

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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1st Sunday of Lent, February 21st 2021

In Mark's Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.



Jesus was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with wild beasts; and the Angel waited on him. (Mark 1.12-15)

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The collection for last week was \$1082.55.
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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	February 20 th	1 st Sunday of Lent	Pauline Kirouac Audet 1 st Anniv.	
			Glenn Stewart	The Family
Sunday	February 21 st	1 st Sunday of Lent	Mary O'Farrell	The O'Farrell family
			Ghislaine O'Connor Iris Murphy Lachapelle	Bridget O'Connor & André Gosselin Karen Lachapelle
Monday	February 22 nd	Chair of St Peter		
Tuesday	February 23 th	St Polycarp		
Wednesday	February 24 th		Propulo Mass	
Thursday	February 25 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	February 26 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	February 27 th	2 nd Sunday of Lent		
			Edith McKay	Robert McGarrety
Sunday	February 28 th	2 nd Sunday of Lent	Thomas & Lucy O'Grady	Ed Murphy & Family



CWL Membership: Thank you to all who have renewed. If you have not, please send your \$25 membership cheque or money to the president Marie White at 1159 rue Sévigny, Lévis QC G6W 7T1 or by e-transfer to Marie White using mariewhite.qc@gmail.com. Each member is a valuable sister in the League and her talents help our national organization to grow through faith, service and social justice. Our first Virtual Tea was a success! We hope to have another one this month. Details to come. Our Annual General Meeting has been postponed to the spring due to the current Covid lockdown. Please note that important Amendments to the CWL Constitution and Bylaws will be sent to all members before the AGM so members will be ready to vote. Bless you all, and stay well.

Year of St Joseph: St Joseph, a beloved, tender and obedient father

Because of his role at “the crossroads between the Old and New Testament,” St Joseph “has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people” (PC, 1). In him, “Jesus saw the tender love of God,” the one that helps us accept our weakness, because “it is through” and despite “our fears, our frailties, and our weakness” that most divine designs are realized. “Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser,” emphasizes the Pontiff, and it is by encountering God’s mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we “experience His truth and tenderness,” – because “we know that God’s truth does not condemn us, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us”.

«The Spirit led him into the wilderness and tempted by Satan»

+ Fr. Joan MARQUÉS i Suriñach

Today, the Church celebrates the liturgy of the first Sunday of Lent. The Gospel presents Jesus readying for his public life. He goes into the wilderness where He spends forty days in prayer and in penance. There, He is tempted by Satan.

We must also get ready for Easter. Satan is our great enemy. There are many persons that do not believe in him, and claim that he is a product of our fantasy, or he is just an abstract conception of evil, diluted in the people and the world. But no!

The Holy Scriptures mention him quite often as a spiritual and tangible being. He is a fallen angel. Jesus defines him by saying: «There is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks in character, because he is a liar and the father of lies» (Jn 8:44). St. Peter compares him with a roaring lion: «Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour» (1Pe 5:8). And Paul VI teaches: «The Devil is the number one enemy, the preeminent tempter. So we know that this dark disturbing being exists and that he is still at work with his treacherous cunning».

How? By lying, by deceiving. Where there are lies or deceit, there is a devilish action. «The greatest trick the devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist» (Baudelaire). And, how does he lie? He presents us with evil actions as if they were good ones; he induces us to do evil; and, in the third place, he suggests plenty of excuses to justify our sins. After swindle us, he fills us up with anxiety and sadness. Have you not felt any such experience, ever before?

Our attitude in front of temptation? Before: to watch, to pray and to avoid the occasions. While: direct or indirect resistance. Afterwards: if you have won, thank God for that. A defeated temptation is progress in sanctity. And, if you have failed, ask for forgiveness and try to learn from experience in future. Which attitude have you shown so far?

The Virgin Mary crushed the infernal serpent's head. Let Her give you the necessary strength to overcome our daily temptations.

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