

# St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

## Mission Statement

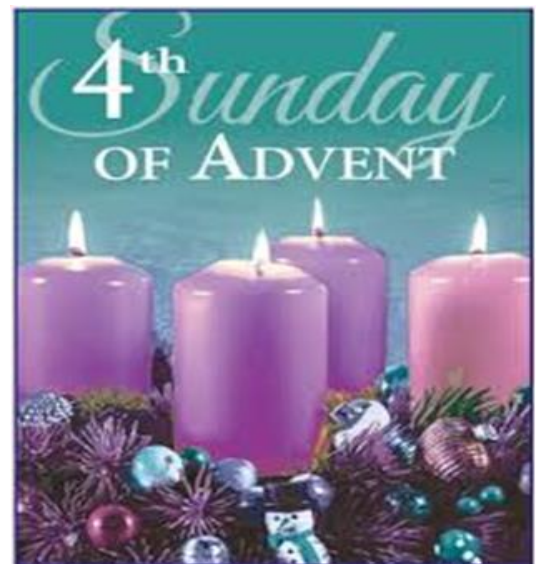
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

In today's Gospel, the message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: "... The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]." Joseph does as the angel of the Lord direct and takes Mary as his wife. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God. (Loyola Press)



"When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the Angel of the Lord commanded him: he took her as his wife."  
(Matthew 1.18-24)

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	<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 was \$829.45. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	December 17 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	4th Sunday of Advent	Gerard McCauley Gerald Dundon (Anniver. Mass) Donald Neatt	Helen & family  Steven Neatt
Sunday	December 18 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	4th Sunday of Advent	M. & Mme Conrad Couture Florence Kenny Walsh	Richard Grimard & Jeannine Couture Raymond Fleury
Monday	December 19 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday	December 20 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	David Cannon	Daniel Witham
Wednesday	December 21 <sup>st</sup> 11:30 am		<b>Pro Populo</b>	
Thursday	December 22 <sup>nd</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday	December 23 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday	December 24 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm 8:00 pm	Nativity of the Lord	Charles Pleasance Family	Diane Pleasance
Sunday	December 25 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	Nativity of the Lord	Edward & Jemina Louise Walsh	Ellen Walsh

### **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 »

### **News from the Catholic Women's League and Raffle draw**

Ladies and gentlemen step right up! Sunday December 18th is your last chance to purchase tickets for any or all of our three raffles. Tickets are \$2 each or three for \$5 and winners will be announced that day at noon during our Christmas Tea in the church hall. **Also this Sunday, we look forward to seeing you there to enjoy delicious soup and holiday treats! Donations accepted.**

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is an empowering organization with an invitation to all women to join. Thank you for being part of our journey. We wish you Hope, Peace & Preparation, Joy and Love this Christmas season.

### **The New Statue in the Church**

A new statue was bought by the Filipino Community, the statue represents Saint Pedro Calungsod (c. 1654 - April 2, 1672) who is a Filipino Roman Catholic martyr who was killed while doing missionary work in Guam in 1672. He was beatified on March 5, 2000, by Pope John Paul II. As a skilled sacristan and teacher of catechism, he was a companion of Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores to the Marianas Islands. Through their efforts, many received the sacraments especially that of baptism. A plot to kill Pedro and San Vitores started when a certain Choco, a Chinese who gained influence over the Macanans of Marianas Island, circulated false accusations that the missionaries were spreading poison through the ritual of the pouring of water (i.e. baptism), and through the ritual of Catholic Masses. Calungsod and Diego San Vitores were both murdered after baptizing an infant and mother who converted to the Roman Catholic faith.

### **“When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had told him.”**

Today, the liturgy of the Word invites us to consider and admire St. Joseph's figure, a truly good man. About Mary, God's Mother, it has been said that she was blessed among women (cf. Lk 1:42). About Joseph it has been written he was a just man (cf. Mt 1:19).

As people made after God's image and semblance, we all owe our individual identity to God the Father, Creator of Heaven and Earth, with actual and radical freedom. And as a response to that freedom we can glorify God, as He deserves, or we can also make, out of ourselves, something quite unpleasant to God's eyes.

We have no doubt that Joseph, through his job and personal commitment to his family and social surroundings, won our Creator's “Heart,” by considering him a man to be trusted in the collaboration of human Redemption through his Son, made man as we are.

Let us therefore learn from St. Joseph his allegiance —already proven from the very beginning— and his good behavior during the rest of his life —closely— correlated to Jesus and Mary.

We make him patron and mediator of all fathers, whether biological or not, that in our world must help their sons to provide a similar response to his. We make him patron of the Church, as an entity intimately linked to his Son, and we keep on hearing Mary's words when she finds that the Child Jesus was “lost” in the Temple: “Your father and I...” (Lk 2:48).

Therefore, with Mary, our Mother, we find Joseph as the father. St. Teresa of Avila wrote: “I took for my advocate and comforter the glorious Saint Joseph, and commended myself fervently to him (...). I do not remember at any time having asked him for anything which he did not grant.”

Exceptional father for those of us who have heard the call of our Lord to fill up, through the priestly ministry, the place Jesus Christ has handed over to us to carry on with his Church. —O glorious St. Joseph! do protect our families, our communities, all those hearing the call to vocational priesthood... and let us hope there will be many of us.

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