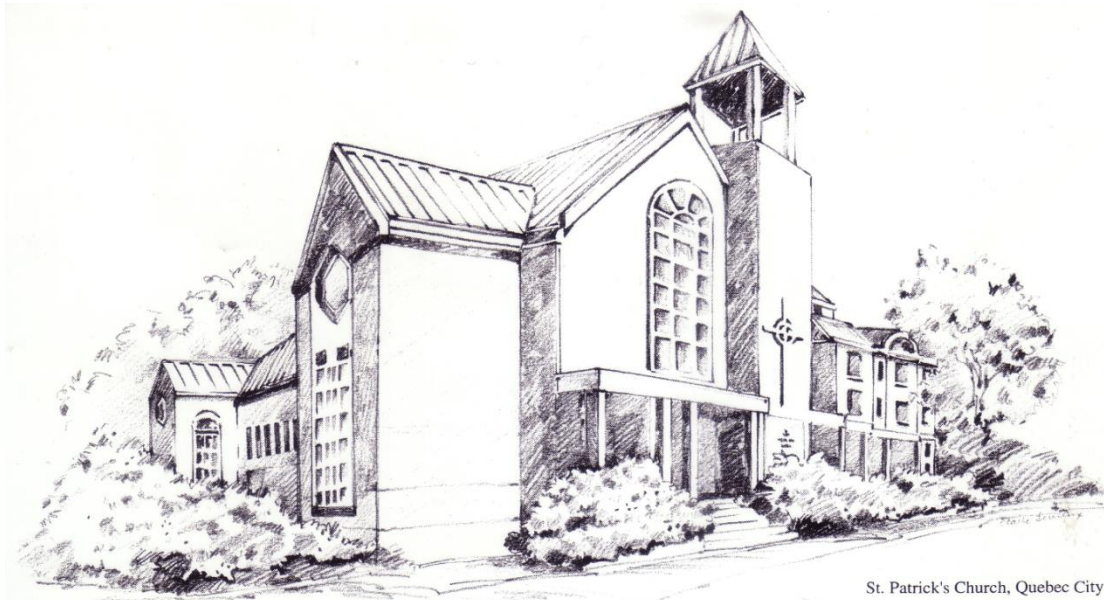


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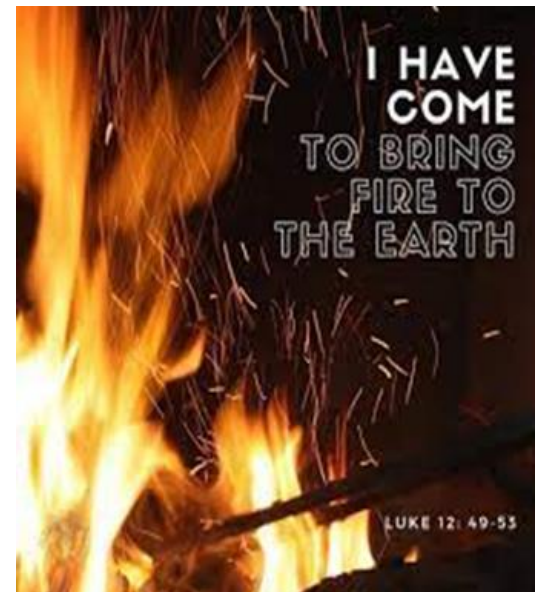
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 14th, 2022

The coming judgment in the Gospel, forces us to look at the implications of our commitments. As Jesus warned in last Sunday's Gospel, a commitment of faith requires us to change our attitude toward material possessions and to take even more seriously our moral responsibilities. Here he reminds the crowd that those who commit to him will find it affects the way they relate to friends and family members. The angel who announced the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah said John would go before Jesus to turn the hearts of fathers toward their children. But a commitment to Jesus forces us to change the way we live our lives, and this can put strains on relationships

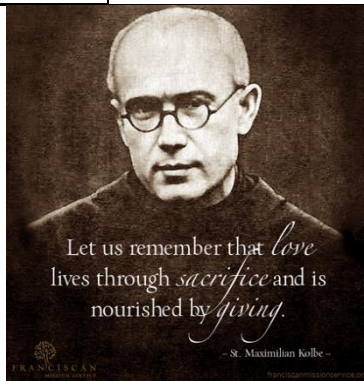


Jesus said, to his disciples: "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under it is completed!"

(Luke 12.49-53)

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The collection total for last week's Masses is \$760.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	August 13 th 4:00 pm	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mary O'Farrell	O'Farrell family
Sunday	August 14 th 10:00 am	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Charlotte & Alfred Pichard Kevin Hughes (Ann. Mass) Mary Johnston	Helen Pichard Steve, Patrick & Alain
Monday	August 15 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	August 16 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)		
Wednesday	August 17 th 11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	August 18 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	August 19 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	August 20 th 4:00 pm	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Barbara Joan White (Ann. Mass) Pauline Morais McCauley	Helen McCauley
Sunday	August 21 th 10:00 am	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Rosemary Corrigan Bowles (Ann. Mass)	

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

We hope you're enjoying a blessed summer. Joining the Catholic Women's League is about uniting together as Catholic Women. We are Catholic and Living It! Please contact our President Christie Mitchell at capgrad1983@gmail.com or 418-573-5648 for prayer requests. We're always accepting new members.

Donations for Ukrainians in need

Since the invasion of their country in February 2022, many Ukrainian families, mostly women with young children, have sought refuge in Quebec.

There is now a donation box on the left side in the back of the church with the inscription "Donations for the Ukrainians in need". If you wish to contribute, special envelopes are available for this purpose in your pews. Please do not use them for the regular collection for the parish during Mass. They are only for donations for Ukrainians in need. Receipts for charitable donations can be issued for those who provide their parishioner number or their full name and address on the envelope. Your financial offering is important. Please, give generously and thank you for the donations we have already received.

N.B. If you make a check, it must be made out to « St. Patrick's Parish »

"Do you think that I have come to bring peace on earth?"

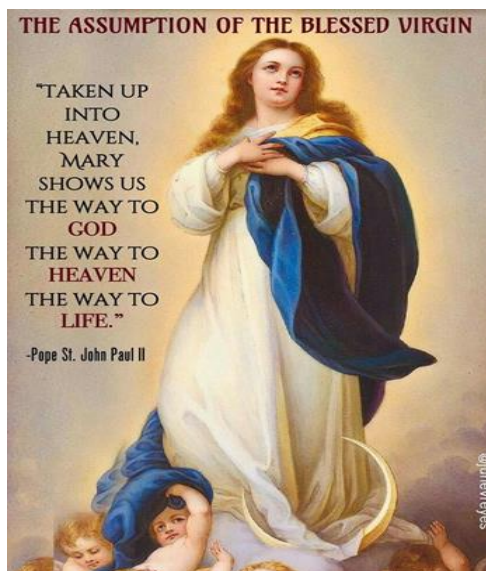
Today, -from Jesus' very lips- we can hear the frightening avowal: "I have come to bring fire upon the earth" (Lk 12:49); "Do you think that I have come to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you" (Lk 12:51). Being faithful to God entails division. For truth is opposed to lies and deception; the spirit of charity is the opposite of a selfish spirit; justice is the opposite of injustice...

In the world -and inside us- there is a mixture of good and bad; and we must take sides, must take an option, while being conscious that faithfulness is "uncomfortable". It seems far easier to compromise, but it is certainly far less evangelical.

We would like to have "the Gospels" and "a Jesus" tailored to measure and going by our individual taste and passions. But we must convince ourselves that Christian life is not just a simple "routine", a matter of "just keep going", without a constant desire for improvement and perfection. Benedict XVI maintains that "Jesus Christ is not just a private conviction or an abstract idea, but a real person, who's becoming part of human history is capable of renewing the life of every man and woman."

The supreme model is Jesus (we must "stare at Him fixedly," especially when in trouble or if persecuted). He voluntarily accepted the ordeal of the Cross in order to restore our freedom and recuperate our happiness: "In his crucified flesh, God's freedom and our human freedom met definitively in an inviolable, eternally valid pact" (Benedict XVI). If we get our mind stay put on Jesus we shall never lose heart. His sacrifice represents the contrary to the spiritual lack of enthusiasm, which so often engulfs us.

Loyalty requires courage and ascetical fight. Sin and evil are constantly tempting us, and this is why a courageous fight and effort along with our participation in the Passion of Jesus Christ are a peremptory requirement. Hating sin is not easy. The kingdom of Heaven demands efforts, fight and violence upon us, and the violent take it by force (cf. Mt 11:12).



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