

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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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 15th 2020

In this parable, the last servant, who had just one talent, did not have a trusting relationship with his master. He was afraid of this harsh man and this hindered him. Fear always immobilizes and often leads to making bad choices. Fear discourages us from taking the initiative; it induces us to take refuge in secure and guaranteed solutions, and thus ends up not accomplishing anything good. To move forward and grow on the journey of life, we must not have fear; we must have faith in a loving and merciful God.



"Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." (Mt 25. 14-30)

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Ministers and servers	Saturday November 14 th 16:00	Sunday November 15 th 10:00	Saturday November 21 st 16:00	Sunday November 22 nd 10:00
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COFFEE ASSISTANCE	No coffee	No coffee	No coffee	No coffee



The collection total for Saturday November 7th and Sunday November 8th was \$648.60.
We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	November 14 th (16:00)	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wilson Price Bryan Evans 1 st Anniversary	Jean Saville
Sunday	November 15 th (10:00)	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Monday	November 16 th (11:30)	St Margaret of Scotland St Gertrude	Stephen Sr. O'Connor Clarisse Morais	Tim O'Connor Helen & Family
Tuesday	November 17 th (11:30)	St Elisabeth of Hungary	For the conversion of the Catholic Church	Claude Gravel
Wednesday	November 18 th (11:30)	Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul Apostles	Pro Propulo	
Thursday	November 19 th (11:30)		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	November 20 th (11:30)		No mass	No mass
Saturday	November 21 st (16:00)	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe	Veronica O'Connor	Tim O'Connor
Sunday	November 22 nd (10:00)	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe		

Faith Circle, Bible Sharing



We are currently forming Faith Circles, a Bible-sharing group. We would have a one-hour meeting, once a week, using Google Meet. The participants would get a document, by email, containing a reflection on the Gospel Reading of the next Sunday Mass. We would discuss the questions included in this paper. The time of the reunion will be decided with the members of the group. If you are interested in participating, please call Richard at 418-524-3544 or send an email at pastoral.assistant@stpatricksquebec.com.

«To all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance»

Today, Jesus tells us another parable of judgment. We are approaching Advent season and, therefore, the end of the liturgical year is getting near.

By giving us life, God has also provided us with the possibility —smaller or bigger— of personal, ethical and religious development. It does not matter if we have more or less, what matters is that what we have received has to yield some profit. The man of our parable, who hides his talent for fear of his master, did not want to run any risks: «But the man who received one [talent] went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money» (Mt 25:18). Maybe the core of the parable is this: we must conceive a God that motivates us to come out of ourselves, who encourages us to the freedom of the Kingdom of God.

The word “talent” of this parable —which is nothing but a weight equivalent to 30 Kg., of silver— has become so popular that it is even used to show the qualities of a person. But the parable does not imply that the talents God has given us are only our possibilities but also our limitations. What we are and what we have, is the raw material out of which God wants to make something new with us.

The phrase «For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who are unproductive, even what they have will be taken from them» (Mt 25:29), as a matter of fact, is not an aphorism to encourage consumption, but it can only be understood at the level of love and generosity. In fact, if we correspond to God's gifts while counting on his help, we shall then experience that it is actually Him who is paying the interest on the investment: «The stories of so many plain and good people, whom their faith have made them good, prove faith may produce very positive effects (...). And the other way round: we have to realize too that with the evaporation of our faith, our society has become much harder...» (Benedict XVI).

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help or sought your intercession was left unaided.

Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of Virgins, my Mother; to you do I come, before you I stand sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



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