

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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Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 20th 2020

In the story of the Annunciation, God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.



Mary said, "Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word."
(Luc 1, 26-38)

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	Marriage: Please contact the Pastor.
	Confessions: They are heard before Mass upon request.

Ministers and servers	Saturday December 19 th 16:00	Sunday December 20 th 10:00	Saturday December 26 th 16:00	Sunday December 27 th 10:00
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The collection total for Saturday December 12th and Sunday December 13th was \$602.10.
We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	December 19 th (16:00)	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Imelda Hearn Mary Lou Murphy	Timothy O'Connor Ed Murphy
Sunday	December 20 th (10:00)	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Gerry Kenny & Evelyn Luckman Marguerite Chouinard & Lucie Deschênes	The family Marie-Andrée Deschênes
Monday	December 21 th (11:30)		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	December 22 th (11:30)		No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	December 23 th (11:30)		Myles Furlong & Gilberte Fournier	The Family
Thursday	December 24 th (16:00) (20:00)		Judith Winter Propulo Mass	Françoise & Claude Gravel
Friday	December 25 th (10:00)		Charlotte & Alfred Pichard	Helen Pichard
Saturday	December 26 th (16:00)	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph		
Sunday	December 27 th (10:00)	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	O'Donnell McCauley Families Cecilia Martin Desmeules 1st Anniv.	Constance O'Donnell



Thank you for your generosity for the Christmas Hampers

The CWL of St. Patrick's Parish would like to thank everyone for their generosity in supporting the Community Christmas Hamper Campaign and wish you all a peaceful, happy and holy Christmas Holiday. The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God. The patroness of the League is the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of our Lady of God Counsel. May God bless you all!



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 began December 15th and will end when there is no more seats left.

Here is the schedule:

Thursday, December 24th: Mass at 16:00 and 20:00 and Friday, December 25th: Mass at 10:00

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

Father Réjean Lussier.

Solemnity of the Holy Family

You must register if you want to attend Mass on Saturday December 26th or Sunday December 27th.

«You shall conceive and bear a son and you shall call him Jesus»,

Fr. Josep M^a MASSANA i Mola OFM

Today, the Gospel sounds rather like a popular tale. Many stories begin like that: «Once upon a time, there was...», and then, personages, epoch, place and storyline are presented. This one will attain its peak with the core of the tale; we shall finally know the happy end.

In fact, St. Luke, narrates, with a popular and understandable tone, the greatest story of all times. He presents to us, not a yarn out of his imagination, but an actual reality woven by the very hand of God himself with human collaboration. The climax is reached when the Angel says: «You shall conceive and bear a son and you shall call him Jesus» (Lk 1:31).

This message tells us that Christmas time is near. Mary will open the door for us through her collaboration with the Work of God. This humble girl from Nazareth is astonished at the Angel's announcement. She was precisely praying God to send the Anointed One, to save the world. In her modest dreams, little did she think that God would just choose her to carry out His plans.

In her Heart, Mary experiences some tense and dramatic moments: she was, and wanted to remain as, a virgin; God, now, proposes her to divine maternity. Mary cannot understand it: «How can this be?» (Lk 1:34), asks she. The Angel explains that virginity and maternity do not contradict each other; on the contrary, thanks to the Holy Spirit, they integrate perfectly together. Not that she understands it better now, but that is enough for her, for the prodigy will be God's will: «With God nothing is impossible» (Lk 1:37). Hence, her answer: «Let it be done to me as you have said» (Lk 1:38). Let it be done! Fiat! Yes. Total acceptance of God's Will, half groping, but unconditionally.

In that very instant, «the Word became flesh and dwelt among us!» (Jn 1:14). That popular tale becomes, at the same time, the most divine and human reality. Paul VI wrote in 1974: «In Mary we see God's reply to the mystery of man; and the question man asks God about the meaning and purpose of his life».

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