

# St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

## Mission Statement

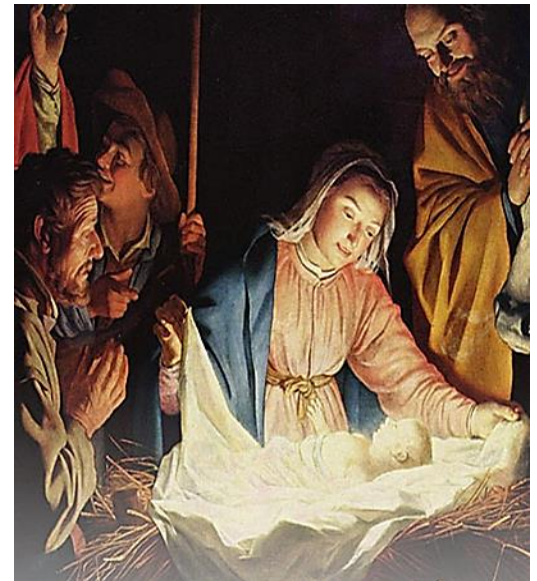
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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**Nativity of the Lord, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

The story of Jesus' birth begins with reference to Caesar Augustus and concludes with the shepherds, people looked down on by most of society, visiting the infant. As the angels return to heaven, the shepherds decide to go see the "Savior, who is Christ" who was born in Bethlehem. Their visit confirms everything the angels had told them. They then spoke publicly about all they had seen, to the great astonishment of all who heard. This account does not focus on Jesus because Luke's concern is that God's action of sending a savior be publicly proclaimed... (Loyola Press)



"But the Angel said to them, 'do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Christ, the Lord.'"

(Luke 2.1-16)

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	<b>Confessions:</b> They are heard before Mass upon request.

### MASS SCHEDULE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

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 \$789.70. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
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
Monday	December 26 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday	December 27 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Wednesday	December 28 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Thursday	December 29 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday	December 30 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday	December 31 <sup>st</sup> 4:00 pm	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Charlotte & Alfred Pichard	Helen Pichard
Sunday	January 1 <sup>st</sup> 10:00 am	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	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 of St. Patrick's Parish**

Joyous Christmas! Deep Gratitude to all who supported our Christmas Tea and raffles last week! Please mark your calendar for our AGM, coming up Saturday, January 21st from 2:00-3:30 PM. Membership dues of \$25 are being collected and are due by February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

**“For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.”**

Today, the **Saviour** has been born. This is the good news **of Christmas** Eve. **Like every** Christmas, Jesus is born again in the world, in each home, in our **hearts**.

But unlike what our consumerist society celebrates, Jesus is not born in an environment of waste, purchases, comfort, whim and meals. Jesus is born in the humility of the Nativity scene.

And he does it this way because he has been refused by men: nobody had wanted to house them, neither in homes nor in hostels. Mary, Joseph and the just born Jesus felt what rejection, lack of generosity and solidarity mean.

Later on things will change with the Angel's announcement: “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a **saviour** has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord” (Lk 2:10). Everybody will run towards the Nativity scene in order to adore the Son of God. A bit like in our society where many people are marginalized, because they are poor, aliens or simply different from us, while we celebrate Christmas speaking words of peace, solidarity and love.

We Christians are joyous today, we are rightfully happy. As Saint Leo the Great said: “There is no place for sadness now that life has been **born**.” But we cannot forget that Jesus' birth means a commitment for us all: living Christmas in the most similar way as the Holy Family lived it. That is, no ostentation, no unnecessary expenses. Celebrating and having a party is compatible with austerity and even with poverty.

On the other hand, if we do not have true feelings of solidarity towards those who have been rejected, aliens or homeless people during these days, it is because we are like the inhabitants of Bethlehem: we do not welcome the infant Jesus in our hearts.

### **Wishes from the Pastoral Team**

Our thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners. May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you all through the year. Wishing you a season of blessings from Heaven above.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Father Lussier and Richard Drouin



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