are rejecting you because of your Catholic Faith? Do you have some friends who are rejecting you because you love the Catholic Church?

In the First Reading, Jeremiah said that his best friends deserted him after he proclaimed the Word of God in front of the crowd. It is impossible to please the Lord and please the crowd at the same time.

We always lose our sense of right and wrong whenever we are drifting away from Jesus. When we drift away from the Truth, it follows naturally that we don't know the difference between truth and falsehood anymore. We do not know that sins are sins, despite the fact that Paul wrote to the Romans that the whole human race has sinned as we see in the Second Reading.

More and more, the crowd is running away from Jesus because it is uncool to be religious. In today's world, if you don't follow the crowd, you become some kind of a martyr. The crowd thinks that being religious limits our freedom. The crowd thinks that we cannot fully enjoy life when we follow Jesus. The crowd does not realize that freedom and pleasure are only achieved by following Jesus' way.

When Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time, the crowd gave Him a standing ovation. The crowd greeted Him and threw palms on the road before Him. A few hours later, the same crowd asked for Jesus to be crucified; so much for the support of the crowd. Even the Apostles gave in to the pressure of the crowd. When Jesus was arrested, they abandoned Him and fled.

Instead of following the crowd, today's Readings are inviting us to be strong and to stand up for Jesus and for what is right; even if it is unpopular in the eyes of the crowds.

Real happiness will not come from following the crowd because the crowd is not really happy. Rather, real happiness will come from following Jesus. Even though, the crowd thinks that you are out of touch, odd and old fashioned because you go to Mass, because you respect marriage as a Sacrament and because you go to Confession; hold your head high. Don't be ashamed to proclaim what Jeremiah said: « The Lord is at my side. He is my Hero. »

Meanwhile, what should we do if we want to persevere even though some men and women are rejecting us? As Catholic Christians, we should stand together.

It is always easier to proclaim our Faith in front of the crowd if we do it together. It is always easier to follow Christ as a team. We have to work as a team if we want to follow Jesus. Otherwise, it becomes too difficult. Amen.

Father Réjean Lussier

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