

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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The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 21st, 2022

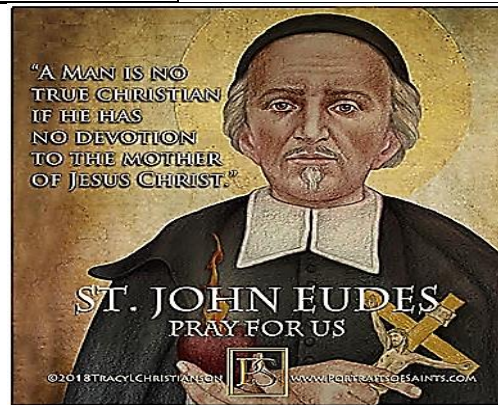
In today's parable, the image of the door is replaced in the final verses of the parable with the image of the heavenly banquet. Two passages from the Book of Isaiah influence the conclusion. Isaiah 43:5-6 speaks of God bringing Israel's descendants back from the east and from the west, the north and the south. And Isaiah 25:6 speaks of the Lord providing a feast of rich foods and choice wines for all peoples on his holy mountain. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.



Jesus said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able." (Luke 13.22-30)

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The collection total for last week's Masses is \$720.55. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
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 st 10:00 am	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Rosemary Corrigan Bowles (Ann. Mass)	
Monday	August 22 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	August 23 ^d 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)		
Wednesday	August 24 th 11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	August 25 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	August 26 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	August 27 th 4:00 pm	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Monique O'Connor	Teresa Dubois
Sunday	August 28 th 10:00 am	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jeannette & Jean-Yves Boulanger	Diane Pleasance

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.

Filipino Community Mass

Next Saturday on August 27 at 7:00 pm, we will have a Mass organised by the Filipino Community. All are welcome.

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 »


"Lord, will only a few people be saved?"

Today, the Gospel raises the theme of the salvation of our souls. This is the essence of Christ's message and the "supreme law of the Church" (in fact, this is stated this way in our Code of Canon Law). The salvation of the soul is a fact insofar as it is a gift from God, but for those of us that have not yet crossed the threshold of death, salvation is still only a possibility. Will you be saved or will you be condemned? That is, will you accept or will you reject God's everlasting offer of love?

St. Augustine said "...he who destroyed in himself a good which might have been eternal, became worthy of eternal evil." We have only two possibilities in our life: either God or nothing, for without God nothing has any meaning. In this sense, when one does not partake in the essence of God, life, death, joy, pain, love, etc., are just concepts without any logic. When a person sins, he or she avoids the Creator's glance to center it upon himself. God is constantly looking at the sinner with love, and in order not to force his freedom He expects a minimum gesture of been willing to get back to him.

"Lord, will only a few people be saved?" (Lk 13:23). Christ does not respond to this question. Therefore, it remained unanswered, just as it is today, for "this is a mystery, truly inscrutable, which embraces the holiness of God and the conscience of man. The silence of the Church is, therefore, the only appropriate position for the Christian faith" (Saint John Paul II). The Church does not state any opinion about those who dwell in hell, but —based on Christ's words— it does state an opinion about its existence and the fact there will be many damned in the Final Judgment. And whoever denies this, whether clerical or lay thereby denies a truth of our faith.

We are free to turn our soul towards the Savior, and we are also free to be obstinate in our refusal to do so. Our death will seal our decision forever...



The Memorare
By St Bernard
(1090-1153) "Doctor of Light"
REMEMBER,
O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known
that anyone who fled
to thy protection,
implored thy help,
or sought thy intercession
was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence,
I fly unto thee,
O Virgin of virgins,
my Mother;
to thee do I come,
before thee I stand,
sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions
but in thy mercy
hear and answer me.
Amen.

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