

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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26th Sunday in ordinary time, September 26th 2021

In the Gospel, the disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus. In his reply, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others. Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith



"For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means be lost". (Mark 9.38-43, 45, 47-48)

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Ministers and servers	Saturday September 25 th 16:00	Sunday September 26 th 10:00	Saturday October 2 nd 16:00	Sunday October 3 rd 10:00
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The amount for the last two week's collection for the Mass and Funerals is \$1805.00. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	September 25 th (16:00)	26 th Sunday Ordinary time	Jackie O'Grady-Fournier	Irène Bouliane
Sunday	September 26 th (10:00)	26 th Sunday Ordinary time		
Monday	September 27 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	September 28 th (11:30)		Joseph Schmidt <i>Pro Populo</i>	Bibiane Lessard
Wednesday	September 29 th (11:30)			
Thursday	September 30 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	October 1 st		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	October 2 nd (16:00)	27 th Sunday Ordinary time		
Sunday	October 3 rd (10:00)	27 th Sunday Ordinary time	Charles & Whanita Pleasance	Diane Pleasance

Funeral Announcement

We celebrated the Funeral of Norma McLellan Dion Saturday September 18th at the church. Our Sincere condolences goes to the family and friends.

Dear Choir Members and Parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish,

Our hearts are filled with sorrow upon hearing the news of the passing of Mr. Timothy O'Connor. Tim was a longtime parishioner, known for his good humour and for his dedication to the Choir.

A funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick's Church in a few weeks from now.
Our deepest condolences to his family during this time. We will greatly miss his presence.

Laura Palladino
Choir Director

CWL Information

The Annual General Meeting of all members is October 2nd 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.

«No one who works a miracle in my name can soon after speak evil of me»

Today, following the example of the most modern TV producer, we are given to see Jesus conjuring images of unstoppable fire and worms into a place we have to avoid by all means: into hell, «where the worms that eat them never die, and the fire never goes out» (Mk 9:48). It is a vivid description of the state a person may attain when his/her life has not carried him/her where he/she wanted to go. It could be compared to the moment when, while driving our car, we take the wrong road by thinking it is the right one, and we end up in an unknown place, not knowing where we are and where we did not certainly want to go. We have to avoid it, no matter how, even if we have to get rid of some apparently unalienable things: without hands (cf. Mk 9,43), without feet (cf. Mk 9,45), without eyes (cf. Mk 9,47). We have to have the strong desire to enter into the Kingdom of God even if we have to go without an essential part of ourselves.

It is possible that this Gospel may incite us to mull over something we may have, very dear to us, but that prevents us from seeing God, —or even worse— that pushes us away from God.

The same Jesus leads us to look for the sin responsible for all our failings (hands, feet and eyes). Jesus speaks about anyone that could cause one of these little ones who believe in Him to stumble and sin (cf. Mk 9:42). “To cause someone to sin” is to turn someone away from God. We, therefore, appraise in every person his nearness to Jesus, the faith he may have.

Jesus teaches us we do not have to belong to the Twelve or to be one of his most intimate disciples to be able to stay beside Him: «For whoever is not against us is for us» (Mk 9:40). We can understand that Jesus saves all. It is a lesson of today's Gospel: many are those who, because of their deeds, are closer to the Kingdom of God than we may think. As St. Therese of Lisieux admitted: «The Lord cannot reward me for my deeds (...) Thus, I hope He will reward me for His».

Cardinal Gerald Lacroix did a catechesis in English at the 52nd International Eucharistic Congress in Budapest, Hungary on September 7th 2021

Cardinal Gerald addressed the participants of the Congress in English on the theme of the peace, under the title: “The Eucharist, an inexhaustible source of peace and reconciliation”. You can find this English video on the website of the diocese: ecdq.org : *Échos du Congrès eucharistique de Budapest* or on **YouTube**, by typing: *Cardinal Lacroix 52nd Eucharistic Congress Budapest september 7th*.

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