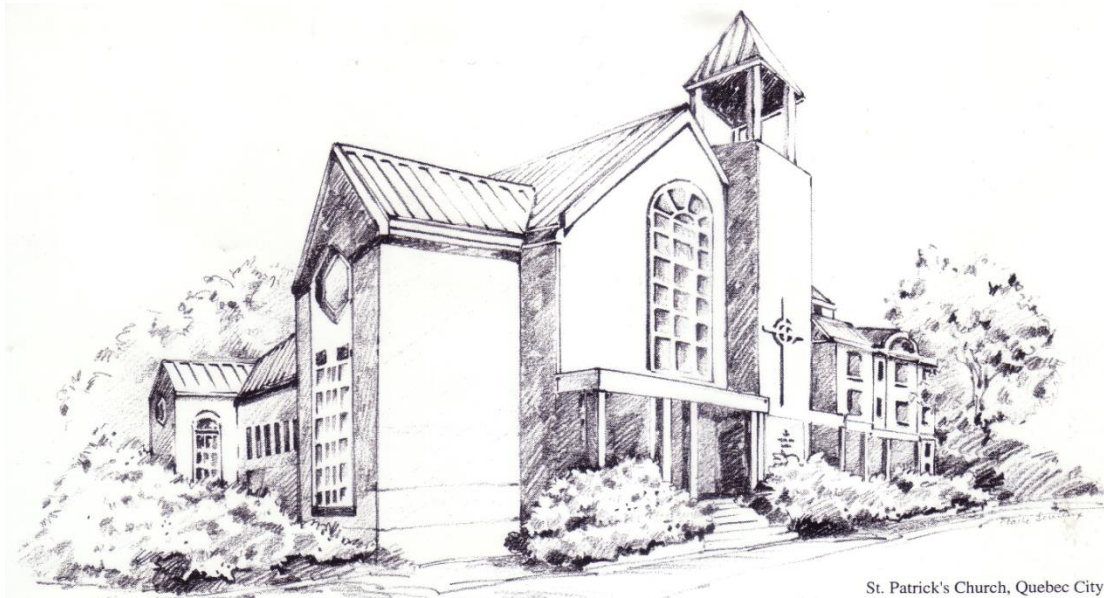


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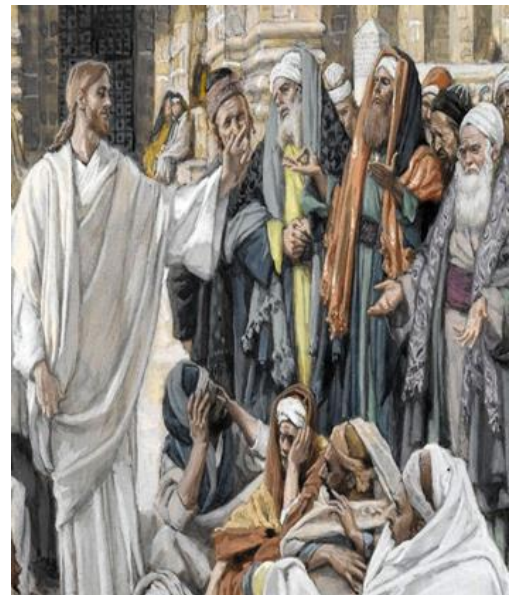
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 6th, 2022

In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducees use the example of Levirate marriage to challenge belief in the resurrection. Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to beat them. More importantly, in this discourse Jesus shows the limits of the imaginations of the Sadducees when it comes to eternal life. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imagination. Jesus' conclusion suggests not to spend time worrying about resurrected life but to focus on the relationship with God, for God is the God of the living.

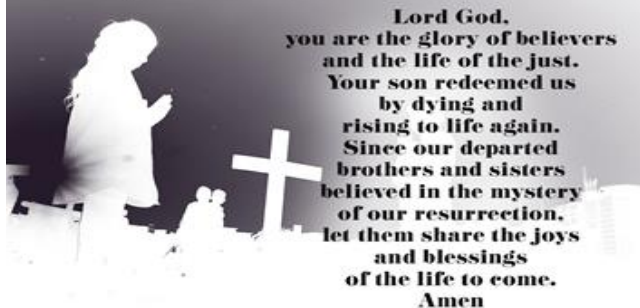


"And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the God of Abraham, God of Isaac, the God of Jacob. Now he is not the God of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive." (Luke 20.27-38)

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Prayer for All Souls



The collection total for last week's Masses was \$428.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	November 5 th 4:00 pm	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	The O'Donnell & McCauley Families	Constance O'Donnell
Sunday	November 6 th 10:00 am	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Monday	November 7 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	November 8 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)		
Wednesday	November 9 th 11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	November 10 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	November 11 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	November 12 th 4:00 pm	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Sunday	November 13 th 10:00 am	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Charlotte & Alfred Pichard	Helen Pichard

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

A Memorial Mass for members lost over the last two years will be said on Saturday, November 12th starting with tea at 2:30pm. All parishoners are invited. Please note: we will be retreating to the Spiritual Centre of the Ursuline Sisters from December 2nd to 4th. Call Marie at 418-254-0510 to book a room. Our annual gift and card table can be found in the church hall Sundays after Mass. We have cards for every occasion. Please call Christie at 418-573-5648 or email capgrad1983@gmail.com to join the CWL. We are accepting new members.

Remembrance Day Service

As Remembrance Day, November 11th, falls on a Friday this year, our annual Remembrance Day Service will be held on Sunday, November 13 beginning at 9:55 a.m. Even though it is a couple of days afterwards, you can still wear your poppy for this activity. Please join us in remembering our fallen soldiers and honoring our veterans.

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 »

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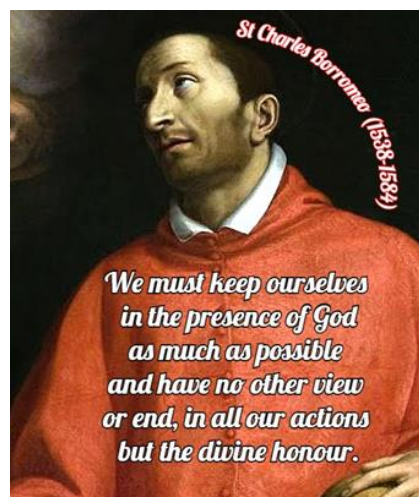
Today, Jesus makes his claim about resurrection and eternal life clear. Sadducees doubted, or even worse, they ridiculed the belief in eternal life after death, which was defended —instead— by the Pharisees and we also defend it.

The question the Sadducees asked Jesus-- “On the day of the resurrection, to which of them will the woman be wife? For the seven had her as wife?” (Lk 20:33) -- lets us catch sight of a possessive sort of juridical mindset, demanding proprietary rights over a person. Furthermore, the trap set up for Jesus raises an equivocal questioning which still exists today: imagining eternal life as an extension, after death, of the earthen existence. Heaven would, thus, consist of the transposition of the beautiful things we now enjoy.

To believe in eternal life is one thing, but to imagine what it will be like is another thing altogether. When a mystery is not surrounded by respect and discretion, it risks being trivialized by curiosity and, finally, ridiculed.

Jesus' answer has two parts. In the first one, He tries to make clear that the marriage institution has no reason to be in the other life: “for those who are considered worthy of the world to come and of resurrection from the dead, there is no more marriage.” (Lk 20:35). What does persist and reach its maximum fullness is whatever we have sowed in this world as far as authentic love, friendship, fraternity, justice and truth.

The second part of the answer leaves us with two certitudes: “For he is God of the living and not of the dead.” (Lk 20:38). To trust in this God means to realize we are meant to be alive. And being alive consists of being with Him in a continuous manner, forever. Furthermore, “and for him all are alive.” (Lk 20:38): God is the source of life. The believer, submerged in God through the Baptism, has been able to escape forever from the clutches of death. “Love becomes an accomplished fact if it is included in a love that truly provides eternity.” (Benedict XVI).



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