

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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15th Sunday in Ordinary time, July 12th 2020

In today's Gospel, Jesus talks about the parable of the sower. After explaining why he uses parables, he interprets this story to his disciples. The different types of soil in which the seeds are sown are metaphors for the disposition with which each individual hears the teaching about the kingdom of heaven. Some will be easily swayed away from the kingdom of heaven. Some will receive it for a time but will lose it when faced with difficulties. Some will hear the word but will then permit other cares to choke it out. Yet some will receive it well, and the seed will produce abundant fruit.



“The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever.”
(Matthew 17. 1-9)

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Ministers and servers	Saturday July 11 th 16:00	Sunday July 12 10:00	Saturday July 18 th 16:00	Sunday July 19 th 10:00
READERS +CANTOR	No Mass	Laura Paladino	No Mass	Laura Paladino
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	No Mass		No Mass	
SERVERS	No Mass		No Mass	
USHERS	No Mass		No Mass	
OFFERTORY COLLECTION	No Mass		No Mass	
COFFEE ASSISTANCE	No coffee	No coffee	No coffee	No coffee



The collection total for the weekend of July 4th and July 5th, including the collection from St. Brigid's Home, was \$1083. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	July 11 th (16:00)	15 th Sunday in ordinary time	No mass	No mass
Sunday	July 12 th (10:00)	15 th Sunday in ordinary time	Terry O'Gallagher	André Gosselin & Bridgit O'Connor
Monday	July 13 th (11:30)	St Henri	Michael Gomez	Rita Whitt
Tuesday	July 14 th (11:30)	St Kateri Tekakwitha	Norbert Cole	Isabel Sullivan
Wednesday	July 15 th (11:30)	St Bonaventure	<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Thursday	July 16 th	Our Lady of Mont Carmel	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	July 17 th (11:30)		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	July 18 th (16:00)	16 th Sunday in ordinary time	No mass	No mass
Sunday	July 19 th (10:00)	16 th Sunday in ordinary time	Adrien Fleury	Fleury family
			Bonnie Deschamps	Rita Whitt
			Joan Holton	Jean Saville
			Madeleine Boulet Hobbs	Mamie & Bob Stewart



If you wish to be part of group of a young parents who will follow the Alpha session, we will have sessions on internet. The time of sharing would be around 21:00 on Google Meet and we would choose the best day with the group. If you wish to be part of those sessions, phone Richard at 418-524-3544 or send an email to: pastoral.assistant@stpatricksquebec.com. We would start in the middle of August. Learn more about Alpha group on YouTube: "**An introduction to Alpha**".



Great news! Enjoy the CWL Online Summer Speaker Series this August 10-14, 2020. Participants must register at cwl.ca as soon as possible (max is 3,000). Speakers include Dr. Cory Labrecque, Dr. Donna Orsuto, Sr. Nuala Kenny, National Chairperson-Elect Fran Lucas and National President Anne-Marie Gorman. Our Prayer Chain continues this summer with Colleen Bilodeau at 418-657-2434. To join, please contact our president Marie White at 418-254-0510. Blessings to all.



The Parish Office is reopened

The office is now open from 9:00 to 12:00 each day of the week. When you come, you still have to keep a distance of six feet or wear a mask. You can also leave a message on the voice mail. We thank you for your cooperation and your comprehension.

«The sower went out to sow»

Today, we consider the parable of the sower. It has a special force and charm because it is our Lord Jesus' own word.

The message is quite clear: God is generous while sowing, but the very success of his sowing is also contingent—at the same time—on our free response. That the fruit depends upon the soil where the seeds fall is something that our daily experiences already tell us. For instance, amongst the pupils of the same school and the same class, some may end up with a religious calling while others may end as atheists. They heard the same messages, but the soils where the seeds fell were different.

The good soil is our heart. Partly, because of our own good nature; but, mostly, because of our own will. Some people prefer to enjoy themselves rather than trying to be better. With these persons it happens the same as in the parable: the thistles (that is, the worries of this life and the love of money) «choke [the Word]; and it does not bear fruit» (Mt 13:22).

But, those who, instead, treasure the being, they lovingly receive God's seeds and make them bear fruit. Although, doing it means considerable mortification. Jesus Christ said it too: «I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds» (Jn 12:24). The Lord also warned us that the road to salvation is narrow and steep (cf. Mt 7:14): the more valuable it is, the more difficult to get. Priceless things cannot be obtained without effort.

Those enthralled by their own penchants will have a heart like a wild jungle. On the contrary, the fruit trees that are pruned on time will bear the best fruits. Saints never had an easy life, but they were models for Mankind. «Indeed, not all of us have been called to martyrdom, but certainly to attain the perfection of Christian life. But the virtue demands such a strength that (...) all the same it requires a long and painstaking work, which we should never interrupt, until we die. Accordingly, this may be considered as a slow and continuous martyrdom» (Pius XII).

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