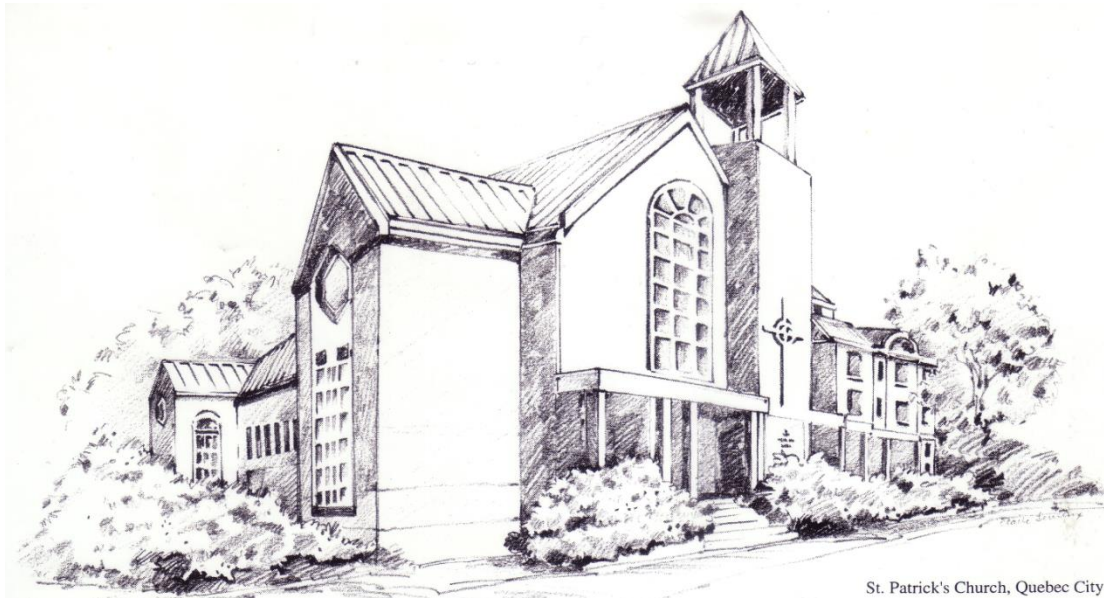


# St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

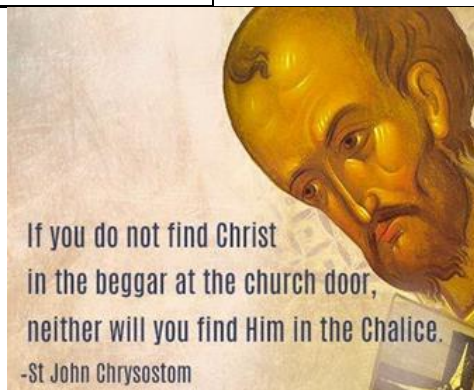
Today's reading finish with The Parable of the Prodigal Son. Just as in The Lost Sheep and The Lost Coin, this story (found only in Luke) is really about the seeker. The loving father is at the center of this parable. Even though his son runs off with his father's inheritance and squanders the money, the father waits for him, hoping for his return. Upon his son's return, the father, "full of compassion," runs out to embrace and forgive him before the son can utter one word of repentance. The father's response teaches us that God's care and compassion extend to the righteous and sinner alike. When we are lost, God doesn't wait for our return. He actively seeks us out.



But the Father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' (Luke 15.1-32)

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	<b>Confessions:</b> They are heard before Mass upon request.



The collection total for last week's Masses is \$495.10. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	September 10 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Michael Corrigan (Anniv. Mass)	
Sunday	September 11 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Francis Haberlin (Anniv. Mass) Deceased parishioners in St. Patrick's Cemetery  Wilson Price	Ron Charest  Hélène Villeneuve
Monday	September 12 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday	September 13 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Marguerita Delaney	Diana Goodyear
Wednesday	September 14 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am		<b>Pro Populo</b> Jean-Sébastien Beaupré Savard	Marie-France Robitaille
Thursday	September 15 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday	September 16 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday	September 17 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	The O'Donnell McCauley Families	Constance O'Donnell
Sunday	September 11 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time		

### Fall-Fest September 24<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup>, it will be the Fall Fest at Saint-Vincent Elementary School. Richard Drouin, our lay pastoral assistant, will be there with volunteers to represent our parish.

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

Our newsletter and a copy of a recent article printed in The Chronicle Telegraph are available in the atrium. We hope to restart our CWL card shop soon during coffee after Sunday Mass. Handmade crafts donated to sell will be appreciated. Call Christie at 418-573-5648 or email [capgrad1983@gmail.com](mailto:capgrad1983@gmail.com) for prayer requests or to join.

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### **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 »

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### **“There will be (...) rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner”**

Today, we are to consider one of the most celebrated parables of the Gospel: the parable of the prodigal son, who, while realizing the gravity of his offense to his father, goes back to him and is received with immense joy.

To see the circumstances driving Jesus Christ to disclose this parable, we can move up to the beginning of this Gospel. According to the Scripture, “Tax collectors and sinners were seeking the company of Jesus, all of them eager to hear what He had to say” (Lk 15:1), and this made Pharisees and scribes frown and mutter: «This man welcomes sinners and eats with them» (Lk 15:2). They thought the Lord was not to share his time and his friendship with persons of such dubious lives. They could not care less about those who, far from God, needed to be converted.

But, while this parable proves that nobody is meant to be lost for God, and encourages sinners by fostering their self-assurance and by showing them his goodness, it also includes a very important lesson for those who, apparently, do not feel the need of a spiritual rebirth: so, let us not decide that someone is “wicked” or do away with anyone; rather, let us always behave generously as a father accepting his lost son. The elder son's distrust, pointed out at the end of the parable, coincides with the initial malicious gossip of the Pharisees.

In this parable, not only is invited he who most certainly needs conversion, but also who thinks he does not need it. Its beneficiaries are not only publicans and sinners, but also the Pharisees and scribes; not only those who decidedly live by turning their back to God, but, maybe, all of us, who, having been blessed by him, in spite of everything, conform ourselves to what little we give him in exchange, and skimp our generosity either with him or with our fellow men. At the Vatican Council II we are told that by presenting us to the mystery of God's love, we have been called to establish a personal relationship with him, to set out on a spiritual path that will change us from the old man we are into the new perfect man after Christ.

The conversion we may need could perhaps be less noisy, but more radical and deep, and more constant and preserved: God is asking us to convert ourselves to love.

### **Prayers for the Deceased**

On Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, during the regular Sunday Mass at 10 AM, we will pray for all the deceased who were buried at Saint-Patrick's Cemetery during 2021 and 2022. After Mass, you are all invited to go to the cemetery. Our pastoral assistant will give you a prayer and you will be invited to go to your loved ones grave to pray for those who passed away in 2021 and 2022 as well as for others who have passed away over the years.

Coffee and a light meal will be served by CWL members at the cemetery. Father Réjean Lussier.



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