

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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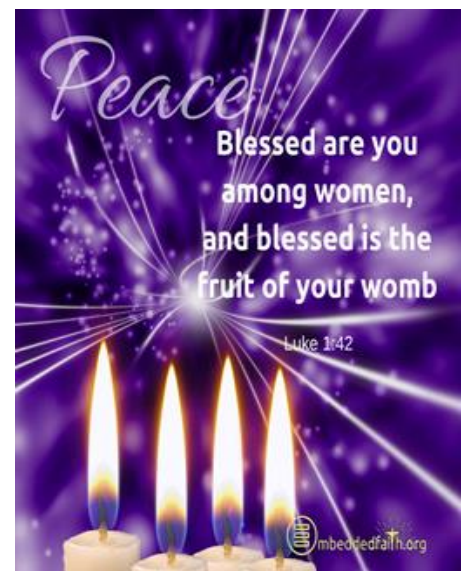
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Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 19th, 2021

It is appropriate in this season of Advent that we consider the role of Mary in God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth describes Mary as the first disciple, as the one who believed that God's word to her would be fulfilled. Mary's faith enabled her to recognize the work of God in her people's history and in her own life. Her openness to God allowed God to work through her so that salvation might come to everyone. Because of this, Mary is a model and symbol of the Church. May we be like Mary, open and cooperative in God's plan for Salvation.



“And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ’ ” (Luke 1, 39-45)

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Ministers and Servers	Saturday December 18 th 4:00 pm	Sunday December 19 th 10:00 am	Saturday December 25 th 4:00 pm	Sunday December 26 th 10:00 am
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The amount for last week's collection for Mass on December 11th and on December 12th was \$506. 20. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	December 18 th 4:00 pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Gerald (Gerry) Kenny & Evelyn Luckman	From family
Sunday	December 19 th 10:00 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Robert Monaghan Edith Mackay Samuel McIntosh	From Wife & Children Joan Kane & family Madeline B. Stewart
Monday	December 20 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	December 21 st 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	<i>Pro populo</i>	
Wednesday	December 22 nd		No Mass	No Mass
Thursday	December 23 rd		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	December 24 th 4:00 pm	Nativity of the Lord	Charles Pleasance & Judith Winter family	Diane Pleasance
	December 24 th 8:00 pm	Nativity of the Lord	Sheila Ann Kennedy & Adrian Leger	Terry and family
Saturday	December 25 th 10:00 am	Nativity of the Lord	Gemma Louise Walsh & Edward Walsh	Ellen Walsh
Sunday	December 26 th 10:00 am	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	The O'Donnell McCauley Families	Constance O'Donnell

CWL News and Raffle Draws

The mandate of the newly elected Executive Committee is from January 1, 2022 to January 1, 2023 and the Installment Ceremony will be January 15 during 4:00 mass. Congratulations again to our new president, Christie Ann Mitchell. The Christmas raffle draws will be Sunday, December 19 at the end of mass. Tickets are still available through Helen O'Brien at 418-683-8287 or 418-456-8287. Thank you for your support!

MASS SCHEDULE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas Eve Masses on December 24th: 4pm and 8pm

Christmas Day Mass on December 25th: 10am

Sunday Mass on December 26th: 10 am

New Year's Eve Mass on December 31st: 4pm ---

New Year's Day Mass on January 1st: 10 am

Sunday Mass on January 2nd: 10 am

Administrative Assistant required

St Patrick's Parish and Cemetery is seeking the services of an Administrative Assistant to work on a part-time permanent basis to provide administrative support and be part of a pleasant, dedicated team. Please look at our website for details.

"Blessed are you who believed."

Today, is the last Sunday before the arrival —the Advent— of God in Bethlehem. So as to be the same as us in everything, He wanted to be conceived —as any other person— in the womb of a woman, the Virgin Mary, but by the action and grace of the Holy Spirit, as He was God. Very soon, on Christmas Day, we will celebrate His birth with great joy.

The Gospel today presents us with two people, the Virgin Mary and her cousin Elizabeth, who show us with their example the spiritual attitude we should have towards this event. It should be an attitude of faith, of dynamic faith.

Elizabeth, with sincere humility, "filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, (...) 'how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?'" (Lk 1:41-43). Nobody had explained anything to her. It was her faith alone, the Holy Spirit that had made her see that her cousin was the mother of her Lord, of God.

Knowing the attitude of total faith on the Virgin Mary's part, when the angel announced that God had chosen her to be his earthly mother, Elizabeth is eager to proclaim the happiness and joy that faith gives. She underlines this saying: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Lk 1:45).

So we must live Christmas with faith. But, like the Virgin Mary and Elizabeth, with a dynamic faith. As a consequence, like Elizabeth, there is no need to hide the joy and gratitude that comes with having faith. Like the Virgin Mary we have to show it with our deeds. "During those days Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth". (Lk 1:39-40) to congratulate her and to help her, staying with her for three months (cf. Lk 1:56).

Saint Ambrose recommends that, in these festive days, "We have the Virgin Mary's spirit for glorifying the Lord." We will have many opportunities for sharing joy and helping the needy.

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