

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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Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 2nd 2021

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples in the metaphor of the vine and the branches. He teaches that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue his work. Also through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.



"I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in them bears much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." (Jn15, 1-8)

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Ministers and servers	Saturday May 1 st 16:00	Sunday May 2 nd 10:00	Saturday May 8 th 16:00	Sunday May 9 th 10:00
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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	May 1 st (16:00)	5 th Sunday of Easter	Edith MacKay Gemma Louise Walsh	Bob and Mamie & family Ellen Walsh
Sunday	May 2 nd (9:30) (11:00)	5 th Sunday of Easter	Edith MacKay Sheila Sexton Nellis	Robert McGarrety Parish Choir
Monday	May 3 rd (11:30)	St Philip and James	Mary Lou O'Grady Jean-Pierre Munger	Edward Murphy Colleen Bilodeau
Tuesday	May 4 th (11:30)		Terence Kerwin	Edward Murphy
Wednesday	May 5 th (11:30)		Birthday of Jane Silva Mutia	Vincent (her son)
Thursday	May 6 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	May 7 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	May 8 th (16:00)	Ascension of the Lord	Mary Lou O'Grady	Edward Murphy
Sunday	(9:30)	Ascension of the Lord	Joan Holton Charlotte & Alfred Pichard	Helen Pichard Helen Pichard
	(11:00)		Mary Sexton Wilson	Sheila Sexton & Michael Nellis



CWL information

Did you receive the Amendments Documents for our AGM? If not and you would like a print copy or an emailed version, please contact the secretary, Carol Mazurat, in person or at 418-686-2006. Please carry on making **crafts** for our fall fundraising plans, thank you!

Year of St Joseph: Welcoming the Will of God

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” (4).

«My Father is glorified when you bear much fruit»

Today, the Gospel offers us the allegory of the vine and the branches. Christ is the true vine, we are the branches and the Father is the vine grower.

The Father wants us all to bear abundant fruit. It is quite logical. The vine grower plants his vine so that it bears much fruit. If we set up a company, we want it to be profitable. Jesus insists: «It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain» (Jn 15:16).

You have been chosen. God has taken notice of you. Through the Baptism He has grafted you onto the true vine that is Christ. You have Christ's life, our Christian life. You own the main element to bear fruit: your union with Christ, for Jesus says it quite clearly: «Apart from me you can do nothing» (Jn 15:5). «His strength is nothing but mildness; nothing is so strong as gentleness, but nothing is so gentle as real strength» (St. Francis of Sales). How many things have you been trying to do without Christ? The fruit the Father is expecting from us is that of the good deeds and the practice of the virtues. Which is the union with Christ that allows us to bear this fruits? Faith and charity, that is, to remain in God's grace.

When you live in God's grace, all your virtuous acts are especially pleasant fruits for the Father. They are deeds Jesus Christ does through you. They are Christ's deeds that glorify the Father and become a heaven for you. It is worth living always in God's grace! «Whoever does not remain in me [because of sin] is thrown away as they do with branches and they wither; (...) and thrown into the fire and burned» (Jn 15:6). This is a clear allusion to hell. Are you like a branch full of life?

Let the Virgin Mary help us to increase the grace so that we can bear much fruit to glorify the Father.

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