

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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17th Sunday in Ordinary time, July 26th 2020

The theme of today's readings is the Kingdom of God which is none other than being in the presence of God spiritually speaking, of course. To make his teachings more easy to understand Jesus used parables: brief sketches of daily life, or symbols, things that people of any era could identify with. So, what are we to learn when listening to these readings? Where is the Kingdom in our life today? For us, this kingdom begins by finding out what gifts God has given us, or by asking for some special gift from God for the benefit of others as well as ourselves, and then using them for His honor and glory.



"Blessed are you, Lord of Heaven and earth: you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the Kingdom." (Matthew 11.25)

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Ministers and servers	Saturday July 25 th 16:00	Sunday July 26 th 10:00	Saturday August 1 st 16:00	Sunday August 2 nd 10:00
READERS +CANTOR	No Mass	Laura Paladino	No Mass	Laura Paladino
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	No Mass		No Mass	
SERVERS	No Mass		No Mass	
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION	No Mass		No Mass	
COFFEE ASSISTANCE	No coffee	No coffee	No coffee	No coffee



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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	July 25 th (16:00)	17 th Sunday in ordinary time	No mass	No mass
Sunday	July 26 th (10:00)	17 th Sunday in ordinary time	Salomon Valdez	Rita B. Whitt
Monday	July 27 th (11:30)			
Tuesday	July 28 th (11:30)		Line Filion	Claude Gravel
Wednesday	July 29 th (11:30)	St Martha	<i>Propulo</i>	
Thursday	July 30 th	St Peter Chrysologus	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	July 31 th (11:30)	St Ignatius of Loyola	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	August 1 st (16:00)	18 th Sunday in ordinary time	No mass	No mass
Sunday	August 2 nd (10:00)	18 th Sunday in ordinary time	O'Donnell & McCauley families	Constance O'Donnell



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.

«A treasure hidden in a field; a trader who is looking for fine pearls»

Today, our Gospel is helping us to look inside us, to find something hidden in there: «The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field» (Mt 13:44). When we speak of a treasure we are always referring to something of exceptional value, of extreme importance, not to things or situations that, even though valuable for us are, nonetheless, nothing but futile and worthless refuse, for this is what temporal satisfactions and pleasures actually are: what so many people are striving to find outside, to end up totally thwarted, once experienced.

The treasure Jesus announces here is flowing in the midst of our soul, in the very nucleus of our being. It is the Kingdom of Heaven. It consists in lovingly finding, in a mysterious way, the Source of life, of all beauty, truth and goodness, and to remain united to the same Source until, our pilgrimage over and free of all useless trinkets, the Kingdom of Heaven we have been looking for in our heart and have fostered with faith and love, blossoms forth like the glowing flower that lets its hidden treasure appear in all its splendor.

Some, as St. Paul and the same good thief, unexpectedly run into the Kingdom of Heaven, without any previous thought, because God's ways are infinite, but, normally, to discover this treasure, we have to purposely look for it: «Again the kingdom of heaven is like a trader who is looking for fine pearls» (Mt 13:45). Maybe this treasure is only to be found by those difficult to be satisfied, or who do not make do with what they got, i.e. by idealists and adventurers.

In our temporal order, we tend to qualify the eager and unconformists as ambitious persons, but in the spiritual world, they are the saints. They are those willing to sell everything to buy the field, as St. John of the Cross points out when he says: «That you may possess all things, seek to possess nothing. That you may be everything, seek to be nothing».

Novena Prayer to St Anne: Fear not! Put out into the deep!



O Good St. Anne, you are a woman of incredible faith. In your life, you always trusted in God and received the strength that you needed. So, I come before you today to ask for your intercession. When I am afraid, help me to trust in the Lord. He invites me to fear not, but to have faith, and to venture with him into the deep confident of the help of His grace and love. Dear Grandmother St. Anne, you remind me that all things are possible with God. So, I place myself in your arms and commend to your loving care my family members, loved ones, and all of those who I care about. May God's grace help me conquer my fears and grow in my faith every day.

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