

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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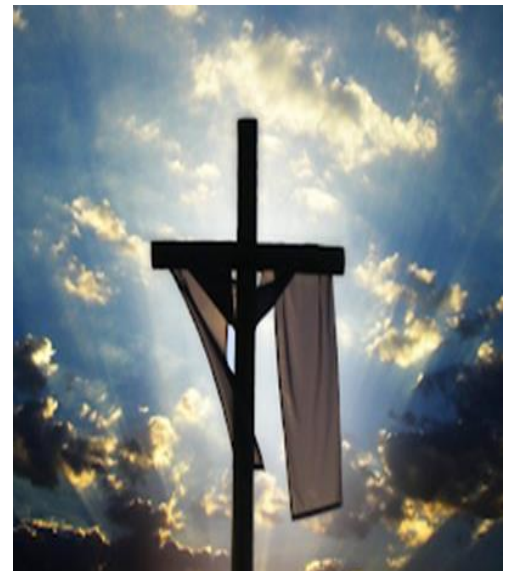
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Easter Sunday, April 4th 2021

Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection. The details invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.



Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord."
(John 20, 1-18)

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Ministers and servers	Saturday April 3 rd 16:00	Sunday April 4 th 10:00	Saturday April 10 th 16:00	Sunday April 11 th 10:00
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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	April 3 rd (19:00)	Easter Vigil		
Sunday	(9:30)	Easter Sunday	Conversion of sinners Family deceased	Shirley Farrah
	April 4 th (11:00)		Charles Pleasance & Jannette Lagacé	Diane Pleasance
Monday	April 5 th (11:30)		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	April 6 th (11:30)		Jean Martineau	Maureen Martineau
Wednesday	April 7 th (11:30)		Propulo	
Thursday	April 8 th (19:00)		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	April 9 th (15:00)		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	April 10 th (16:00)	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Maria Jesus Narvaez	R. Whitt
Sunday	April 11 th (10:00)	2 nd Sunday of Easter	Charlotte & Alfred Pichard	Helen Pichard
			Odette Gauvin	Bridget O'Connor and André Gosselin
			Jerry O'Connor	Bridget O'Connor and André Gosselin



CWL information

The CWL Executive wishes you all a blessed Happy Easter! May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless you all and our council as we celebrate the resurrection of her son, Jesus. As part of our new fundraising plan, all members are encouraged to make and donate crafts that we could sell to fundraise this fall. So happy knitting, sewing, crocheting, beading etc. this spring!

Reflection on Easter

The Easter season (50 days) is an opportunity for us to cultivate a spirit that defines who we are as Christians. So what does living the spirit of the Easter season mean in practical terms? Here are three concrete suggestions.

Live with Joy

Joy is a deep-down gladness that cannot be taken away, even in the midst of sorrow. The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus teach us that suffering is transformed through faith in the Risen Christ. With this faith, we are able to hold on to an enduring sense of joy even in the midst of the sadness we experience from the loss of a loved one, a failure to achieve an important goal, or a setback during recovery from an illness.

Live without Fear

The Resurrection teaches us that God can overcome anything, even death. When the Risen Christ appears to the women at the tomb and later to his disciples, his first words are “Do not be afraid!” (Mt 28:5,10) Our faith allows us to trust that God can overcome our most serious problems.

Live with New Eyes

Easter means to live with a sense of newness. Just as the return of spring lifts our spirits and makes us feel like the whole world is new, the Resurrection of Jesus makes “all things new.” (Rev. 21:5) The Easter spirit is a spirit of renewal that enables us to show up at work with a positive attitude, to renew relationships that have been taken for granted, and to express appreciation and affection to those closest to us. It means to see the world through new eyes—God's eyes.

«Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and believed»

Today, «is the day when the Lord has acted», as we shall be singing throughout Easter time. As this is the expression of Psalm 117 that fills out the celebration of our Christian faith. The Father has resurrected Jesus Christ, His beloved Son, whom He indulges in because He has loved to the point of giving his life for all of us.

Let us live this Easter with plenty of joy. Christ has risen: so let us celebrate it full of joy and love. Death, sin and sadness, have today been defeated by Jesus Christ... and He has opened the doors to a new life, the real life, the life we owe to the grace of the Holy Spirit. Nobody should be sad. Christ is our Peace and our Path forever and ever. Today, He «fully reveals man to man himself and makes his supreme calling clear» (Vatican Council II, Gaudium et Spes 22).

The great sign the Gospel gives us today is that Jesus' tomb is empty. We have to look no more among the dead for He who is alive has risen. And his disciples, that later on will see him risen, that is, will experience him alive in a wonderful meeting in faith, also realize his tomb is empty. An empty tomb and apparitions will be the great signs for the believer's faith. The Gospel says that «finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed» (Jn 20:8). Through his faith he realizes that the emptiness and the linen cloths lying flat and the napkin rolled up in its place, were all signs God had been there, signs of the new life. Love can see signals where others cannot and small signs may suffice. «The other disciple whom Jesus loved» (Jn 20:2) was led by the love he had received from Christ.

The “seeing and believing” of the disciples must also be our aim. We renew our paschal faith. That Christ be our Lord in everything we do. Let his Life revitalize ours and let us renew the grace of the baptism we have received. Let us become his apostles and disciples. Let us be guided by love and announce to all our happiness to believe in Christ. Let us be hopeful witnesses of his Resurrection.

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