

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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18th Sunday in Ordinary time, August 2nd 2020

In this story of the multiplication of the loaves and the fish, Jesus' blessing brought abundance from the meager provisions of the disciples. In this action, Jesus offers us a sign of the Kingdom of Heaven that he has been teaching about in the parables. A feast results from the smallest of portions—remember the mustard seed. In this miracle we witness an example for Christian life and ministry. Even the smallest of offerings can produce abundant results when placed in the service of the Kingdom of Heaven. So are we encouraged to do small things for the good of others and see the wonderful results it produce.



“Taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples. And all ate and were filled.” (Matthew 14.13-21)

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Ministers and servers	Saturday August 1 st 16:00	Sunday August 2 nd 10:00	Saturday August 8 th 16:00	Sunday August 9 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 Sunday July 26th was \$435.50. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
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 & Mc Cauley families	Constance O'Donnell
Monday	August 3 rd (11:30)			
Tuesday	August 4 th (11:30)	St John Vianney		
Wednesday	August 5 th (11:30)	Basilica of St Mary Major	<i>Propulo</i>	
Thursday	August 6 th	Transfiguration of the Lord	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	August 7 th (11:30)	St Sixtus II	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	August 8 th (16:00)	19 th Sunday in ordinary time (St Dominic)	No Mass	No Mass
Sunday	August 9 th (10:00)	19 th Sunday in ordinary time	Benita Valdez	Rita B. Whitt

The Law Has Changed Again

Beginning on August 3rd, you will be allowed to remove your mask while sitting in the pew. However, to enter into the church and anytime you move around or go to communion, you have to wear a mask. Thanks.

«Bring them here to me»

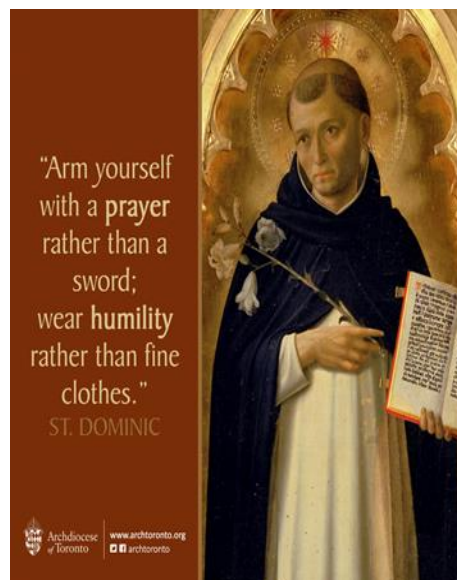
Today, Jesus shows us just how much He wants to involve us in his saving work. He who had created the heavens and the earth out of nothing, could have easily created a rich banquet from nothing to satiate the multitudes. But He preferred to work the miracle starting with the best his disciples could give him. «We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish» (Mt 14:17), they said. «Bring them here to me» (Mt 14:18), Jesus replied. The Lord was able to multiply that meager donation —not enough even to feed a typical family— to nourish about 5000 families.

The Lord showed the same protocol at the wedding feast of Cana. He who created all the seas could easily have filled the six 30-gallon containers with choice wine from scratch. But He again wanted to involve his creatures in the miracle, by having them fill the containers with water first.

We see the same principle in the celebration of the Eucharist. Jesus begins not from nothing, nor from grain and grapes, but from bread and wine, which already contain within the work of human hands.

The late Cardinal François Xavier Nguyen van Thuan, imprisoned from 1975-1988 by the Vietnamese communists, wondered how he could further Christ's kingdom and care for his flock while undergoing the brutal suffering of solitary confinement. He realized he might not be able to do much from a prison cell, but at least each day he could offer to the Lord his “five loaves and two fish,” and let God do the rest. The Lord multiplied those little efforts into a witness that has inspired not only the Vietnamese but the whole Church.

Today the Lord is asking us, his modern disciples, to give the crowds something to eat (cf. Mt 14:16). No matter how much or how little we have, let us give it to the Lord and let him take it from there.



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