

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

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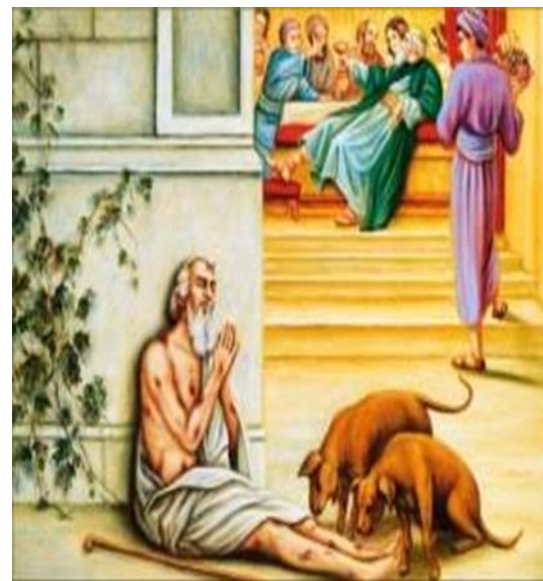
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 25th, 2022

In today's parable, we see the importance of the care of the poor in the life of discipleship. Jesus contrasts the life of a rich man and the poor man, Lazarus, who lives in the shadow of the rich man and his wealth. This parable is a response from Jesus to some Pharisees. These Pharisees are described in the Gospel as "loving money." Jesus observed that the actions of some Pharisees betrayed misplaced priorities: they spoke one way but acted another. The story of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance of the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.



"The man who had been rich said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send Lazarus to my father's house – for I have five brothers – that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; they should listen to them.'"

(Luke 16.19-31)

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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 **September 25**. 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 the internet.



The collection total for last week's Masses and Funeral was \$895.25. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
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		
Monday	September 26 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	September 27 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)		
Wednesday	September 28 th 11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	September 29 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	September 30 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	October 1 st 4:00 pm	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Michelle Girardeau Murray	Maureen Martineau
Sunday	October 2 nd 10:00 am	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Donald Neatt	Steve & Helen Kack

Collection for the Bishops of Canada this Sunday

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

Thank you for your generosity.

Coffee and Sweets after Sunday Mass

Please join us downstairs in the McMahon Hall after Sunday mass for coffee and sweets. Feel free to bring a plate of sweets to add to the table if you like! All are welcome!

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

We are looking forward to restarting our CWL card shop after Mass on the first Sunday in October. Handmade crafts donated to sell will be appreciated. There will be a special Rosary said on Saturday October 15th at 3pm in support of the Canada Needs Our Lady campaign. All parishioners are invited to join members of the CWL and our Pastoral Assistant Richard Drouin in prayer. Please call Christie at 418-573-5648 or email capgrad1983@gmail.com for prayer requests or to join. We are 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 cheque, it must be made out to « St. Patrick's Parish »

Funeral Announcement

We celebrated the funerals of André Bouchard and Tara Lotinville last week in our church.
Our sincere condolences to the family and friends.

“Now he is in comfort and you are in agony.”

Today, Jesus confronts us with the social iniquity direct consequence of the growing inequality between rich and poor. As if belonging to one of these awful scenes we are used to watch on TV, the Lazarus' yarn hits us, and achieves the sensationalist effect to prompt our emotions: «Even dogs used to come and lick his sores» (Lk 16:21). The difference is obvious: the rich man was dressing in purple and fine linen clothes, while the sores covering him were the poor man's only dress.

But the situation is balanced when both die. And, it is now when the difference is reversed: one takes his place with Abraham; while the other, is simple inhumed. If we had never heard this story before and we would like to apply the values of our present society, we might reason out that who reached into Heaven was the rich man and the poor one, logically, buried in the sepulchre.

Abraham, the Father of the Faith, pronounces the sentence spelling the final outcome: «My son, remember that in your lifetime you were well off while the lot of Lazarus was misfortune. Now he is in comfort and you are in agony» (Lk 16:25). God's justice changes the situation altogether. God does not allow the poor man to remain forever in anguish, hunger and misery.

This message has moved millions of rich men's hearts and have converted large crowds through history; but, what kind of message will be needed in our over-developed, hyper-communicated, globalized world to make us realize all the social injustices which we are directly responsible of, or, if nothing else, which we tolerate as accomplices? Whoever heard Jesus' message desired to rest by Abraham's side, but how many, amongst us here, will have enough by being buried when dead, without wanting to receive the consolation of our Father in Heaven? The true wealth is getting to see God, and what we need, as St. Augustine asserted, is: «Walk with the man and you will reach God». That the Lazarus of everyday help us finding God.

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