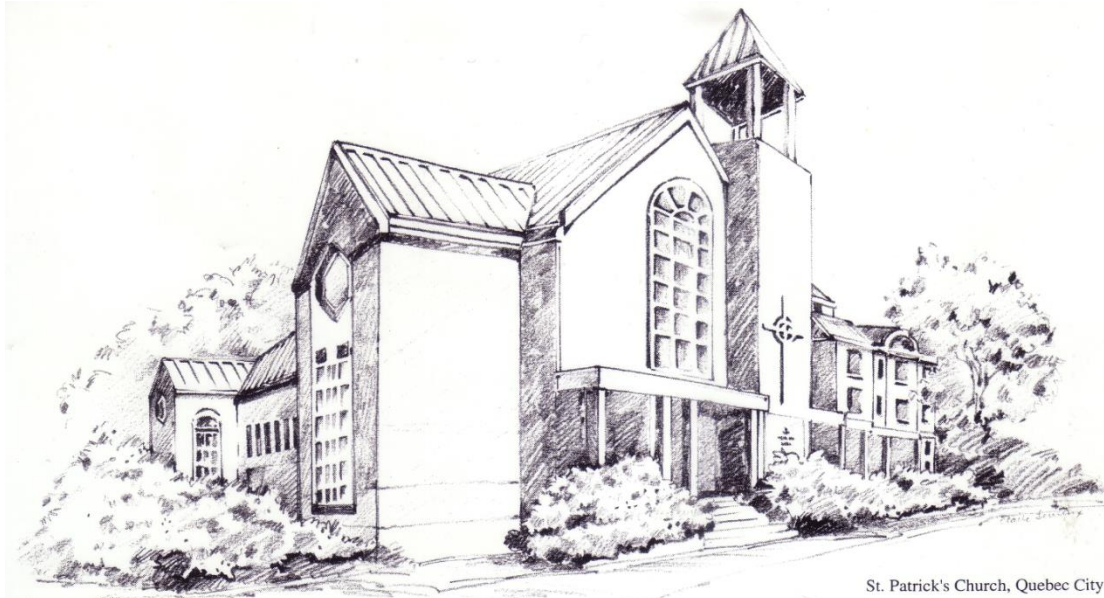


St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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.

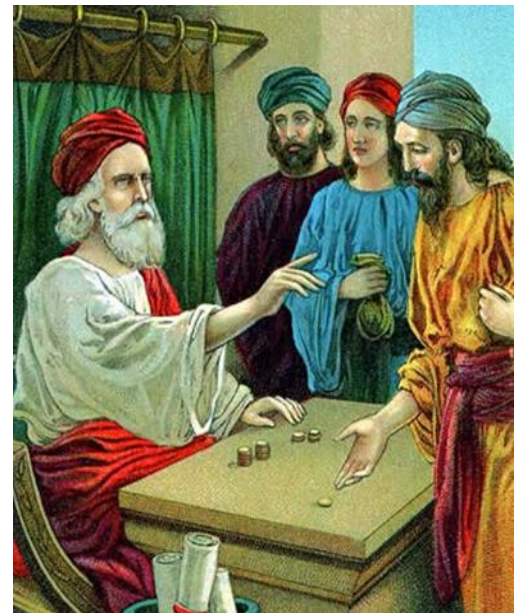
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The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 18th, 2022

In today's Gospel we see three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God. Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.



"No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth" (Luke 16.1-13)

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World Day of Migrants and Refugees

The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for them as they face many challenges; and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

Every year the WDMR is the last Sunday of September; in 2022 it will be celebrated on **25 September**. As the title for his annual message, the Holy Father has chosen *“Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees”*. You can read the message from the Pope on internet.



The collection total for last week's Masses is \$482.50. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	September 17 th 4:00 pm	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	The O'Donnell McCauley Families	Constance O'Donnell
Sunday	September 18 th 10:00 am	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Monday	September 19 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	September 20 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)		
Wednesday	September 21 st 11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	September 22 nd		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	September 23 rd		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	September 24 th 4:00 pm	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mary O'Farrell	O'Farrell Family
Sunday	September 25 ^h 10:00 am	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		

Fall-Fest September 24th

On Saturday September 24th, 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.

Collection for the Bishops of Canada next Sunday on September 25th

Each year the Bishops of Canada appeal for financial assistance to help different dioceses of Canada.

Thank you for your generosity

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

Our summer newsletter and copies of a CWL article printed in The Chronicle Telegraph will be available in the atrium this week. We will also restart our CWL card shop after Mass on the first Sunday in October. Handmade crafts donated to sell will be appreciated. Lastly, there will be a special Rosary said on Saturday October 15th at 3pm in support of the Canada Needs Our Lady campaign. Please join us and our Pastoral Assistant in prayer. As always, call Christie at 418-573-5648 or email capgrad1983@gmail.com for prayer requests or to join

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 »

"You cannot give yourself both to God and to Money"

Today, the Gospel introduces us to the figure of the unfaithful steward: a man rendering a fraudulent service to his master. He is just a simple steward, but behaves as his master. We must bear in mind:

- 1) Material goods are actually necessary and good, because they come from God's hands. Consequently, we have to prize them.
- 2) But we cannot "worship" them as if they were God and the ultimate meaning or purpose to our existence; we have to be open-handed. Riches are meant for us to better serve God and men, our brothers; not to expel God from our heart and our deeds: «You cannot give yourself both to God and to Money» (Lk 16:13).
- 3) We are not owners, but simple stewards; therefore, not only are we supposed to be trustworthy with whatever we administer, but we are also to make it yield to the best of our possibilities. The parable of the talents shows it quite clearly (cf. Mt 25:14-30).
- 4) Do not let greed drag us along; we have to practice liberality, which is a virtue we should all have, whether rich or poor, each one depending upon his circumstances. We have to give others!

What if I have enough for my own expenses? Yes, you must also try to increase your wealth to be able to give more (parish, diocese, Caritas, apostolate). Remember St. Ambrose's words: «It is not part of your worldly goods what you give to the poor; what you are giving them is already theirs. Because you have appropriated what has been given for the fruition of all. Land belongs to all, not only to the rich».

Are you so selfish that you only think of amassing material goods, even if it is as the Gospel's steward did, by lying, stealing, by being stingy, hard-hearted and indifferent to others' needs? Do you ever ponder over St. Paul's words? «God loves a cheerful giver» (2Cor 9:7). Be generous!

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.

Filipino Community Mass

Next Saturday on September 24th at 7:00 pm, we will have a Mass organised by the Filipino Community. All are welcome.

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