

# 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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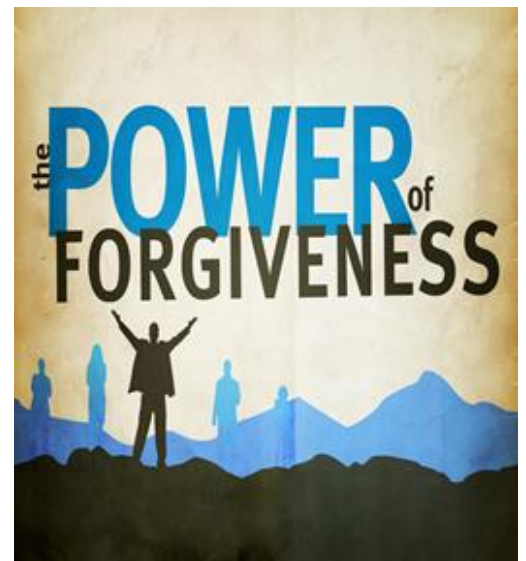
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**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time, September 13<sup>th</sup> 2020**

In this Gospel there is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.



“Lord, how often should I forgive my brother or sister if they sin against me? ” “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”(Matthew 18.15-20)

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Ministers and servers	Saturday September 12 <sup>th</sup> 16:00	Sunday September 13 <sup>th</sup> 10:00	Saturday September 19 <sup>th</sup> 16:00	Sunday September 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 September 6<sup>th</sup> was \$703.85. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	September 12 <sup>th</sup> (16:00)	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time (Holy Name Mary)	<b>No mass</b>	<b>No mass</b>
Sunday	September 13 <sup>th</sup> (10:00)	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	Eloy Gomez Violet Kirkwood Joan Holton Torbey and Farrah Families	Rita B. Whitt Helen Pichard Ron Charest Norma Torbey
Monday	September 14 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)	Exaltation Holy Cross		
Tuesday	September 15 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)	Our Lady of Sorrows		
Wednesday	September 16 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)	Saints Cornelius		
Thursday	September 17 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)	St Robert Bellamine	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday	September 18 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)		<b>No mass</b>	<b>No mass</b>
Saturday	September 19 <sup>th</sup> (16:00)	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time (Holy Name Mary)	<b>No mass</b>	<b>No mass</b>
Sunday	September 20 <sup>th</sup> (10:00)	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time	Hugh W. Martin Glenn Stewart Ruth Barry Lemay	Family & Friends Rita B. Whitt Ron Charest



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](mailto:pastoral.assistant@stpatricksquebec.com). We would start in the end of September. Learn more about Alpha group on YouTube: “An introduction to Alpha”.

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«How many times must I forgive the offenses of my brother or sister?»

Today, we can see in the Gospel, how Peter asks Jesus about a very concrete theme that is still to be found in the heart of many persons: he asks the question about the limit of forgiveness. The reply is that this limit simply does not exist: «No, not seven times, but seventy-seven times» (Mt 18:22). And to explain this reality, Jesus uses a parable. The king's question centers the theme of the parable: «Weren't you bound to have pity on your companion as I had pity on you?» (Mt 18:33).

Forgiveness is a gift, a grace flowing out of God's love and mercy. For Jesus' forgiveness has no limits, provided repentance is true and sincere. But it requires opening our heart to conversion, that is, do with others as God requests us to.

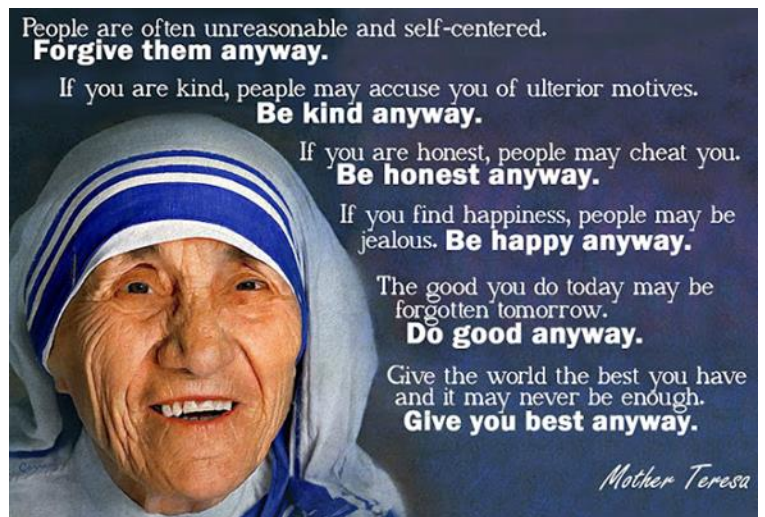
Grave sin is excluded from the Kingdom (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church n. 1470). In converting to Christ through the Sacrament of Penance and faith, the sinner passes from death to life, and the penitent's act crowning this conversion is his atonement. Our own deeds showing our expiation are the sign of our personal commitment—that the Christian has assumed before God—to begin a new existence, while repairing, wherever possible, whatever damage made to our neighbors.

There cannot be any forgiveness of sins without a minimal satisfaction, the finality of which is: 1. To avoid sliding over towards graver sins; 2. To reject sin (as expiation acts like a brake and makes the penitent more prudent and cautious); 3. To forsake, through virtuous deeds, the bad habits acquired with our bad life; 4. To resemble to Christ.

As St. Thomas Aquinas explains, «Man becomes God's debtor in two ways; first, by reason of favors received, secondly, by reason of sin committed: and just as thanksgiving or worship or the like regard the debt for favors received, so satisfaction regards the debt for sin committed». The man of the parable was not willing to behave according to the favor received, so he was no longer deserving forgiveness.

Forgive others,  
not because they  
deserve forgiveness,  
but because you  
deserve peace.

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