

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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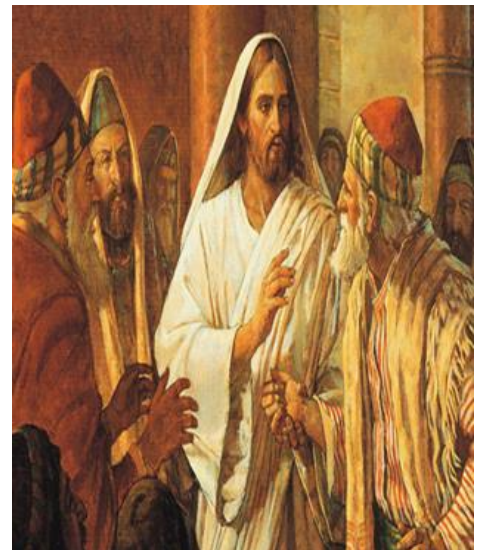
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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 31st, 2021

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love one's neighbor stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbor. Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus. How can we apply this commandment in our daily lives?



The scribe said to him; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and" "to love one's neighbor as oneself," (Mark 12, 28-34)

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Ministers and Servers	Saturday October 30 th 4:00 pm	Sunday October 31 st 10:00 am	Saturday November 6 th 4:00 pm	Sunday November 7 th 10:00 am
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The amount for last week's collection for Mass on October 23rd and on October 24th was \$657.00. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	October 30 th (4:00)	31 st Sunday Ordinary Time	Mary O'Farrell	O'Farrell family
Sunday	October 31 st (10:00)	31 st Sunday Ordinary Time	Philippe Hudon	Maria Yeung
Monday	November 1 st		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	November 2 nd (11:30)		The deceased members of the Charest family	Ronald Charest
Wednesday	November 3 rd (11:30)		<i>Pro populo</i>	
Thursday	November 4 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	November 5 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	November 6 th (4:00)	32 nd Sunday Ordinary Time	John Paul Harny	Jean Saville
Sunday	November 7 th (10:00)	32 nd Sunday Ordinary Time	Charles Pleasance	Diane Pleasance

CWL

Our Memorial Mass will be held on November 6 at 4:00 Mass to honour our deceased members as well as those who passed away in 2020 and 2021. All are welcome to attend.

“Which commandment is the first of all?”

Today, it is common to speak of the love towards the brethren, christian justice, etc. but the love towards God is seldom spoken of.

So we have to look at the answer Jesus gives to the lawyer, who, with the best intention asks: "Which commandment is the first of all?" (Mk 12:29). It was not surprising because among so many laws and regulations, the Jews sought to establish a principle that would unify all formulations of God's will.

Jesus responds with a simple sentence that, even today, Jews recite several times a day: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength" (Mk 12:29-30). Meaning, Jesus reminds us that, first, we must proclaim the primacy of God's love as man's fundamental task, and this is logical and fair, because God loved us first.

However, for Jesus it is not enough to remind us about this fundamental and basic commandment but adds that one must love one's neighbor as oneself. And, as Pope Benedict XVI says, "the love to God and the love to your neighbor are thus inseparable, they form a single commandment. But both live from the love that comes from God, who loved us first."

But one aspect that is not discussed is that Jesus commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves, not more than oneself, not less either. We deduce that he commands us that we should love ourselves, since we're also the handiwork of God and his creatures, loved by Him.

If we have then, as a rule of life, the double commandment of love to God and neighbor, Jesus tells us: "You are not far from the kingdom of God" (Mk 12:34). If we live this ideal, we will make of the earth a general rehearsal of Heaven.

Prayer to prepare us to celebrate the special year which Pope Francis has dedicated to “The Joy of Love” in the family, the title of this day six is: Saint Joseph the Spouse

Our reflection today is on Saint Joseph the spouse. We pray today for all married couples and for those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. We pray for the many couples who have had to postpone their marriages as a result of Covid-19. May all these couples feel supported by their love for one another and by their faith.

In ‘The Joy of Love,’ Pope Francis reminds us that “The space which each of the spouses makes exclusively for their personal relationship with God not only helps heal the hurts of life in common, but also enables the spouses to find in the love of God the deepest source of meaning in their own lives.” (Amoris Laetitia, 320)

In Scripture we read: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." (Eph 4:2)

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

“My advice is never to let the day end without making peace in the family. And how am I going to make peace? By getting down on my knees? No! Just by a small gesture, a little something, and harmony within your family will be restored. Just a little caress, no words are necessary.” (Amoris Laetitia, 104)

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