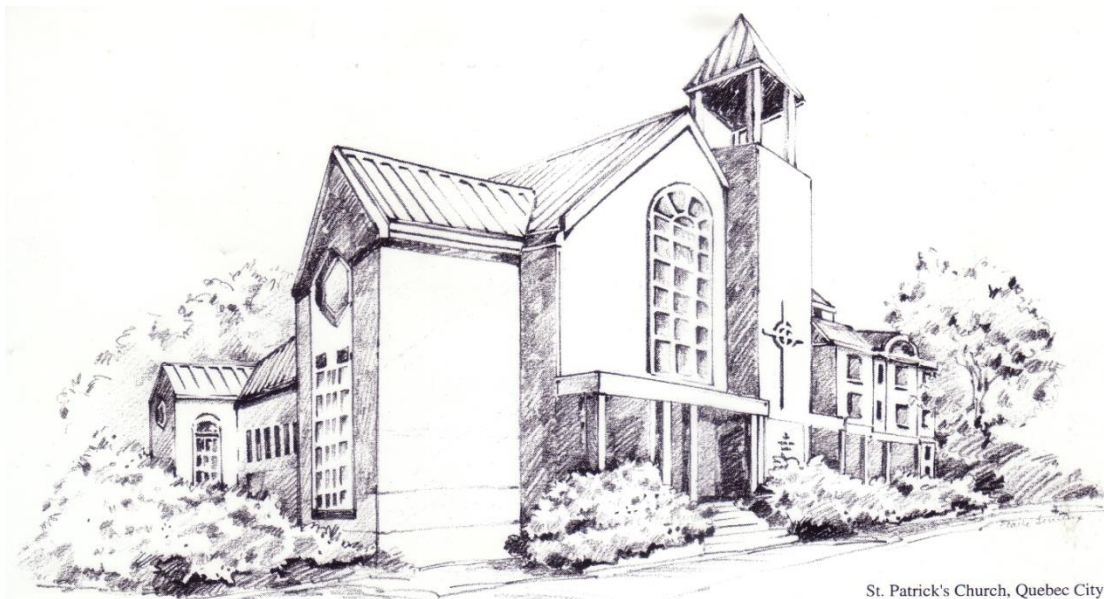


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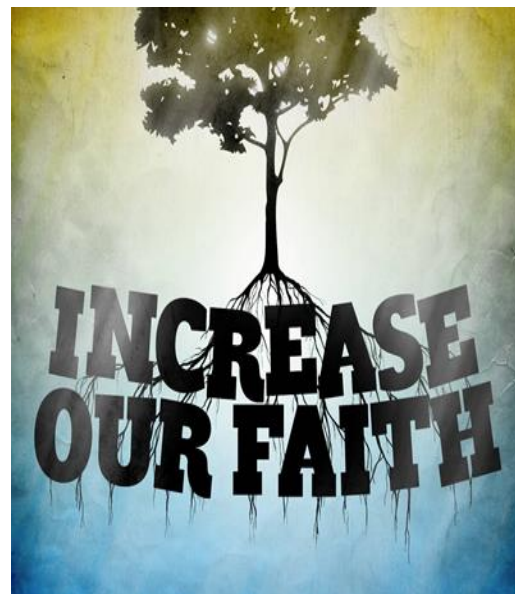
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 2nd, 2022

In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plan is God's grace to us—nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.




The Apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." (Luke 17.5-10)

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"Our Lord does not look so much at the greatness of our actions, or even at their difficulty, as at the love with which we do them."

ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX





The collection total for last week's Masses and Funeral was 1065.75\$. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
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
Monday	October 3 rd		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	October 4 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Pro Populo	
Wednesday	October 5 th 11:30 am		No Mass	No Mass
Thursday	October 6 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	October 7 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	October 8 th 4:00 pm	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	John Neil Murray (Anniv. Mass)	
Sunday	October 9 th 10:00 am	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Charlotte and Alfred Pichard Mary Lou O'Grady (Anniv. Mass)	Helen Pichard

Coffee and Sweets after Sunday Mass (WILL BEGIN OCT 9th)

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

Please visit our CWL card shop after Mass on Sundays in the hall during our coffee hour. Handmade crafts donated to sell will be appreciated. All proceeds benefit our charitable works. There will be a special Rosary said on Saturday October 15th at 3 pm in support of the Canada Needs Our Lady campaign. All parishioners are invited to join us and our Pastoral Assistant Richard Drouin in prayer. Contact our council president Christie Mitchell at 418-573-5648 or email capgrad1983@gmail.com to join or for prayer requests.

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 »

“We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.”

Today, Christ's message is once more about service. The Gospel is always insisting upon the spirit of service. And it helps to see how the Word of God Incarnate —Yahweh's, Isaiah's servant— “emptied himself, taking the form of a slave” (Phil 2:7). Christ also said: “I am among you as the one who serves” (Lk 22:27), “as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Mt 20:28). Jesus' example was clearly apparent when He washed his disciples' feet, thus accomplishing a servant's task. With that gesture He wanted to make quite evident that his followers were to serve, help and love each other, as brothers and servants to all, just as He proposes in the parable of the Good Samaritan.

We have to live all our Christian life with that sense of service and without believing we are doing anything extraordinary. All our family, professional and social life —in the political, economic world, etc. — has to be imbued with this spirit. “If you want to be useful, serve,” asserted St. Josemaría Escrivá; he wanted us to understand that “to be useful” we have to live a life of generous service without seeking honours, human glory or applause.

In the old days it was usual to call the “*nolentes quaerimus*”—“amongst our rulers let us look for those who do not desire power; those who do not want to show off”— when it was time to nominate someone for the Hierarchy. To this day, this must be the purpose of the good pastors, ready to serve the Church, as the Church wants to be served: to assume the condition of servants as Christ did. Let us remember the well-known words by St. Augustine stating how the ecclesial function has to be exerted: “*Non tam praeesse quam prodesse*”: “It is not so much to dominate as to be of use; not for one's own prestige but for the utility of others.”

Angel of God
my guardian dear
to whom God's love
commits me here.
Ever this day
be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide.

Amen


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