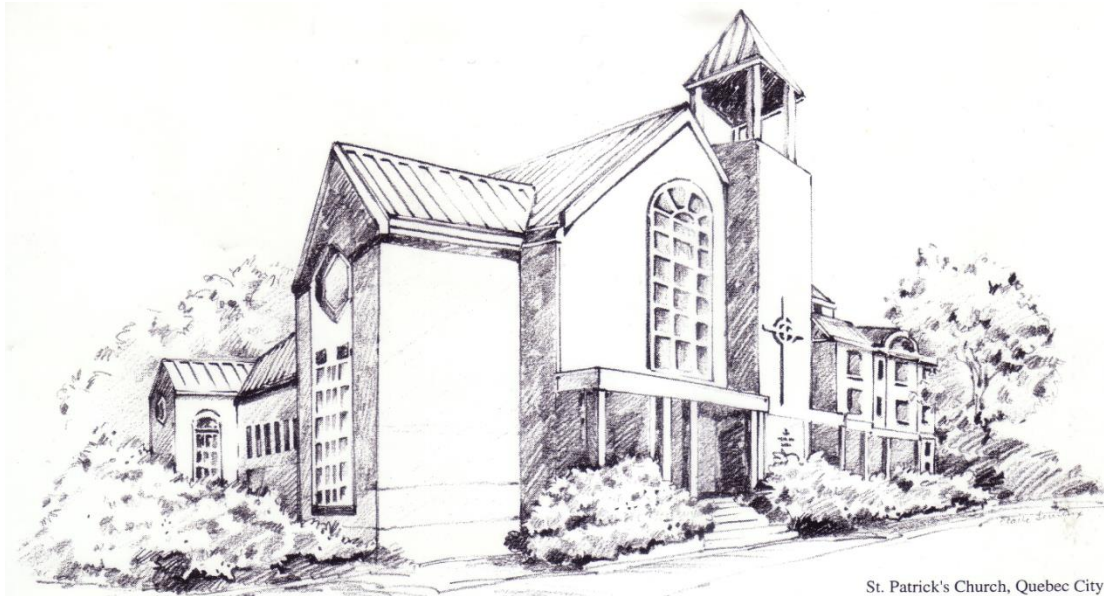


St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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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Second Sunday of Advent, December 6th 2020

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist contrast his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. Also in this reading, John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus.



Second Sunday of Advent



Prepare my people

"I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit"
(Mk 1.1-8)

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Ministers and servers	Saturday December 5 th 16:00	Sunday December 6 th 10:00	Saturday December 12 th 16:00	Sunday December 13 th 10:00
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The collection total for Saturday November 28th and Sunday November 29th was \$1035.00.
We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
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	Marguerite Chouinard & Lucie Deschènes	Marie-André Deschènes
Monday	December 7 th (11:30)	St Ambrose		
Tuesday	December 8 th (11:30)	Immaculate Conception of Mary	Lorol E. Finley	Jacqueline Quackenbush
Wednesday	December 9 th (11:30)		Propulo Mass	
Thursday	December 10 th (11:30)		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	December 11 th (11:30)	St Damasus I	No mass	No mass
Saturday	December 12 th (16:00)	Third Sunday of Advent		
Sunday	December 13 th (10:00)	Third Sunday of Advent	Denis Gibson Marguerite Chouinard & Lucie Deschènes	His wife Viviane Marie-André Deschènes

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 (418-524-3544) or by email (pastoral.assistant@stpatricksquebec.com). You are only allowed to reserve for one of the Masses 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.

«John began to baptize in the desert; he preached a baptism of repentance »

Today, as the curtain of the divine drama rises, we can already hear someone shouting: «Prepare the way of the Lord, level his paths» (Mk 1,3). Today we meet John the Baptist as he sets the stage for Jesus' coming.

Some people thought John himself was the Messiah. He spoke like the prophets of old, saying that man must turn from sin to avoid punishment and turn to God to experience his mercy. But this is a message for all times and places and John spoke it with particular urgency. So a stream of people, from Jerusalem and from all over Judea, flowed into the wilderness of John to hear him preach.

Why did John attract so many men and women? Sure, he blasted Herod and the religious leaders, a daring act that fascinated the common people. But he had strong words for them as well: they too were sinners and needed to repent. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. Hence, John the Baptist captivated them because they understood the message of true repentance he was trying to convey. A repentance that was more than just confession of sin—in itself a long step forward and a beautiful one indeed! But repentance based on the belief that only God can both forgive and erase, both settle the debt and clear away the debris of my soul, straighten up my crooked moral ways.

«Do not waste this time of mercy offered by God», Saint Gregory the Great says. Do not waste this time of embracing the purifying love offered to us, we can say to ourselves as the time of Advent unfolds before us.

Are we ready to straighten the paths for our Lord this Advent? Could I make this the time for a truer, more searching confession in my life? John called for sincerity—sincerity with oneself—and abandonment to God's mercy. In doing so he helped people to live for God, to understand that living is a matter of fighting to open up the paths of virtue and letting God's grace vivify their soul with his joy.

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