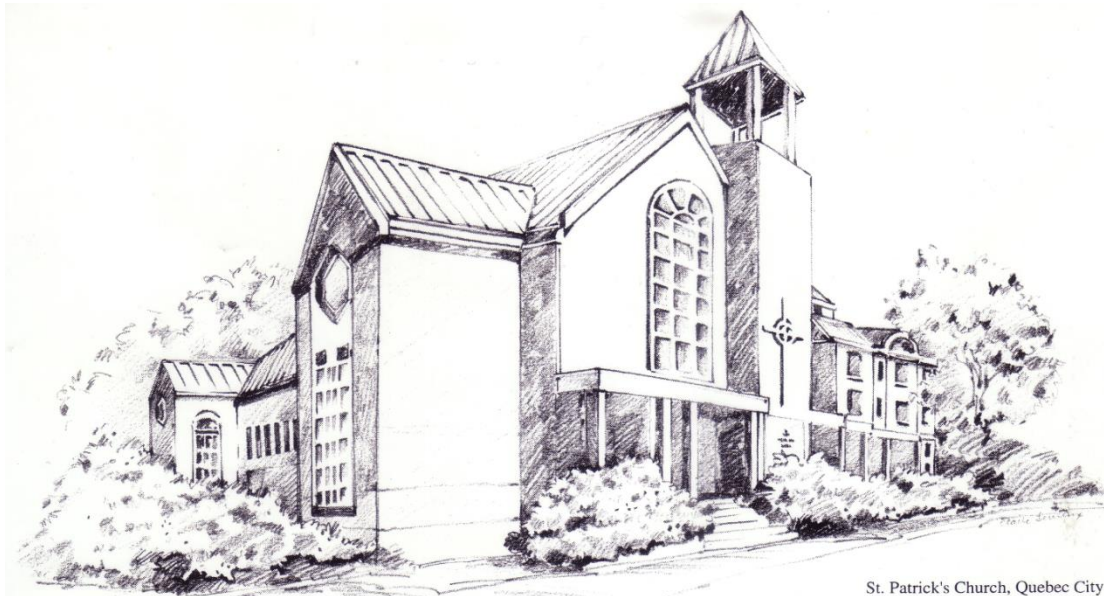


St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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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Nativity of the Lord, December 24th, 2021



Thinking about Jesus' birth in these theological and cosmological terms is particularly appropriate as we celebrate the Feast of Christmas in the darkness of winter. At this time, nature itself seems to remind us of the darkness of sin. Into this darkness, in the midst of our sinfulness, God comes to dwell among us. Luc's Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children.



So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

(Luke 1, 39-45)

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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

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.

MASS SCHEDULE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

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 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.

New rules for Covids 19 that is into effect since Monday, December 20th

-Vaccine passports will be required and people must be seated all the time.

-Funerals and weddings can have up to 25 people without requiring vaccine passports, but we can have more people with passports.

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