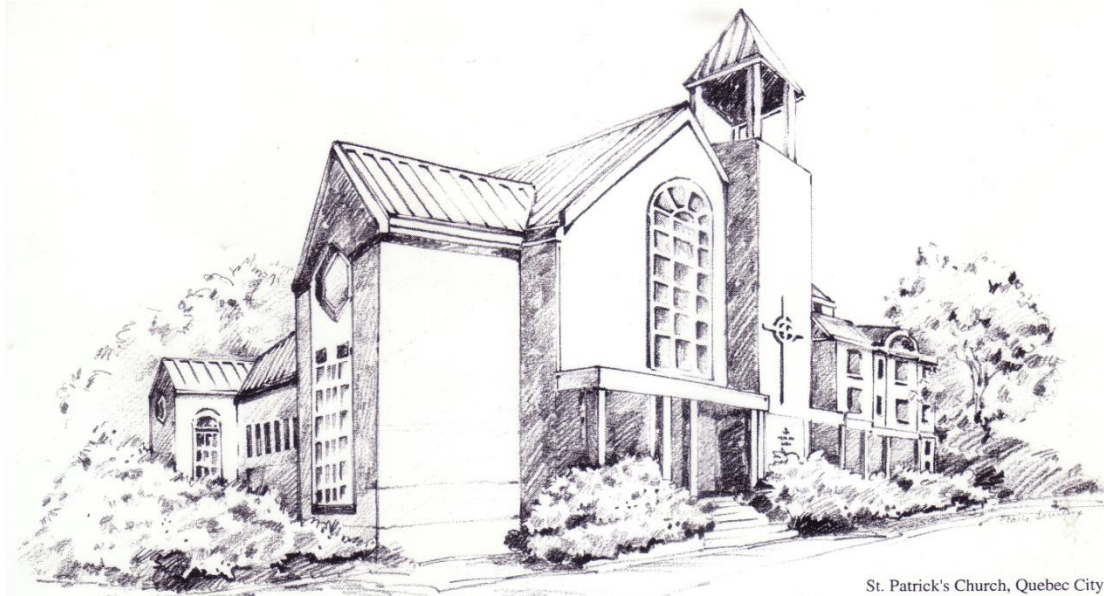


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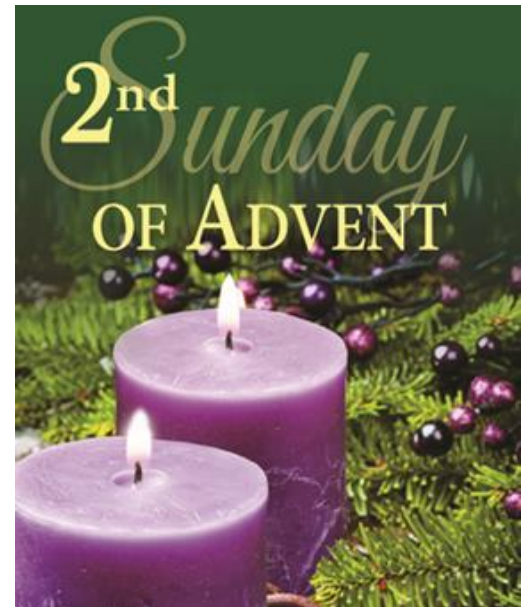
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2nd Sunday of Advent, December 4th, 2022

In this week's and next week's Gospel Reading, our Advent preparation for Christmas invites us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus in the first century, we, too, are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by our repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives, as John did, the coming of the Lord. (Loyola Press)



This is the one of whom the Prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

(Matthew 3.1-12)

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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 was \$859.70. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	December 3 rd 4:00 pm	2nd Sunday of Advent	Mary Johnston Christine Delaney Doreen Béchette	Patrick, Steve & Alain Robert Delaney Sylvain Voyer & Ann Perreault
Sunday	December 4 th 10:00 am	2nd Sunday of Advent	David Cannon Christine Delaney	Bob & Mamie Stewart Bob Delaney & family
Monday	December 5 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	December 6 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Bill Donnelly Bill Donnelly	Ann Donnelly Ron Charest
Wednesday	December 7 th 11:30 am		David Cannon Pro Populo	Daniel Witham
Thursday	December 8 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	December 9 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	December 10 th 4:00 pm	3rd Sunday of Advent	O' Donnell McCauley families Robert Wright	Constance O' Donnell Steve & Helen Kack
Sunday	December 11 th 10:00 am	3rd Sunday of Advent	M. & Mme Roméo Grimard	Richard Grimard & Jeannine Couture

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

Our annual Wine Basket and Christmas Lamp raffles are underway. Look for our ticket table Sundays after Mass. Winners will be drawn at our Christmas tea for everyone on Sunday December 18th at 11am. Please stop by our CWL gift and card table while enjoying a coffee in the church hall. Handcrafted and other donated items are appreciated. **NEW:** We will be holding a new raffle for a children's **Nativity play set!** All funds collected go towards our charitable works. Our prayers are for a joyous Advent season!

Sacrament of Reconciliation.

If you would like to go to confession and receive absolution from a Priest, next week Father Denis St-Maurice will be available. On Saturday, December 10th, he will be available starting at 3:00pm. Also, Father Michel Grenier will be available on Sunday, December 11th, beginning at 9:15am. Your pastor is also available.

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 »

Community Christmas Hamper Campaign (This 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 3rd and 4th**. Thank you for your generosity.

National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with our Indigenous People

All parishioners are invited to a Reconciliation Rosary recitation on December 13 at 11:00 to mark the National Day of Prayer in Solidarity with our Indigenous People as proposed by the Canadian College of Bishops (December 12) as part of our Catholic journey towards true reconciliation and healing. Your prayers and presence will be most appreciated.

“Let it be seen that you are serious in your conversion.”

Today, St. Matthew's Gospel presents us with John the Baptist inviting us to conversion: “The Kingdom of heaven is now at hand!” (Mt 3,2)

Many people went to him looking to be baptized and “confessing their sins” (Mt 3,6). But from the whole crowd, John fixes in on some individuals in particular, the Pharisees and the Sadducees, as much in need of conversion as they were obstinate in the denial of such a necessity. It is to them that the Baptist directs the words: “Let it be seen that you are serious in your conversion.” (Mt 3.8).

Having started Advent, a time of joyful anticipation, we find ourselves listening to John's exhortation, which wakes us to the fact that this wait is not a passive “quietism,” nor should we think that we are already saved by the mere virtue of being Christians. This anticipation, this wait, is the dynamic searching for the mercy of God, it is the conversion of the heart, and the search for the presence of the Lord who came, who comes and who will come again.

Advent, in reality, is “conversion that crosses over from the heart into action and, consequently, to the eternal life of the Christian.” (Saint John Paul II).

We should make good use of this opportune time which the Lord has given us to renovate our option for Jesus Christ, ridding ourselves of all the things that may be in our hearts and our lives that impede us from receiving him properly. The voice of the Baptist still resounds in the desert of our times: “Prepare a way for the Lord; make his paths straight.” (Mt 3.3)

Just as John was seen as a “voice crying in the wilderness,” we Christians are invited by the Lord to be voices that proclaim to our fellow man the desire for a vigilant wait: “Prepare the ways, the Saviour approaches and we come out, pilgrims, to meet the Lord. Come, Lord, set us free, come to redeem your people; purify our lives and don't delay.” (Hymn of Advent, The Liturgy of the Hours).

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