

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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25th Sunday in Ordinary time, September 20th 2020

Today's parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.



"I choose to give to this last the same as I give you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?" (Matthew 18.15-20)

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Ministers and servers	Saturday September 19 th 16:00	Sunday September 20 th 10:00	Saturday September 26 th 16:00	Sunday September 27 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 September 13th was \$571.45. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	September 19 th (16:00)	25 th Sunday in ordinary time (Holy Name Mary)	No mass	No mass
Sunday	September 20 th (10:00)	25 th Sunday in ordinary time	Hugh W. Martin Glenn Stewart Ruth Barry Lemay	Family & Friends Rita B. Whitt Ron Charest
Monday	September 21 st (11:30)	St Matthew		
Tuesday	September 22 nd (11:30)			
Wednesday	September 23 rd (11:30)	St Pius of Pietrelcina		
Thursday	September 24 th (11:30)		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	September 25 th (11:30)		No mass	No mass
Saturday	September 26 th (16:00)	26 th Sunday in ordinary time (Canadian Martyrs)	No mass	No mass
Sunday	September 27 th (10:00)	26 th Sunday in ordinary time	Patty Laviolette Peter Buggie	Helen Pichard Hilary Buggie



Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Beginning Tuesday, October 6th at 11:15, we will be resuming devotion to the Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Father Lussier



AGM Annual Metting

Saturday morning, October 3rd, we will have our annual meeting at 10:00 in the church. If you would like to attend, you must register. You may call the office or send an email to Richard: pastoral.assistant@stpatricksquebec.com.
The Trustees



The impact of Covid19 has been unprecedented.

For many parishioners the forced closure of St. Patrick's was a difficult period. We have been privileged that Father Lussier has been able to carefully and cautiously resume masses for our parishioners, This has been accomplished with the assistance of many people. For this we are all thankful.

The most important role our church plays is meeting the spiritual needs of our community. The health and safety of our members, staff and Father is also of great concern. While the social component of our parish is important, Saint Patrick's is not prepared at this time to recommence social gatherings in the church hall, The resources required to maintain a sanitary and safe environment are better used to continue to adjust to the effects of Covid19 and satisfy our parishes spiritual needs. The parish will continue to monitor and adapt to this new world and we all look forward to a time when we can meet for coffee and resume receptions. Tim Kennedy, Trustee

«Why are you envious when I am kind?»

Today, the evangelist keeps depicting the Kingdom of God, after Jesus' teachings, and which, during these Summer Sundays, is extolled in our Eucharistic Assemblies.

In the background of today's Gospel lies the vineyard, prophetic image of the people of Israel in the Old Testament, and now, of the new people of God, born from the wounded side of the Lord in the Cross. The question: to belong to this people, as the effect of God's personal call to each one of us: «It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you» (Jn 15:16), and, thanks to the volition of our Father in heaven, to extend this call to all men, motivated by His generous will of salvation.

In this parable, the grumblings of the workers of the first hour are enhanced. They are the parallel image of the elder brother of the parable of the prodigal son. Those who see their task to win the Kingdom of God (the work in the vineyard) as a heavy affliction («we have endured the day's burden and heat»: Mt 20:12) and not as a privilege which God favors them with, are not working with filial joy but with the ill temper manner of the servants.

Faith, for them, is something that binds and enslaves, and, deep inside, they envy those that “live life”, inasmuch as they conceive the Christian conscience as a constraint rather than as the wings that provide our human life with a divine flight. They think it is better to remain spiritually idle, instead of living under the glow of God's word. They feel entitled to their salvation and, accordingly, they are jealous. Their miserable and mean spirit notably contrasts with the Father's generosity, who «who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth» (1Tim 2:4), and this is why He calls us to his vineyard, «The Lord is good to all, compassionate to every creature» (Ps 145:9).

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