

# 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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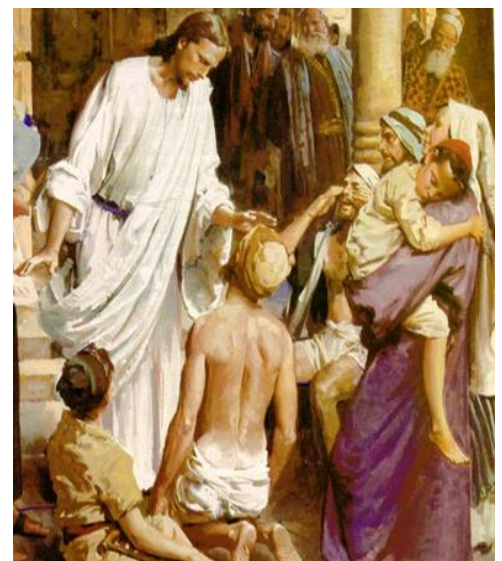
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**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2021**

In today's reading, Jesus heals a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment. This is a story about Jesus' healing power, and in it we find clues about our understanding of sacrament. We are struck by the physical means used to heal the man, the use of spittle and touch. The Church continues to celebrate the sacraments using physical means. As an example: in the Sacrament of Baptism, water and oil are used to show the power of the Holy Spirit. As Catholics, we are sacramental people who believe that God's grace is given to us through these physical signs.



Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphata," that is, "be opened." And immediately the man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

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	<b>Confessions:</b> They are heard before Mass upon request.

Ministers and servers	Saturday September 4 <sup>th</sup> 16:00	Sunday September 5 <sup>th</sup> 10:00	Saturday September 11 <sup>th</sup> 16:00	Sunday September 12 <sup>th</sup> 10:00
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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	September 4 <sup>th</sup> (16:00)	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary time		
Sunday	September 5 <sup>th</sup> (10:00)	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary time	Charlotte & Alfred Pichard  Iris & Rita Murphy	Helen Pichard  Lachapelle Family
Monday	September 6 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday	September 7 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)		<i>Propulo</i>	
Wednesday	September 8 <sup>th</sup> (11:30)	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
Thursday	September 9 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday	September 10 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday	September 11 <sup>th</sup> (16:00)	24 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary time		
Sunday	September 12 <sup>th</sup> (10:00)	24 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Ordinary time	The O'Donnell McCauley Families  David Walsh  Wilson Price	Constance O'Donnell  Bridget O'Connor & André Gosselin  1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Mass

### Job Offer

Looking for a volunteer with IT experience: In the next several months, the Parish will be working on upgrading its information technology infrastructure and upgrading (or replacing) its accounting system. We are looking for volunteers who have experience in IT or accounting software to help us with these projects. If you are interested, please contact Anne Black at the parish office, or email [info@stpatricksquebec.com](mailto:info@stpatricksquebec.com)

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### CWL Information

The Annual General Meeting of all members is October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 to 3:30 in the church. Welcome to our two new members and welcome back to all our current members! Please bring your Amendments Documents and any questions you have. The executive will give updates and present draft Activities Schedule and Budget for Fall 2021. See you all there! Also, Quebec might host the 2023 National Convention. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Marie before September 19. Have a blessed week.

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### «They asked Jesus to lay his hand upon him»

Today, the liturgy takes us to contemplate the healing of a «deaf man who also had difficulty in speaking» (Mk 7:32). As in other cases (the Bethsaida and Jerusalem blind men, etc.), the Lord surrounds the miracle with a series of outward motions. In such miracles, the Fathers of the Church see the overemphasized harmonic involvement of the Humanity of Christ. An involvement developed in a double way: one, the “approach” and the closeness to us of the Verb incarnated (the touch of his fingers, the depth of his gaze, his sweet and intimate voice); on the other hand, the attempt to awaken in the man the confidence, the faith and the conversion of his heart.

The cures of the sick Jesus carries through mean indeed much more than merely relieving the pain or recovering the health. They are meant to achieve that those He loves overcome their blindness, their deafness or their stagnant immobility of the spirit. And, ultimately, a true communion of faith and love.

At the same time, we can see how the grateful reaction of the recipients of this divine gift is to proclaim God's mercy: «The more He insisted on this, the more they proclaimed it» (Mk 7:36). They bear witness of the divine gift, they deeply experiment his mercy and are full of a deep and genuine gratitude.

For all of us it is also of crucial importance to know and feel that we are loved by God, the certitude we are the object of his infinite mercy. This is the driving force of generosity and love God is requesting from us. Many are the ways that will carry us to make this discovery. Sometimes, it will be the intense and sudden experience of the miracle and, quite often too, the gradual discovery that all our life is nothing but a miracle of love. In any case, it is necessary we first realize our own indigence, with a true humility and the capacity to listen reflexively to God's voice.

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Pope Francis has decided to institute a Church-wide celebration of a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Starting this year, it was hold on the fourth Sunday of July (July 25<sup>th</sup>) close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. This celebration is part of the **Amoris Laetitia Family Year** (Year for the Family).



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