

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.

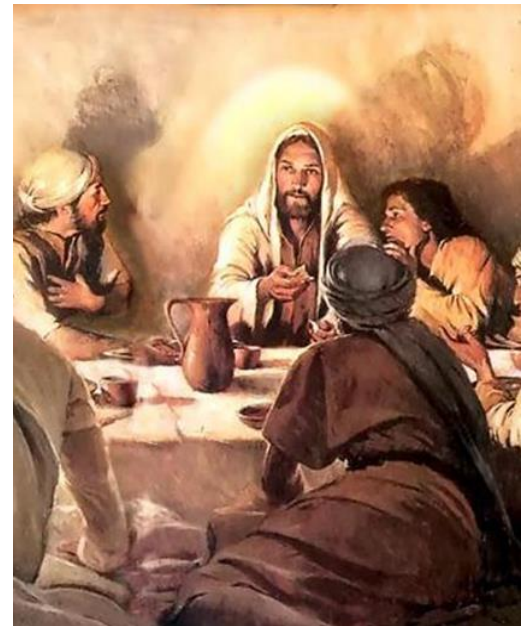
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Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 22nd, 2022


In today's Gospel, Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

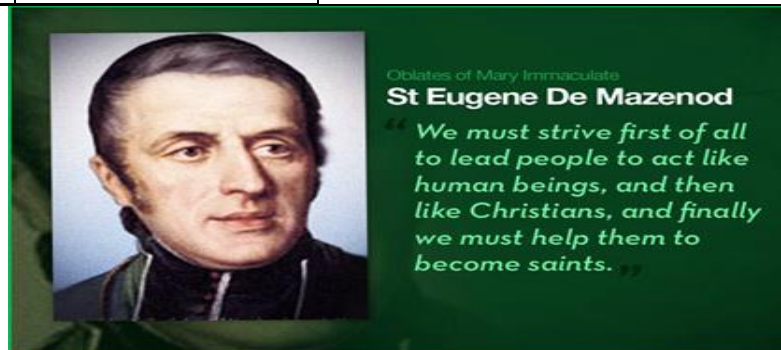
As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace.



"You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe." (John 14. 23-29)

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The collection total for the last weekend was \$1,071.50. Thank you for your generosity.

| Mass | | | | Mass Intentions | |
|-----------|----------------------|----------|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Day | Date | | Liturgy | For | From |
| Saturday | May 21 st | 4:00 pm | Sixth Sunday of Easter | Joan Bechette (First anniv. Mass) | Family (Gina Perreault) |
| Sunday | May 22 nd | 10:00 am | Sixth Sunday of Easter | Robert Monaghan (Anniv. Mass) Louise & Benoit Gagnon | Laura & Pierre & famille Gagnon |
| Monday | May 23 rd | | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Tuesday | May 24 th | 11:30 am | Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15) | Lemelin & Saville family | Jean M. Saville |
| Wednesday | May 25 th | 11:30 am | | Robert Brochu | Lise & Patrick Mckenna |
| Thursday | May 26 th | | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Friday | May 27 th | | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Saturday | May 28 th | 4:00 pm | Ascension of the Lord | Edward & Rita Kane Egan | Joan Kane |
| Sunday | May 29 th | 10:00 am | Ascension of the Lord | Pauline Derouin- Bernier (Anniv. Mass) | |

Synod Report from our Parish Submitted to the Diocese

Thank you for your participation and feedback! The report has been sent to the Diocese. If you would like a copy, please contact Marie White at mariewhite.qc@gmail.com or 418-254-0510.

Collection for Papal Charities

There will be a collection for Papal Charities, Saturday May 21st and Sunday May 22nd.

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

Special thanks to the ladies who attended our Frieda O'Connell GM. Members attending favored the continuation of an annual bursary to a deserving student. We are doing further research to define this. All members are welcome to share their thoughts on the future of this fund. Thanks to whomever donated the Mac & Cheese for our food drive benefitting the Women's shelter at the Young Christian Women's Association (YWCA). Our last day for collecting food items will be May 29th. Please leave items in the box downstairs in the coatroom. A special tree dedication at the garden of St. Brigid's Home celebrating 100 Years of The Catholic Women's League will be held June 3rd. More details to come! For prayers or to join, please contact Christie Mitchell at 418-573-5648 or capgrad1983@gmail.com.

“If anyone loves me, he will keep my word and my Father will love him; and we will come to him and make a room in his home.”

Today, before the celebration of the Ascension and Whitsun, we read once more the words of the so called sermon of the Last Supper, where we should see the different ways to present a unique message, insofar as it all emanates from the blessed union of Christ with the Father and from God's will to associate us closely to this mystery of love.

One day, St. Therese of the Child Jesus was offered several gifts for her to choose one but quite decidedly, despite her youth, she said “I choose everything!” When she grew older she realized that choosing everything actually meant desiring to be love and devotion in the Church, for a body without love would be totally meaningless. The mystery of God's love, is a concrete, personal love incarnated within the Son Jesus, who gives us everything: Himself, his life and his deeds as the best and clearest version of God's message to us.

From this love encompassing everything is where “peace” is born. A word that, today, we all dream about: we want “peace” but alarm and violence surround us. Peace will only be achieved if we turn towards Jesus, as He gives us his peace as a fruit of his total love. Though He does not give it as the world does (cf. Jn 14:27), as the peace bestowed by Jesus is not made of calm unconcern, but just the opposite: of a solidarity that becomes brotherhood; of a capacity to take a look at ourselves and at others with new eyes, as the Lord does, and thus, forgives us. A great serenity overflows us and helps us to see things just as they actually are, not as they look like. And by following this way we shall reach happiness.

“The Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of all that I have told you.” (Jn 14:26) In these last days of Easter let us beg to open up to the Holy Spirit; we received it when we were baptized and confirmed, but now we must —as a last gift— make the Spirit to spring up from within us to take us where we would not have dared go by ourselves.

Therefore, and as His Holiness John Paul II emphasizes, we must use the new technologies, openly, without beating around the bush, to spread as much as possible the Good News of the Church today, because only if our kindness is known to all, only by changing our hearts, shall we change the world too.

Prayer for Peace—St. John Paul II

Lord Jesus Christ, who are called the Prince of Peace, who are Yourself our peace and reconciliation, who so often said, “Peace to you” – please grant us peace.

Make all men and women witnesses of truth, justice and brotherly love. Banish from their hearts whatever might endanger peace. Enlighten our rulers that they may guarantee and defend the great gift of peace.

May all peoples on the earth become as brothers and sisters.

May longed-for peace blossom forth and reign always over us all. Amen.

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