

# 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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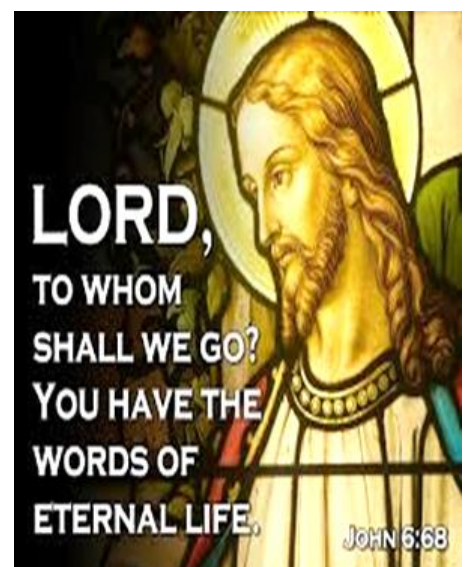
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**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in ordinary time, August 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021**

The conclusion about the the Bread of Life in this reading, focuses on the personal faith in the life of Christian discipleship. Each person must make his or her own judgment about who Jesus is and in doing so determine the way of life that he or she will follow. God's grace invites us to be Jesus' disciples, but each person must respond to the grace of God and confess as his or her own the belief that Jesus is the one from God. This faith then commits us to the path of life, leading us to eternal life.



Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God." (John 6. 68-69)

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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	August 21 <sup>st</sup> (16:00)	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary time	The O'Donnell McCauley families	Constance O'Donnell
Sunday	August 22 <sup>nd</sup> (10:00)	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Ordinary time	Theresa Cole-Patry	Maureen Martineau
Monday	August 23 <sup>rd</sup> (11:30)	St Rose of Lima	<i>Pro Propulo</i>	
Tuesday	August 24 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)	St Bartholomew		
Wednesday	August 25 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)	St Louis & St Joseph Calasanz		
Thursday	August 26 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday	August 27 <sup>th</sup>	St Monica	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday	August 28 <sup>th</sup> (16:00)	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary time	Rosemary Bowles	Helen & Steve Kack
Sunday	August 29 <sup>th</sup> (10:00)	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary time	Jackie O'Grady (1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary)	The O'Grady & Fournier Family

### **Year of St Joseph: ‘in the shadows’, centred on Mary and Jesus (Pope Francis)**

Taking a cue from *The Shadow of the Father* — a book by Polish writer Jan Dobraczyński — Pope Francis describes Joseph’s fatherhood of Jesus as “the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father.”

“Fathers are not born, but made,” says Pope Francis. “A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child.” Unfortunately, in today’s society, children “often seem orphans, lacking fathers” who are able to introduce them “to life and reality.” Children, the Pope says, need fathers who will not try to dominate them, but instead raise them to be “capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities.”

This is the sense in which St Joseph is described as a “most chaste” father, which is the opposite of domineering possessiveness. Joseph, says Pope Francis, “knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.”

Happiness for Joseph involved a true gift of self: “In him, we never see frustration, but only trust,” writes Pope Francis. “His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust.” Joseph stands out, therefore, as an exemplary figure for our time, in a world that “needs fathers,” and not “tyrants”; a society that “rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction.”

True fathers, instead, “refuse to live the lives of their children for them,” and instead respect their freedom. In this sense, says Pope Francis, a father realizes that “he is most a father and an educator at the point when he becomes ‘useless,’ when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied.” Being a father, the Pope emphasizes, “has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a ‘sign’ pointing to a greater fatherhood”: that of the “heavenly Father” (7).

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#### **«Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life»**

Today, the Gospel takes us to Capernaum where, many who have seen his miracles are following Jesus, especially those that were present at the spectacular multiplication of the loaves and fishes. As it is often said, Jesus, in that town, chanced to socially die of success; they even wanted to appoint him as their king. It is a key moment in Jesus' catechesis. It is when He begins to clearly divulge the supernatural dimension of his message. And, as Jesus is such a good catechist, the perfect priest, the best bishop and Pope, He lets them go away; He is sad, but He is faithful to his message and He will not be blinded by popular success.

A great priest used to say that, throughout the history of the Church, many who looked like essential and vital columns of the Church had fallen down: «Many disciples withdrew and no longer followed him» (Jn 6:66). You and I may fall, “disregard”, go away, criticize, “follow our own whims and fancies”. Humbly and confidently let us tell Jesus that, today, tomorrow and always, we want to remain faithful to Him; let us ask him to help us realizing the evangelic futility of trying to debate God's teachings, or those of the Church, on the grounds that “I do not understand them”: «Lord, to whom shall we go?» (Jn 6:68). We should demand a better supernatural sense. The Words of Eternal Life can only be found in Jesus and within his Church: «You have the words of eternal life?» (Jn 6:68).

As Peter already knew, we also know that Jesus speaks to us with a supernatural language, a language we must correctly tune it up to be able to fully understand its message; otherwise, we can only hear incoherent and unpleasant sounds; we must be very careful with the right syntony. As it happened to Peter, in our life as Christians we also have moments where we must refurbish and reiterate that we are in Jesus and we want to remain in Him. Peter loved Jesus Christ, and this is why he stays; the others just wanted Him for the bread, for the “candies”, for political reasons, so they choose to go away. Love and trust are the secret of faithfulness. Let us ask Virgo fidelis to help us today and now to be faithful to the Church we have.

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