

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

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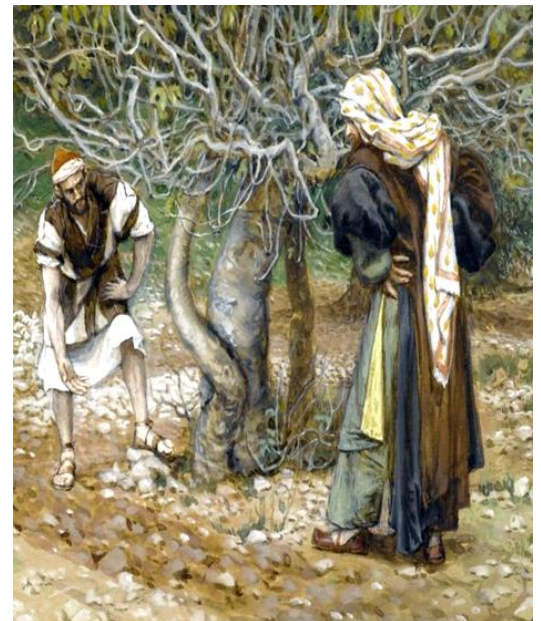
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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Third Sunday of Lent, March 20th, 2022

Throughout his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus has been teaching about the Kingdom of God. In this parable about a fig tree planted in a vineyard, we find an image of God's patience and hopefulness as he prepares his Kingdom. God calls us to repent, and it is within his power to punish us for our failure to turn from our sinfulness. And yet God is merciful. He delays punishment and tends to us so that we may yet bear the fruit he desires from us. This, then, is our reason for hope: Not only does God refuse to abandon us, he chooses to attend to us even when we show no evidence of his efforts.



"The gardener replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears no fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'" (Luke 13, 1-9)

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LENT REFLECTION

Dialing into God

Instead of listening to music or talk radio in my car, I decided to take that time for prayer and to listen to God. At first, it was a difficult transition; the silence was deafening. But soon, I began to enjoy the quiet time. I prayed for people who I knew needed my prayers. I prayed for my family and myself. I also thanked God for my many blessings. I found that I became much calmer and more peaceful during this time. This reflective time grounded and centered me to do my best.



We will give you last week's collection in the next Bulletin. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass				Mass Intentions	
Day	Date		Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	March 19 th	4:00 pm	3 rd Sunday of Lent	Timothy Francis O'Connor	Teresa Dubois
Sunday	March 20 th	10:00 am	3 rd Sunday of Lent	The Chalupa family	Maria
Monday	March 21 st			No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	March 22 nd	11:30 am		No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	March 23 rd			Romeo Gaton	Family & Aileen
Thursday	March 24 th	11:30 am		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	March 25 th			No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	March 26 th	4:00 pm	4 th Sunday of Lent	Timothy Francis O'Connor	Teresa Dubois
Sunday	March 27 th	10:00 am	4 th Sunday of Lent	Charlotte & Alfred Pichard	Helen Pichard

List of the children who will receive Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday, March 19 at 4:00 pm

Lorenzo Taillefer Rizzo, Jérémie Bilette, Emma Russell-Parent, Emma Russell-Parent, Zander Giasson, Gabriel Jimenez and Diana Pecorari.

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

Due to the weather, our AGM part 2 is rescheduled for Saturday, March 26th at 1:00. We will be in the church hall and able to enjoy a simple tea. To join The Catholic Women's League please call Christie at 418-573-5648 or email capgrad1983@gmail.com.

“If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!”

Today, third Sunday of Lent, the evangelical reading contains Jesus' call to penance and conversion. Or, rather, a demand for a change in our lives.

In Evangelical language “To convert to” means to change not only our innermost attitude but our exterior style, too. It is one of the mostly employed parables in the Gospel. Remember that, before the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, Saint John the Baptist summarized his predication with the same saying: “John [the] Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.” (Mk 1:4). And, immediately after, Jesus’ preaching can be summarized with these words: “Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” (Mk 1:15).

Yet, today's reading has some characteristics of its own that request faithful attention and an adequate answer. It can be said that the first part, with the two historic references (the Galileans' blood shed by Pilate and the crumbling of the Siloam tower), contains a threat. It is impossible to call it any other way! We deplore the two misfortunes —regretted and moaned at the time— but Jesus Christ, most seriously, says to all of us: —“If you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!” (Lk 13:5).

This shows us two basic things. In the first place, the total seriousness of the Christian commitment. And, secondly, if we do not respect it, as God commands, the possibility of our death, not in this world but, much worse, in the other one: the eternal doom. These two deaths in our text are nothing but examples of another death that cannot be compared to the first one.

Each one of us will eventually find out how to face this demand of personal change. Nobody is excluded. But if this may worry us, the second part should comfort us, instead. The “gardener”, who is Jesus, begs the owner of the vineyard, his Father, to wait another year. And, in the meanwhile, He will do whatever possible (and the impossible, by dying for us) so that the vineyard may bear fruit. That is, we change our ways! This is the message of Lent. Let us, therefore, take it seriously. The saints —though late in his life saint Ignatius of Loyola is one instance— do change by God's grace while inciting us to change too.



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 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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