

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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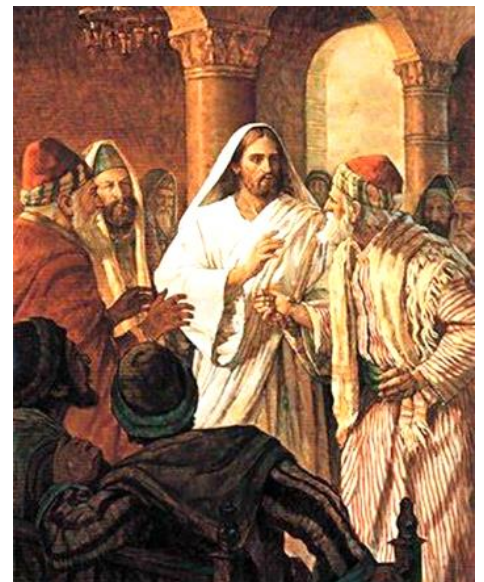
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4th Sunday in ordinary time, January 31th 2021

We are missing the point that Mark is trying to make in this Gospel, if we only focus on the healing work of Jesus. We have to see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man a further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Jesus impresses the crowds through his words, which are manifested with power in his deeds. The Gospel tells us that because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout all of Galilee.



They were all amazed: "What is this? A new teaching – with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." (Mark 1.21-28)

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Ministers and servers	Saturday January 30 th 16:00	Sunday January 31 st 10:00	Saturday February 6 th 16:00	Sunday February 7 th 10:00
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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	January 30 th (14:30) (16:00)	4 th Sunday Ordinary Time	Tom O'Grady	Ed Murphy & family
Sunday	January 31 st (9:30) (11:00)	4 th Sunday Ordinary Time	Charlotte & Alfred Pichard	Helen Pichard
Monday	February 1 st (11:30)		Propulo Mass	
Tuesday	February 2 nd (11:30)	Presentation of the Lord	Thanksgiving for the Virgin Mary	Francoise & Claude Gravel
Wednesday	February 3 rd (11:30)	St Blaise	Gerard McCauley	Helen McCauley
Thursday	February 4 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	February 5 th	St Agatha	No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	February 6 th (14:30) (16:00)	5 th Sunday Ordinary Time	Verda Rochon	Timothy O'Connor
Sunday	February 7 th (9:30) (11:00)	5 th Sunday Ordinary Time	The O'Donnell McCauley Families	Constance O'Donnell

Year of St Joseph proclaimed by Pope Francis

Joseph, A creatively courageous father, example of love

Patris corde highlights “the creative courage” of St. Joseph, which “emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties.” “The carpenter of Nazareth,” explains the Pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence.” He had to deal with “the concrete problems” his Family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants.

In this sense, St. Joseph is “the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty.” As the guardian of Jesus and Mary, Joseph cannot “be other than the guardian of the Church,” of her motherhood, and of the Body of Christ. “Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is ‘the child’ whom Joseph continues to protect.” From St Joseph, writes Pope Francis, “we must learn... to love the Church and the poor”.

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, 418-573-5648. See you there! .

«With what authority He preaches!»

Today, Christ addresses us his resolute command, without question, with authority: «Be silent and come out of this man!» (Mk 1:25). He speaks to the evil spirits living within us that curtail the freedom God has given us and wants us to enjoy.

Perhaps you have noticed that silence is the first rule the founders of religious orders establish when they set up the rules for their community life: on a house where prayer is compulsory, silence and contemplation must reign. There is a Spanish adage that could more or less be translated as: «Virtue is silent; evil is noisy». This is why Christ commands that evil spirit to be silent, because its obligation is to surrender before Him, who is the Word, who «became flesh and made his dwelling among us» (Jn 1:14).

It is true, however, that the awe we feel before our Lord, may stimulate some mixed feelings of sufficiency leading us to think, as in his confessions St. Augustine says: «Give me chastity and continence, O Lord, but do not give it yet». Because the temptation is to leave our own conversion for later on, right now not coinciding perhaps with our own personal plans.

But the call to radically follow Jesus Christ is for right now and right here, so that His Kingdom may allow us in without difficulty. He is well aware of our tepidity, and He knows that we will not probably immediately follow his will for us to choose the Gospel, but we will rather temporise, struggle along, and just keep on living, without stridencies and without hurry.

But good and evil cannot coexist. A saintly life cannot allow sin. «No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon» (Mt 6:24), says Christ. Let us find shelter in the holy tree of the Cross and let its shadow project itself over our life, and let Him comfort us, help us understand the reason of our life and give us a life worthy of the name of sons of God.

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