

# 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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**Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

In today's Gospel words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged. Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.



Jesus said to his disciples: "I say to you that listen: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." (Luke 6. 27-38)

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Ministers and Servers	Saturday February 19 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	Sunday February 20 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	Saturday February 26 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	Sunday February 27 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am
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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	February 19 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary time	Timothy Francis O'Connor Adrien Fleury	Teresa Dubois Barbara Fleury
Sunday	February 20 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary time	Phyllis Valdez	Rita Whitt
Monday	February 21 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday	February 22 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Evelyn Byrne	Jean Saville
Wednesday	February 23 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am		<i>Pro Populo</i>	
Thursday	February 24 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday	February 25 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday	February 26 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary time	The O'Donnell and McCauley families	Constance O'Donnell
Sunday	February 27 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary time	Lucie Laramée	Ian O'Gallagher

### Funerals Celebrated at St. Patrick's Parish

On Saturday, February 12th, we celebrated a Funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of Robert Brochu.

### Filipino Community Mass

Saturday February 26th at 7:00 pm will be a Mass organised by the Filipino Community. All are welcome.

## News from the Catholic Women's League of St. Patrick's Parish

All members are reminded to attend the first half of our Annual General Meeting on February 26th via Zoom starting at 1pm. Items on the agenda include: The Nine Amendments and the Frieda O'Connell fund. Part two of our AGM will occur in person as soon as possible. Here's your Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88432718336?pwd=UVpGVTRpRUdHRHVUNmtZU0xuWEF6QT09>

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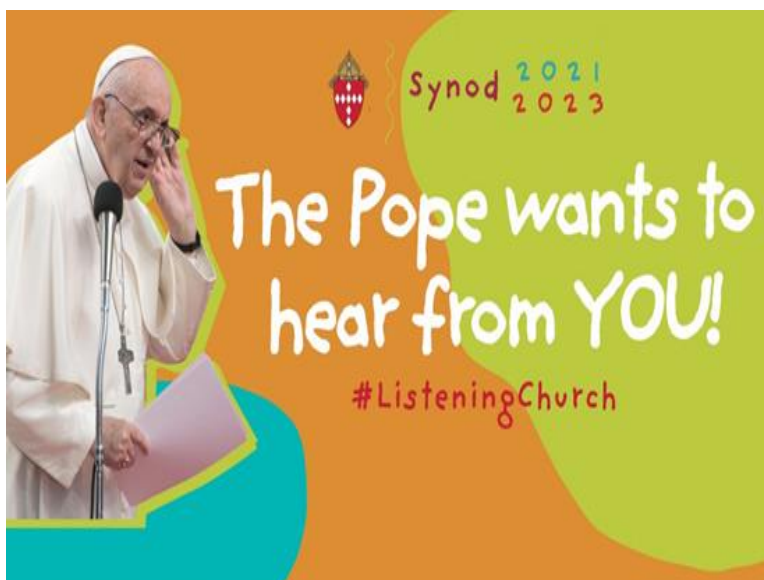
### **“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.”**

Today, we hear our Lord invite us to live the life of Christian charity as fully as He did (“Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.” (Lk 23:34). This has been the example of our brothers and sisters preceding us to the glory of Heaven, the Saints; for they lived a model of Christian charity with perfection, following what Jesus Christ had said: “So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Mt 5:48).

Charity urges us to love, in the first place, those who love us. It is not possible to abide by what we read in the Gospel if we do not sincerely love our brothers and sisters, those next to us. But, right away, Christ's new commandment calls us to reach to the perfection of charity, and encourages us to open our arms to all people, to those who do not belong amongst ourselves, or who want to offend or hurt us. Jesus is exhorting us to have a Heart like His, like his Father's: “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful” (Lk 6:36), a heart that knows no borders, that welcomes everybody, and invites us to forgive and pray for our enemies.

However, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church affirms, “it is not possible to observe the Commandments of our Lord if we are trying to follow the Divine model only from the outside. It must be a vital participation, that comes all the way from deep inside our heart, in sanctity, in mercifulness and in the love of God.” Cardinal Newman wrote: “O Jesus! Help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go. Flood our souls with your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess our whole being, so utterly, that our lives may only be a radiance of Yours (...). That every soul we come in contact with, may feel Your presence in their soul. The light, O Jesus, will be all from You, none of it will be ours. It will be You shining on others through us.”

We shall love, forgive and embrace others only if our heart is magnified by our love for Christ.



**Pope Francis** invites every member of our church, other Christians and the whole of society to answer two questions as part of the 2021-2023 synodal journey (consultation). May the Holy Spirit motivate to participate.

To participate in a small group, or for more information, please contact the Parish Synod Coordinator,  
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