

# 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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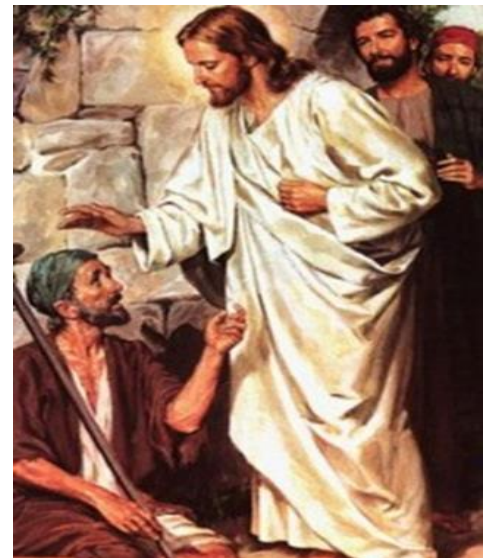
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**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time, February 14<sup>th</sup> 2021**

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs by approaching a person who was clean. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion and it shows his freedom toward the Law of Moses.



Moved with pity, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, and said to him, "I do choose. Be made clean!". Immediately the leprosy left him. (Mark 1.40-45)

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Ministers and servers	Saturday February 13 <sup>th</sup> 16:00	Sunday February 14 <sup>th</sup> 10:00	Saturday February 20 <sup>th</sup> 16:00	Sunday February 21 <sup>th</sup> 10:00
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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	February 13 <sup>th</sup> (14:30) (16:00)	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	Thérèse Bergeron Halpin 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.	
Sunday	February 14 <sup>th</sup> (9:30) (11:00)	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	Charlotte & Alfred Pichard Rolland Gosselin  Dorothy McNeil O'Gallagher 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.	Helen Pichard  Bridget O'Connor & André Gosselin
Monday	February 15 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)			
Tuesday	February 16 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)		Ann Berrigan Adrien Fleury	Timothy O'Connor Patricia Fleury
Wednesday	February 17 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)	Ash Wednesday	Reginald O'Grady Shirley Frances Rosina	Ed Murphy & family
Thursday	February 18 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday	February 19 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday	February 20 <sup>th</sup> (14:30) (16:00)	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	Pauline Kirouac Audet 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.  Glen Stewart	   The Family
Sunday	February 21 <sup>th</sup> (9:30) (11:00)	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time	Mary O'Farrell  Ghislaine O'Connor	The O'Farrell family  Bridget O'Connor & André Gosselin

Please pray for the death of **Judith Moseychuck Schurman**. She was a teacher at St. Patrick's High School and later a teacher at Katimavik High School from 1971-77.



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](mailto: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.

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### Ash Wednesday on February 17<sup>th</sup>



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and is always 46 days before Easter Sunday. Lent is a 40-day season (not counting Sundays) marked by repentance, fasting, reflection, and ultimately celebration. The 40-day period represents Christ's time of temptation in the wilderness, where he fasted and where Satan tempted him. Lent asks believers to set aside a time each year for similar fasting, marking an intentional season of focus on Christ's life, ministry, sacrifice, and resurrection.

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### «If you so will, you can make me clean»

Today, the Gospel invites us to contemplate the faith of this leper. We know that, in Jesus time, lepers were socially rejected and considered as unclean. Cleaning that leper is an anticipated vision of the salvation proposed to all of us by Jesus, along with a call to open our heart so that He may transform it.

The sequence of feats is quite evident. First, the leper begs Jesus to clean him, thus professing his faith: «If you so will, you can make me clean» (Mk 1:40). Then, Jesus—who literally surrenders before our faith—heals him («I will; be clean»), and urges him to follow what the Law commands while warning him to keep silent. Finally, however, the leper feels compelled to «begin spreading the news everywhere» (Mk 1:45). In a way, he disobeys Jesus' last warning, but his experience with the Saviour provokes a reaction his mouth cannot control.

Our life is similar to the leper's life. At times, we live in sin, apart from God and the community. But this Gospel encourages us and offers us a model: to openly affirm our total faith in Jesus, to completely open our heart to him, and once cleaned by the Spirit, to go around proclaiming that we have met the Lord. This is the consequence of the sacrament of Reconciliation, the sacrament of Joy.

As St. Anselm clearly states: «Our soul has to ignore itself while totally dwelling in Jesus Christ, who has died to deliver us from sin, and has resurrected to make us resurrect to the deeds of justice». Jesus wants us to walk along with Him, He wants to clean us. How do we react? We have to go and meet Him with the leper's humility and let Him help us to die free from sin to live by his Justice.

*I do not remember even now that I have ever asked anything of [St. Joseph] which he has failed to grant... To other saints the Lord seems to have given grace to succour us in some of our necessities, but of this glorious saint my experience is that he succours us in them all...* (St. Teresa of Avila)

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