

# 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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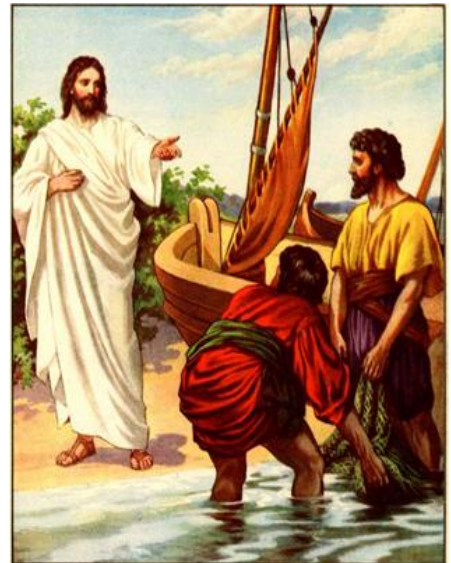
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**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time, January 24<sup>th</sup> 2021**

In today's reading, Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfillment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?



"Come follow me and I will make you fishers of people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him (Mark 1.14-20)

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|   | <b>Confessions:</b> They are heard before Mass upon request.  |

| Ministers and servers | Saturday<br>January 23 <sup>rd</sup><br>16:00 | Sunday<br>January 24 <sup>th</sup><br>10:00 | Saturday<br>January 30 <sup>th</sup><br>16:00 | Sunday<br>January 31 <sup>st</sup><br>10:00 |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|
| READERS & CANTOR      |   |   |   |   |
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| COFFEE ASSISTANCE     | No coffee                                     | No coffee                                   | No coffee                                     | No coffee                                   |

| Mass      |                                  |                       | Mass Intentions                                 |   |
|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|
| Day       | Date                             | Liturgy               | For   | From  |
| Saturday  | January 23 <sup>rd</sup> (16:00) | <b>NO PUBLIC MASS</b> | Terence Kerwin<br>(1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary) |   |
| Sunday    | January 24 <sup>th</sup> (10:00) | <b>NO PUBLIC MASS</b> | Stephen Jr. O'Connor<br>Serge Marquilly         | Timothy O'Connor<br>Françoise & Claude Gravel |
| Monday    | January 25 <sup>th</sup> (11:30) | <b>NO PUBLIC MASS</b> |   |   |
| Tuesday   | January 26 <sup>th</sup> (11:30) | <b>NO PUBLIC MASS</b> |   |   |
| Wednesday | January 27 <sup>th</sup> (11:30) | <b>NO PUBLIC MASS</b> | Propulo Mass                                    |   |
| Thursday  | January 28 <sup>th</sup> (11:30) |                       |   |   |
| Friday    | January 29 <sup>th</sup> (11:30) |                       |   |   |
| Saturday  | January 30 <sup>th</sup>         |                       | Tom O'Grady                                     | Ed Murphy & family                            |
| Sunday    | January 31 <sup>st</sup>         |                       | Charlotte & Alfred Pichard                      | Helen Pichard                                 |

### **Joseph, a man, who welcomes the will of God (Pope Francis)**

At the same time, Joseph is “an accepting Father,” because he “accepted Mary unconditionally” — an important gesture even today, says Pope Francis, “in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident.” But the Bridegroom of Mary is also the one who, trusting in the Lord, accepts in his life even the events that he does not understand, “setting aside his own ideas” and reconciling himself with his own history.

Joseph’s spiritual path “is not one that *explains*, but accepts” — which does not mean that he is “resigned.” Instead, he is “courageously and firmly proactive,” because with “Holy Spirit’s gift of fortitude,” and full of hope, he is able “to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments.” In practice, through St. Joseph, it is as if God were to repeat to us: “Do not be afraid!” because “faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad,” and makes us aware that “God can make flowers spring up from stony ground.” Joseph “did not look for shortcuts but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it.” For this reason, “he encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak”.

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#### **CWL Virtual Tea**



CWL Ladies, you are all invited to a CWL Zoom Tea on Saturday, January 30 from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. So, dust off your prettiest tea cup and join us for some a spiritual thought and prayer and a little social time. Please use this zoom link: <https://zoom.us/my/cam3502> and log in with CWL included with your name. Use the Zoom app or Chrome browser, or Email or call Christie Anne Mitchell to join by phone at [cam3502@hotmail.com](mailto:cam3502@hotmail.com), 418-573-5648. See you there! .

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#### **«Change your ways and believe the Good News»**

Today, the Church invites us to change our ways and, through Jesus, is telling us: «Change your ways and believe the Good News» (Mk 1:15). We will, therefore, have to pay attention to what Jesus Christ is saying, while correcting and improving what is needed.

Any human action connects with God's eternal designs about us and with the vocation to listen to Jesus, to follow Him in everything and to proclaim Him, just as the first disciples did, as millions of persons have done and as we try to do, too.

We now have the opportunity to find God through Jesus Christ; it is now, therefore, the moment of our life to connect us to either a happy or miserable eternity; it is also now, the time God provides us with, to meet Him, to live as his sons and to make our daily events to become loaded with the divine transcendence Jesus Christ — with his life through time— has poured on them.

We cannot miss this opportunity!: our life may be more or less lengthy in time, but will always be too short, «for the world in its present form is passing away» (1Co 7:31). And afterwards, the eternity; with God and His faithful followers, in a life full of happiness and glory, or far away from God —with those unfaithful to Him— in a life of total darkness.

The hours, days, months and years, are not for us to waste, nor to spend in relaxation while letting them go by almost unnoticed with a futile “not too bad”. They are rather for us to live up —here and now— following what Jesus Christ has proclaimed in the saving Gospel: live in God, by loving everything and everybody. This is why, those who have loved —Mary, Mother of God and our Mother too; the saints; and those who have remained faithful till the very end of their earthly life— have been able to hear that: «Well done, my good and faithful servant (...). Come, share your master's joy» (Mt 25:23).

Let us be converted! It is worth our while!: we shall love, and we shall be happy, starting right now!

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