

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

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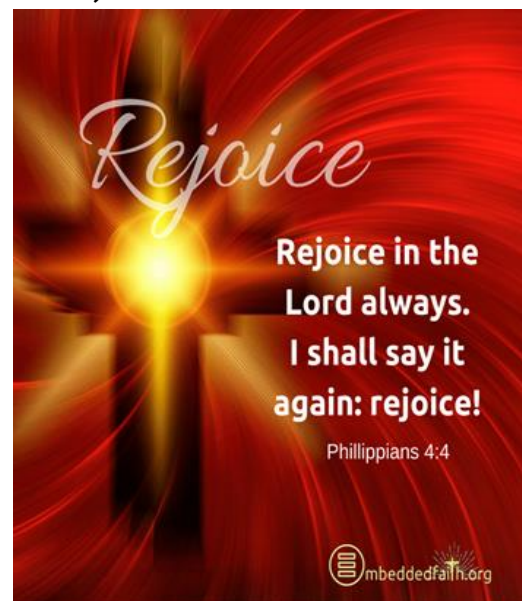
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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3rd. Sunday of Advent, December 11th, 2022

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." Today Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. (Loyola Press)



“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.” (Matthew 11.2-11)

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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 and Funeral was \$595.55. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
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 Florence Kenny Walsh	Richard Grimard & Jeannine Couture Barbara Fleury
Monday	December 12 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	December 13 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Bill Donnelly	Claude Gravel et Françoise
Wednesday	December 14 th 11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	December 15 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	December 16 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	December 17 th 4:00 pm	4th Sunday of Advent	Gerard McCauley Gerald Dundon (Anniver. Mass) Donald Neatt	Helen & family Steven Neatt
Sunday	December 18 th 10:00 am	4th Sunday of Advent	M. & Mme Conrad Couture	Richard Grimard & Jeannine Couture

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

The CWL will be saying a Reconciliation Rosary on **Tuesday, December 13th** at 11am. Please join us as we pray for **healing for Indigenous people**. Our annual Wine Basket and Christmas Lamp raffles are **underway**. Watch for our ticket table Sundays after Mass. **NEW:** We will be raffling off a children's Nativity play set this year! Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5. Winners for all of our raffles will be drawn at our Christmas **Tea** for everyone on December 18th in the church hall. Ladies: bring your favourite holiday treats to share. May God bless you and yours this Advent.

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 »

Friends in Faith Discussion Group

Welcome! The Pastoral Committee invites you to join the Friends in Faith Discussion Group on December 14th. 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.

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.

Filipino Community Mass

On Saturday, **December 17th at 7:00 pm**, we will have a Mass organised by the Filipino Community. All are welcome.

“No one greater than John the Baptist has come forward among the sons of women.”

Today, like last Sunday, the Church familiarizes us with the figure of John the Baptist. He had many disciples and a clear and well-differentiated tenet: for the Publicans, for the soldiers, for the Pharisees and Sadducees... His desire was to prepare the Messiah's public life. First, he sent John and Andrew; today, he sends others so they can know Him too. They ask him: “Are you the one who is to come or should we expect someone else?” (Mt 11:3). John certainly knew who Jesus was. He himself bears witness to that: “And I had no knowledge who He was, but He who sent me to give baptism with water said to me, ‘The one on whom you see the Spirit coming down and resting, it is he who gives baptism with the Holy Spirit.’” (Jn 1:33). And Jesus responds with facts: the blind see, the lame walk...

John had a firm disposition about his way of life and about sticking to the Truth, which, eventually, brought imprisonment and martyrdom to him. Even in his prison he expeditiously speaks to Herod. John teaches us how to combine a firm character with meekness: “The one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” (Jn 1:27); “He must become greater; I must become less.” (Jn 3:30); he exults in the fact that Jesus baptizes more disciples than he does, as he considers himself only as “the friend who attends the bridegroom.” (cf. Jn 3:29).

In short, John teaches us to seriously consider our mission on earth, to be tenacious Christians knowing how to behave as sons of God. We should be asking ourselves: How did Mary and Joseph prepare themselves for Jesus Christ's birth? How did John prepare Jesus' teachings? How do we prepare ourselves to commemorate it and for the second advent of our Lord at the end of time? As Cyril of Jerusalem said: “We preach not one advent only of Christ, but a second also, far more glorious than the former. For the former gave a view of His patience; but the latter brings with it the crown of a Divine Kingdom.”

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