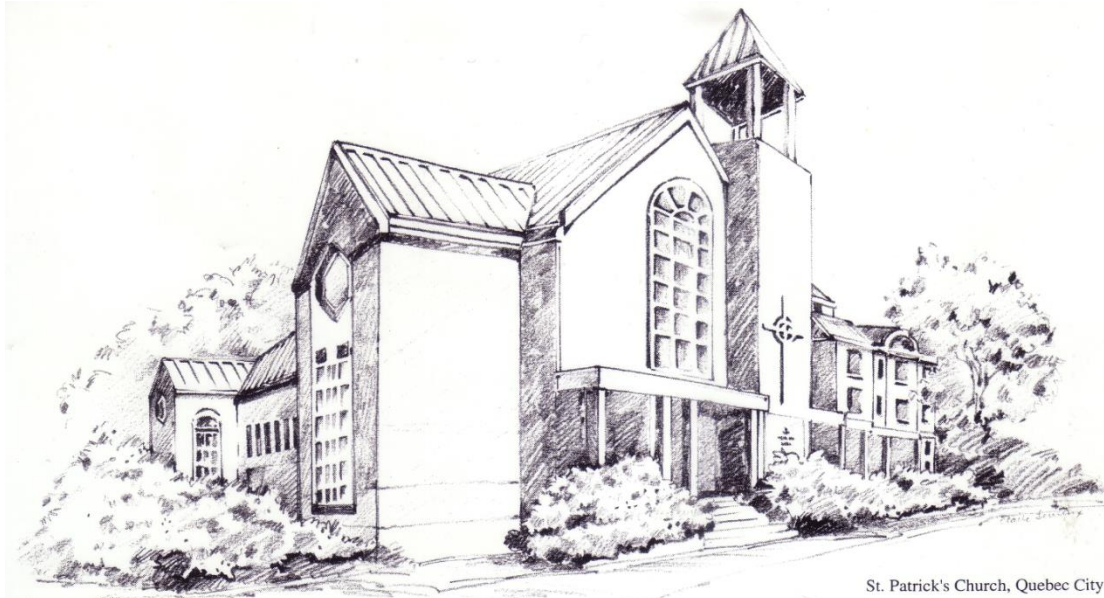


# St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

## Mission Statement

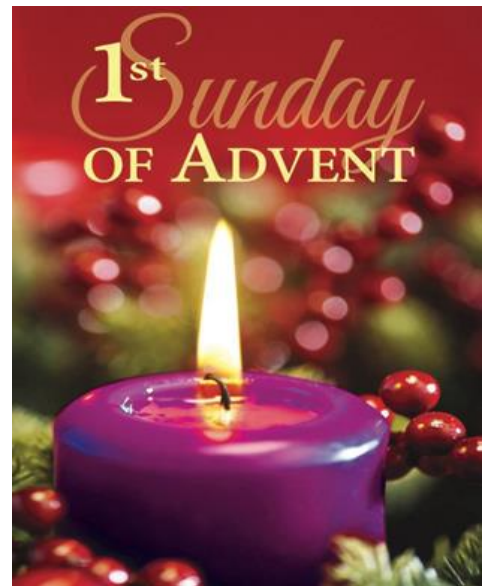
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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**1st Sunday of Advent, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that the coming of the Son of Man will catch many people unprepared. Jesus tells his disciples that they are to always be ready for the day of the Lord. As Christians, we know that our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant.



"Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into." (Matthew 24.37-44)

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	<b>Marriage:</b> Please contact the Pastor.
	<b>Confessions:</b> They are heard before Mass upon request.

### MASS SCHEDULE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas Eve Masses on Saturday, December 24th: 4:00pm and 8:00pm

Christmas Day Mass on Sunday, December 25th: 10:00am

New Year's Eve Mass on Saturday, December 31st: 4:00pm ---

New Year's Day Mass on Sunday, January 1st: 10:00am



The collection total for last week's Masses and Funeral was \$893.65. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	November 26 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	1st Sunday of Advent	Mary Johnston Thomas Saville, Gertrude Dionne & Tom D. Saville	Patrick, Steve & Alain Louise & Susan
Sunday	November 27 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	1st Sunday of Advent	William Donnelly	Bob & Mamie Stewart
Monday	November 28 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday	November 29 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Blanche Corcoran	Louise Denis
Wednesday	November 30 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am		David Cannon <i>Pro Populo</i>	Daniel Witham
Thursday	December 1 <sup>st</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday	November 2 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday	November 3 <sup>rd</sup> 4:00 pm	2nd Sunday of Advent	Mary Johnston Christine Delaney	Patrick, Steve & Alain Robert Delaney
Sunday	November 4 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	2nd Sunday of Advent	David Cannon Christine Delaney	Bob & Mamie Stewart Bob Delaney & family

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

Our annual Wine Basket and Christmas Lamp raffles will be starting soon. Watch for our ticket table Sundays after Mass. Please stop by our CWL gift and card table while enjoying a coffee in the church hall. Handcrafted and other donated gift items appreciated. **NEW Raffle:** We will be holding a **raffle for a children's Nativity play** set! A great way to celebrate with your family. All funds collected go towards our charitable works.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

If you would like to go to confession and receive absolution from a Priest, next week Father Michel Grenier will be available. On Saturday, December 10th, he will be available starting at 3:15pm. Also, Father Grenier will be available on Sunday, December 11th, beginning at 9:15am. Your pastor is also available anytime you wish.

### **Donations for Ukrainians in Need**

There is 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. Receipts for charitable donations can be issued for those who provide their parishioner number or their full name and address on the envelope. 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 »

### **Friends in Faith Discussion Group**

Welcome! The Pastoral Committee invites you to join the Friends in Faith Discussion Group on November 30th. Come explore our inspiring theme: Living a Daily Relationship with Jesus. Participants are encouraged to attend 11:30 mass, bring their lunch then enjoy discussing from 12:40-1:45. Please contact Marie White at 418-254-0510 or Felice Burrascano at 438-995-7207 to let us know that you would like to attend.

### **Community Christmas Hamper Campaign (Collection next week!)**

Thanks to your thoughtful generosity, families in need receive food at Christmas. To make a donation this year, please make out your cheque to St. Patrick's Church and at the bottom write: Community Christmas Hamper Campaign in order to receive a tax receipt. You may drop your cheque or money off at the rectory in the letter box. There will also be a special collection during the masses on **December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your generosity.

**“In those days before the Flood, people were eating and drinking (...). Stay awake, be alert.”**

This Sunday, when we are just entering the time of Advent, we are also starting a new liturgical year. We can use this status as an invitation to refurbish some aspects of our life (spiritual, family, etc.).

In fact, we need to live our life, day by day, with new rhythm and hopes. Thus, we can move the danger of routine and boredom further away. This feeling of permanent renewal is the best way to be alert. Yes, we must be on the alert! It is one of our Lord's messages that He transmits in the words of today's Gospel.

In the first place, we need to be alert because the reason of our mortal life is the preparation for eternal life. This time of preparation is a gift and a grace from God: He does not want to impose upon us neither his love nor heaven; He wants us free (which is the only way to love). A preparation that we do not know when it will end: “We announce Christ's advent, and not only one, but also another one, the second one (...), because this present world must eventually terminate” (St. Cyril of Jerusalem). We must, therefore, struggle to keep a hopeful attitude of renewal.

In second place, we must be alert because routine and adjustment are not really congenial with love. In today's Gospel the Lord reminds us how in the time of Noah “people were eating and drinking” and “Yet they did not know what would happen until the flood came and swept them away” (Mt 24:38-39). They were “busy in other things” and —we have already said it— our time here must be a time of “betrothal” for our freedom to ripen: the gift that has been granted to us not to get rid of the others, but for our deliverance to the others.

“As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man” (Mt 24:37). The coming of God is the great event. Let us prepare to welcome him with devotion: “Lord Jesus, Come!”

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