

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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3rd Sunday of Lent, March 7th 2021

After clearing the Temple of the merchants, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.



He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace." (John 2. 13-25)

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Ministers and servers	Saturday March 6 th 16:00	Sunday March 7 th 10:00	Saturday March 13 th 16:00	Sunday March 14 th 10:00
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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	March 6 th (14:30) (16:00)	3 rd Sunday of Lent	The O'Donnell McCauley Families	Constance O'Donnell
Sunday	March 7 th (9:30) (11:00)	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Madeleine Boulet Hobbs 1 st anniv. Mass	
Monday	March 8 th (11:30)	St John of God	Edith Mackay	Georgina Klassen
Tuesday	March 9 th (11:30)	St Frances of Rome	Patricia O'Doherty Fleury	Barbara Fleury
Wednesday	March 10 th (11:30)		Propulo Mass	
Thursday	March 11 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	March 12 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	March 13 th (14:30) (16:00)	4 th Sunday of Lent	Lendra O'Connor	Timothy O'Connor
Sunday	March 14 th (9:30) (11:00)	4 th Sunday of Lent	Sheila Sexton Nellis Joseph & Gertrude Murphy	Georgina Klassen Ed. Murphy and family

Year of St Joseph: Welcoming the will of God

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".

Development and Peace Share Lent Campaign

In his recent encyclical, *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis calls upon us to live the love that would make us "one great family, where all of us can feel at home" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 62.). With the entire human family suffering from COVID-19, the *Share Lent* campaign invites us to share love and express solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Global South, whose vulnerabilities are being exacerbated by the pandemic.

To donate to the Share Lent campaign please use the enveloppes for Development and Peace placed at the entrance of the church or send your donation to the parish: **Development and Faith, 1145 De Salaberry, Quebec City QC G1R 2V7**. Thank you for your support.

«Everyone is looking for you»

Today, we are given to contemplate Jesus at Capernaum, in the midst of His ministry, and more precisely, in Simon Peter's family home: «On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went to the home of Simon and Andrew» (Mk 1:29). There, He met his family, those who hear the word of God and do it (cf. Lk 8:21). Simon's mother-in-law is sick in bed and He, with a gesture that goes far beyond any anecdote, takes her by the hand, raises her up and allows her to wait on them.

The poor and ailing people are brought to him and Jesus heals them with the simple touch of his hand, which is a source of life. They are free and saved.

We are all looking for Christ, some quite willingly and disposed; others perhaps not being quite conscious as «You have made us, O Lord, for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you» (St. Augustine).

But, just as we look for him, for we need him to deliver us from evil and the Malign, He also comes close to us to help us accomplish what we could never attain by ourselves. He became feeble to join us who are feeble, «I have become all things to all, to save at least some» (1Cor 9:22).

His hands are stretched out towards us that are lying overwhelmed by so much evil; we only have to stretch out ours and we shall find ourselves standing up and ready to reassume our service. We can "open" our hands by means of prayer, while following the example set up by the Lord: «Very early in the morning, before daylight, Jesus went off to a lonely place where He prayed» (Mk 1:35).

In addition, every Sunday Eucharist is our meeting with the Lord who comes to raise us from our routine and dejection sins and makes out of us the living testimonies of an encounter that constantly renew us, and truly sets us free in the grace of Jesus Christ.

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