

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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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 26th, 2021

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.



“Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” But they did not understand what he said to them. (Luke 2, 41-52)

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| Ministers and Servers | Saturday December 25 th 4:00 pm | Sunday December 26 th 10:00 am | Saturday January 1 st 4:00 pm | Sunday January 2 nd 10:00 am |
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The amount for last week's collection for Mass on December 18th and on December 19th was \$808.10. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

| Mass | | | Mass Intentions | |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Day | Date | Liturgy | For | From |
| 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 |
| Monday | December 27 th | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Tuesday | December 28 th | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Wednesday | December 29 th | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Thursday | December 30 th | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Friday | December 31 st 4:00 pm | Seventh Day within Octave of the Nativity of the Lord | Charlotte & Alfred Pichard Lyne Morissette | Helen Pichard Francoise de Launière & Claude Gravel |
| Saturday | January 1 st 10:00 am | Epiphany of the Lord | | |
| Sunday | January 2 nd 10:00 am | Epiphany of the Lord | Joan Holson Sheila Ann Kennedy & Adrian Leger | Helen Pichard Terry and family |

Celebration of the Mass intentions

Father Lussier is presiding Mass every day in the church **alone without parishioners** for all the intentions printed in the Bulletin.

CWL News

Last Saturday, our St. Patrick's council voted in the new Executive Committee which comes into effect January 1, 2022 until January 1, 2023. Congratulations to our new president, Christie Ann Mitchell, Marie White who becomes Past President, and chairpersons: Andrée Lemieux, Jacqueline Quackenbush, Jean Saville and Mary McPeak. May God bless them in their roles and may Our Lady of Good Counsel guide them! Thank you to the Elections Committee for their fine work.

Administrative Assistant required

St Patrick's Parish and Cemetery is seeking the services of an Administration 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.

«They found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers... and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding»

Today, we are given to contemplate, as a continuation of the Mystery of Incarnation, God's Son's insertion into the human community par excellence; the family, and Jesus' progressive education by Joseph and Mary. As the Gospel says, "And Jesus advanced [in] wisdom and age and favor before God and man." (Lk 2:52).

The book Jesus, son of Sirach, reminds us that "For the Lord sets a father in honor over his children and confirms a mother's authority over her sons" (Sir 3:2). Jesus is twelve years old and He already shows the good education He has received at His Nazarene home. His wisdom no doubt reflects the Holy Spirit's action, but also Joseph and Mary's undeniably good educational know-how. Mary and Joseph's affliction and anxiety attest to their educative solicitude and their loving concern for Jesus.

We need not make great efforts to see that today, more than ever before, it is necessary for the family to strongly assume the teaching mission God has entrusted to it. To educate is to introduce to reality, and only parents who live this reality with a meaning can accomplish this. Christian parents must educate through Christ, source of all significance and wisdom.

It is very difficult to remedy shortcomings in home education. What is not learned at home can only be learned with great difficulty elsewhere. The virtues Joseph and Mary constantly practiced at their Nazarene home were lived and learned by Jesus naturally; spirit of service to God and men, piety, love for work well done, caring for one another, respect, horror of sin... To grow up as Christians, children need examples and, if their parents give these, these children will be very fortunate.

Today, we must all go and look for Christ's wisdom to bring it to our families. Origen, an early Church Father, when commenting on today's Gospel, said that whoever is looking for Christ, must not seek Him in a negligent and careless way, as those who do not succeed in finding Him do. We must look for Him with "anxiety", with great solicitude, as Joseph and Mary did.

For Unity in the families

Dear Lord God,

You created balance. The night to follow the day.

The sea to touch the earth. All the wonderful animals, fish and birds.

You are the great creator of variety and diversity.

Thank you that you made us all to be unique and reflect your love.

Come draw our family together in all its wonder and beauty.

Help us to love and respect each other.

Show us how to support and encourage one another.

Inspire us to work together to become a picture full of your perfect love.

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