

# 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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**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 27<sup>th</sup> 2020**

On this, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honoring them, we also honor all families, big or small. This is significant because it reveals God's love for family life. The Father allowed His Divine Son to live this life and, as a result, elevated family life to a place within the Trinity. The holiness of the Holy Family reveals to us that every family is invited to share in God's divine life and to encounter ordinary daily life with grace and virtue.



Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and rising of many in Israel ... and a sword will pierce your own soul too." (Luc 2, 22-40)

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Ministers and servers	Saturday December 26 <sup>th</sup> 16:00	Sunday December 27 <sup>th</sup> 10:00	Saturday January 2 <sup>nd</sup> 16:00	Sunday January 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10:00
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The collection total for Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup> was \$1170.25.  
We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	December 26 <sup>th</sup> (16:00)	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph		
Sunday	December 27 <sup>th</sup> (10:00)	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	O'Donnell McCauley Families  Cecilia Martin Desmeules 1st Anniv.	Constance O'Donnell
Monday	December 28 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday	December 29 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Wednesday	December 30 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Thursday	December 31 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday	January 1 <sup>st</sup> (10:00)	The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord	Marguerite Chouinard Lucie Deschênes  Ambroise, Dorisse, Françoise Dansereau	Marie Andrée Deschênes  The family
Saturday	January 2 <sup>nd</sup> (16:00)	Epiphany of the Lord	Joan Holton	Helen Pichard
Sunday	January 3 <sup>rd</sup> (10:00)	Epiphany of the Lord		



### 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!

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### «They brought the baby up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord»

Fr. Joan Ant. MATEO i García

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. Our gaze instinctively goes to the middle of the manger — Jesus— to look at Mary and Joseph. The eternal Son of the Father goes from the eternal Family, which is the Holy Trinity, forward to the worldly family formed by Mary and Joseph. How important must the family be in the eyes of God, when the first thing God provides His Son with, is a family!

In his apostolic letter *The Rosary of the Virgin Mary*, John Paul II has again emphasized that the family is of paramount importance as the foundation of the Church and of the human society, and he asks us to pray for the family while encouraging the daily recitation of the Holy Rosary within the family to revivify this institution. If the family goes well, the society and the Church will go well too.

The Gospel tells us that the child grew in stature and strength and that he was filled with wisdom. Jesus found the warmth of a family built up in their reciprocal love relationship. It would be so beautiful and profitable our trying as hard as possible to build up our own family: with spirit of service and prayer; with mutual loving; with a greater capacity to understand and forgive. We would have a taste of Heaven —as in the Nazareth home— down here! Today, one of the most urgent tasks we have is to build up our family. As the Second Vatican Council reminded us, the parents ought to have an irreplaceable role: «It is the duty of parents to create a family ambiance animated by love and piety towards God and towards men, that favors the total personal and social education of the sons». In the family we learn what is most important, i.e. to be persons.

Finally, to speak with Christians about the family is to speak of the Church. Evangelist Luke tells us that Jesus' parents brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. That offering was the representation of Jesus' sacrificial offering to his Father, from the fruit of which Christians are born. To consider this joyous reality will open us to a greater fraternity and to loving more the Church.

### The Most Holy Family

"The Lord sets a father in honor over his children; A mother's authority he confirms over her sons. He who honors his father atones for sins; He stores up riches who reveres his mother."   
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14





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