

# St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

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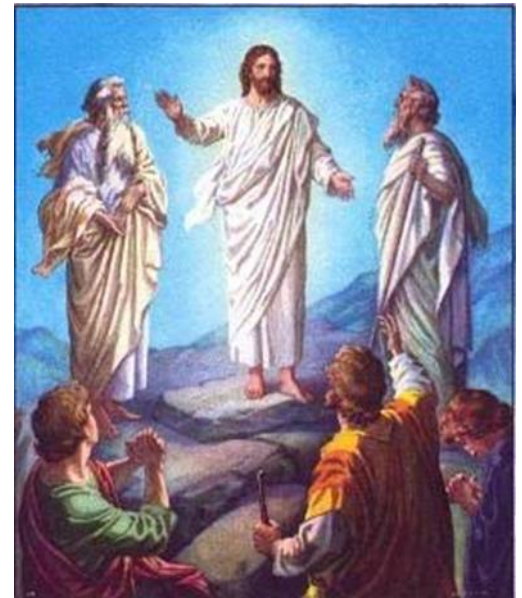
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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**Second Sunday of Lent, March 13th, 2022**

In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness his Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death.



Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.  
(Luke 9.28b-36)

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### LENT REFLECTION

*A forgiving family*

We had a family practice of weekly prayer during Lent that we called Friday Forgiveness. After the evening meal, my husband would read a story of forgiveness from the Bible. I would offer a brief reflection and then we would engage in Friday Forgiveness. Each person would ask every family member for their forgiveness, and the other person would respond by forgiving them. Each person forgave and asked for forgiveness. No particular faults were mentioned, only a general petition for forgiveness. The experience was never routine. It was a time to experience healing and peace returning to our home.



Last week's collection was \$762.50 including the Funeral Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass				Mass Intentions	
Day	Date		Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	March 12 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	The O'Donnell and McCauley Families	Constance O'Donnell
Sunday	March 13 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	Samuel McIntosh	Madeline B. Stewart
Monday	March 14 <sup>th</sup>			<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday	March 15 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Robert Brochu	Ronald Charest
Wednesday	March 16 <sup>th</sup>			<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Thursday	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 am		Mary Rose O'Farrell	Ed Murphy and family
Friday	March 18 <sup>th</sup>			<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday	March 19 <sup>th</sup>	4:00 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	Timothy Francis O'Connor	Teresa Dubois
Sunday	March 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	The Chalupa family	Maria

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

Last week, we celebrated a Funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of Denis Egan.

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

Part two of the AGM will be Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>, at the Church. Meeting starts at 1:00 pm. To join our council of The Catholic Women's League contact Christie Mitchell at 418-573-5648 or [capgrad1983@gmail.com](mailto:capgrad1983@gmail.com).

*“Jesus went up the mountain to pray.”*

Today second Sunday in Lent, the liturgy of the word invariably brings us the evangelic episode of the Lord's Transfiguration. This time, with the nuances typical of Saint Luke's Gospel.

It is Saint Luke who more strongly emphasizes the praying Jesus, the Son who is permanently linked to the Father through personal prayer, at times intimate, hidden, at times in the presence of his disciples, but always full of joy through the Holy Spirit.

Let's therefore pay attention to the fact Luke is the only one of the Synoptics that begins the narration in this way: “Jesus (...) went up the mountain to pray” (Lk 9:28), and, consequently, it is Luke who specifies that the Master's transfiguration happened “while He was praying” (Lk 9:29). And this is not something irrelevant.

The prayer is presented here like the ideal and natural context for the vision of Christ's Glory: when Peter, John and James “awoke (...) and saw Jesus' Glory” (Lk 9:32). But, not only His Glory, but also the glory God had already manifested in the Law and the Prophets; they —evangelist Luke says— “appeared in heavenly glory” (Lk 9:31). For they indeed find their own splendor in the love of the Spirit when the Son speaks to the Father. Thus, in the heart of Holy Trinity, Jesus' Passover, “his departure that had to take place in Jerusalem” (Lk 9:31), is the sign manifesting God's plan, which is carried out in the bosom of Israel's history, until its definite completion, through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Jesus Incarnated.

It is good to remember, in this Lent and always, that unless we let the spirit of piety emerge in our lives, establishing a familiar and inseparable relationship with the Lord, we shall not be able to enjoy the contemplation of His Glory. It's urgent to be impressed by the vision of the Transfigured face. Our Christian experience has maybe an excess of words while it lacks stupor, that stupor that made Peter and his friends actual witnesses of the living 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 you to participate. To participate in a small group, or for more information, please contact the Parish Synod Coordinator, **Marie White, at** [mariewhite.qc@gmail.com](mailto:mariewhite.qc@gmail.com) or **418-254-0510.**

### **Synod Questions**

**Question One:** How have we “journeyed together” as a Church in your experiences? Have there been times of Joy in your faith journey as a Catholic? Sorrows? Challenges?

**Question Two:** What steps or actions does the Holy Spirit invite us to take here, at St. Patrick’s Parish, in order to grow well as we “journey together”? In our Church as a whole? For example, what would you like to see the parish offer, either something spiritual or practical, that would make your faith life more fulfilling?

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