

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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First Sunday of Advent, November 29th 2020

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

First Sunday of Advent



Mark 13:33-37

Waiting for the Lord



"Jesus said to his disciples:" Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come."
(Mk 13:33-37)

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Ministers and servers	Saturday November 28 th 16:00	Sunday November 29 th 10:00	Saturday December 5 th 16:00	Sunday December 6 th 10:00
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The collection total for Saturday November 21st and Sunday November 22nd was \$804.25.
We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	November 28 th (16:00)	First Sunday of Advent	Margaret O'Connor	Tim O'Connor
Sunday	November 29 th (10:00)	First Sunday of Advent	O'Donnell McAuley Families Violet Kirkwood	Constance O'Donnell Jean Saville
Monday	November 30 th (11:30)	St Andrew		
Tuesday	December 1 st (11:30)			
Wednesday	December 2 nd (11:30)		Propulo Mass	
Thursday	December 3 rd (11:30)	St Francis Xavier	No Mass	No Mass
Friday	December 4 th (11:30)	St John Damascene	No mass	No mass
Saturday	December 5 th (16:00)	Second Sunday of Advent	William O'Connor Mary O'Farrell	Timothy O'Connor The O'Farrell Family
Sunday	December 6 th (10:00)	Second Sunday of Advent		

Christmas Hampers, CWL



"May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope; the spirit of Christmas which is peace; the heart of Christmas which is love." (Ada V. Hendricks). The CWL of St. Patrick's Parish has a 95-year legacy of caring, kindness and commitment to helping our community through numerous charities, one of which is the annual Community Christmas Hamper Campaign to help the many needy among us this season. Since canned goods cannot be collected in these times, monetary donations are necessary so that hampers can be distributed. Cheques should be addressed to **St Patrick's Parish AND** have the message: **Christmas Hampers, CWL** written on the message line. Donations over \$10 will receive a tax receipt. There will also be a special Community Christmas Hamper collection in December. Thank you for your generosity and caring spirit. *We make a living by what we get but we make a life by what we give.*

Winston Churchill



Christmas Mass Registration during the Covid 19 restrictions

Since we are only allowed 25 parishioners at a Mass, you have to register for a place by phone (418-524-3455) or by email (pastoral.assistant@stpatricksquebec.com). You are only allowed to reserve for one of the Mass on the 24th or 25th of December 2020.

Registration will begin on December 15th.

Here is the schedule:

Thursday, December 24th: Mass at 16:00 and 20:00

Friday, December 25th: Mass at 10:00

Thank you for your collaboration and my best wishes for Christmas Time
Father Réjean Lussier.

«Be alert and watch, for you don't know when the time will come»

Today, in this first Sunday of Advent, the Church begins a new liturgic year. We are, therefore, entering some very especial days of foretaste, renewal and readying.

Jesus warns us that «you don't know when the time will come» (Mk 13:33). Yes, in our life there will be a decisive moment. But, when will it be? We do not know. The Lord did not even want to reveal us when the time would come for the end of the world.

So, all this takes us towards an attitude of exasperation and conscientiousness: «If He comes suddenly, do not let him catch you asleep» (Mk 13:36). Time in this life is time of deliverance, of maturing our capacity to love; it is not a time of diversion. It is a time of "betrothal", of preparation for our "wedding" time in afterlife, in communion with God and all the saints.

Yet, life is but a constant starting and restarting. The fact remains that we have to go through some definitive moments: perhaps, every day, every hour and every minute may become a crucial moment. Many or a few, but—in short— days, hours and minutes: it is here, on a concrete time, when the Lord is waiting for us. «In our life, in the life of Christians, our first conversion—that unique moment which each of us remembers, when we clearly understood everything the Lord was asking of us—is certainly very significant. But the later conversions are even more important, and they are increasingly demanding» (St. Josemaria).

In this liturgical time we are to get ready for the great "advent": the coming of Our Master. "Christmas", "Nativitas": it would be great if each day of our existence could be a "nativity" to a life of love! Perhaps, making of our life a permanent "Nativity" might be the best way to stay awake. Saint Mary, Our Mother, watch over us!

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