St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 17th, 2021

In today's Gospel, Jesus explains the importance of service and sacrifice in the life of a disciple. In particular, he seems to be preparing the Twelve for their leadership roles in the emerging Christian community. Echoing the Gospel we heard several weeks ago (on the <u>25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>), Jesus acknowledges that his teaching on sacrificial love is countercultural. Jesus contrasts the dynamics within the community of disciples with those shown by the rulers of the Gentiles. He invites us to follow a new model of authority based on service.



"But it is among you; whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all." (Mark 10, 35-45)

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Ministers and Servers	Saturday October 16 th 4:00 pm	Sunday October 17 th 10:00 am	Saturday October 23 th 4:00 pm	Sunday October 24 th 10:00 am
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The amount for last week's collection for Mass and Funeral Masses is \$101.15. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions		
Day	Date		Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	October 16 th	(4:00)	29 th Sunday Ordinary Time		
Sunday	October 17 th	(10:00)	29 th Sunday Ordinary Time	The O'Donnell McCauley Families	Constance O'Donnell
Monday	October 18 th			No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	October 19 th	(11:30)		Timothy O'Connor	Ronald Charest
Wednesday	October 20 th	(11:30)		Pro Populo	
Thursday	October 21 th			No Mass	No Mass
Friday	October 22 th			No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	October 23 th	(4:00)	30 th Sunday Ordinary Time		
Sunday	October 24 th	(10:00)	30 th Sunday Ordinary Time	Liette Deschênes Walker	Maureen Marsin

Needy Box

We still have a box in the back of the church to receive your donations for the needy. Thank you

Funeral Announcements

We celebrated the funeral of Neil John Murray on Friday, October 8th and the funeral of Mary Lou O'Grady on Saturday, October 9thin our church. Our sincere condolences to their families and friends.

CWL Information

St.Patrick's Council will hold a General Meeting on October 23 from 1:30-3:00 in the church to discuss and move motions on a resolution proposal and two commemorative plaque projects as well as to discuss the Amendments to be voted on this January. Please bring the blue duo-tang with documents you received at the AGM on October 2. May Our Lady of Good Counsel bless you.

"Whoever would be great among you must be your servant."

Today, once more, Jesus overturns our schemes. Stirred by James and John, these words full of wisdom reach us: "The Son of Man, (...) has not come to be served but to serve and to give his life." (Mk 10:45).

We certainly like to be properly served! Let us just think of how we can expect all public services to be efficient, punctual and clean; or how we can complain when, having paid for a certain service, we do not receive the expected compensation. Jesus Christ teaches us with his own example: He not only does his Father's will, that includes our Redemption, but on top of it He bears a terrible cost! It is with his Blood through which our sins have been redeemed. A great paradox we shall never fully understand! He, the great King, the Son of David, who was to come in the name of the Lord, "rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; (...) becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross." (Phil 2:7-8).

How expressive are the images of Christ on the Cross donning garments befitting a King nailed to the Cross! In our country (Catalonia) we have quite a few; it is what we call "Santes Majestats" (Their Most Holy Majesties). In a sort of catechesis, we can appreciate how to serve is to reign and how the exercise of any authority must always be a service.

Jesus overturns so much this world's categories that He gives an entire new approach to human activities. The most praiseworthy assignment is no better than the smallest job we can carry out to identify ourselves with Christ; with more love for God and for our brothers. If we truly believe that "no one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13), then we can also make the effort of offering with our work a service of human quality and professional competence, imbued with a profound Christian attitude of service. As Mother Teresa of Calcutta used to say: "The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace."

Prayer to prepare us to celebrate the special year which Pope Francis has dedicated to the "The Joy of Love" in family, the title of this day three is: Saint Joseph the Family Man

Our reflection today is on Saint Joseph the family man. We pray for all families in our parish who have found lockdown a struggle.

We pray that families will know the support that their faith can offer them in times of difficulty and that families can share hope and inspire patience in each other at all times.

In Scripture we read: "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." (Romans 12:12)

We conclude this day four of prayer for this special Year on the Family, by offering you this short reflection from Pope Francis from "The Joy of Love:":

"The family is the first school of human values, where we learn the wise use of freedom." (Amoris Laetitia, 274)



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