St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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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 $22^{nd} \, Sunday \, in \, Ordinary \, time, \, August \, 30^{th} \, 2020$

We can easily miss the fear that Jesus' words must have evoked in his disciples. Death by crucifixion was all too familiar as a method of execution in Roman-occupied territories. It was also an omnipresent danger to the Christian community for whom Matthew wrote. The path that Jesus was inviting his disciples to share meant tremendous suffering and death. This is the kind of radical commitment and sacrifice that Jesus calls us to adopt for the sake of the Gospel.



"If anyone wants to become my follower, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." (Matthew 16.21-27)

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	Confessions : They are heard before Mass upon request.				

Ministers and servers	Saturday August 29 th 16:00	Sunday August 30 th 10:00	Saturday September 5 th 16:00	Sunday September 6 th 10:00
READERS & CANTOR	No Mass	Laura Paladino	No Mass	Laura Paladino
EUCHARISTIC 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 August 23rd was \$707.00. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions		
Day	Date		Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	August 29 th (16:0	0)	22 nd Sunday in ordinary time (St Dominic)	No mass	No mass
				Don Petzel	Rita B. Whitt
Sunday	August 30 th (10:0	0)	22 nd Sunday in ordinary time	Georges Laviolette	Kimberly Perry & Ben Walsh
				John Lewis Fournier	
				Marie-Claire Bédard	France Fournier
Monday	August 31 st (11	:30)			
Tuesday	September 1st (11:	30)			
Wednesday	September 2 nd (11:	30)		No Mass	No Mass
Thursday	September 3 rd (11:	30)	St Gregory the Great	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	September 4 th (11:	30)	-	No mass	No mass
Saturday	September 5 th (16:	00)	23 rd Sunday in ordinary time (St Mother Teresa)	No mass	No mass
				O'Donnell MCauley Families	Constance O'Donnell
Sunday	September 6 th (10:	00)	23 rd Sunday in ordinary time	Charlotte & Alfred Pichard	Helen Pichard
				Rolland Gosselin	Ron Charest
				Georges Laviolette	1st anniversary



If you wish to be part of a group of parishioners who will follow the Alpha session, we will have sessions on internet with Google Meet. The time of sharing and the day will be fixed 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 September. Learn more about Alpha group on YouTube: "An introduction to Alpha".



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Dennis Gibson** who was a teacher at St Patrick's High School. The funeral Mass will be celebrate, in September in our parish.

«If you want to follow me, deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me»

Today, we can also see Peter —a most remarkable figure and great testimony and teacher of the faith—as a man of flesh and blood. With virtues and failings, as each one of us. We have to be grateful to the Evangelists for having realistically acquainted us with the personality of the first followers of Christ. Peter, who —as we read in the Sunday's 21st Gospel— makes an excellent confession of faith, and deserves a great praise by Jesus and the promise of the maximum authority within the Church (cf. Mt 16:16-19), also receives a sharp reprimand from the Master, because, on his journey to faith, he still has a lot to learn: «Get behind me, Satan! You would have me stumble. You are their king not as God does, but as people do» (Mt 16:23).

Listening to Jesus' scolding Peter gives us a good motive to make an examination of conscience about our Christian personality. Are we truly faithful to the teachings of Jesus, to the point of actually thinking like God, or are we rather adapting ourselves to the criteria and way of thinking of this world? Throughout history, the sons of the Church have fallen into the temptation of following this world thinking, of leaning on the material riches, of yearning for politic power or social prestige; and at times, we are more keen on the worldly interests than in the spirit of the Gospel. Before these facts, we are asked once again the same question: «What will one gain by winning the whole world if he destroys himself?» (Mt 16:26).

After clearing up these things, Jesus teaches us what thinking like God means: to love, with whatever is implied about denying ourselves in favor of our neighbor. This is why following Christ means taking up the Cross. It is a very tight following, because «with so good a friend and so good a captain at our side, Who came forward first of all to suffer, one can bear everything. He helps us; He gives us strength; He never fails; He is a true Friend» (St. Teresa of Avila). And..., when the Cross is a sign of sincere love, then it becomes enlightening and a sign of salvation.







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