

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

Mission Statement

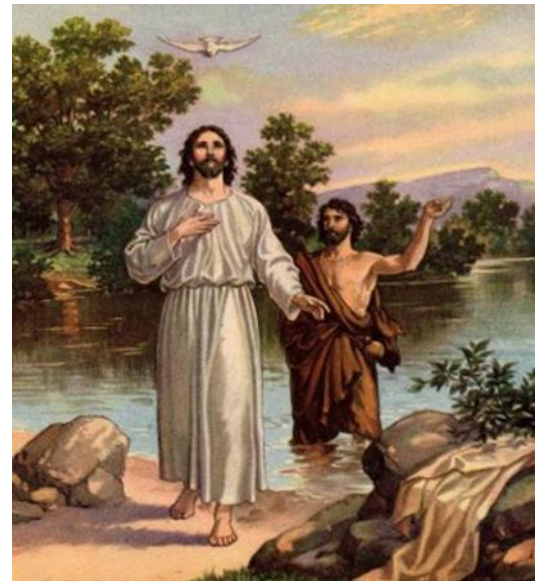
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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Second Sunday in ordinary time, January 15th, 2023

In today's reading, John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, he identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity. Also, John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this text: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. His witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives. (Loyola Press)



"John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'" (John 1.29-34)

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St. Marguerite Bourgeoys

**The more I follow Him
without fear, the more
He will protect me**

January 12



The collection total for last week's Masses was \$666.60. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	January 14 th 4:00 pm	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary time	David Cannon	Lise & Pat Mckenna
			Romeo Gaton (1 st year death anniv.)	Aileen Jimenez
Sunday	January 15 th 10:00 am	2 nd Sunday in Ordinary time	Bill Donnelly	Bridget O'Connor & André Gosselin
			For our three children	Steve & Helen Kack
Monday	January 16 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	January 17 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Pro Populo	
Wednesday	January 18 th 11:30 am		Mary Johnston	Alain Fortin, Steve & Patrick
Thursday	January 19 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	January 20 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	January 21 st 4:00 pm	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary time	Bill Donnelly	Lise & Pat Mckenna
Sunday	January 22 nd 10:00 am	3 rd Sunday in Ordinary time	Vincent Saraza	Vincent Saraza

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

Just a reminder that our AGM will be on Saturday, January 21st from 2-3:30pm in the church hall. This is also a good time to pay your dues (\$25.00) which are being collected between now and the 15th of February 2023. To join or for prayer requests please contact Christie Mitchell at 418-573-5648 or email capgrad1983@gmail.com. You can also visit www.cwl.ca for information and inspiration.

Filipino Community Mass

On Saturday, **January 21st**, at **7:00 pm**, we will have a Mass organised by the Filipino Community.
All are welcome.

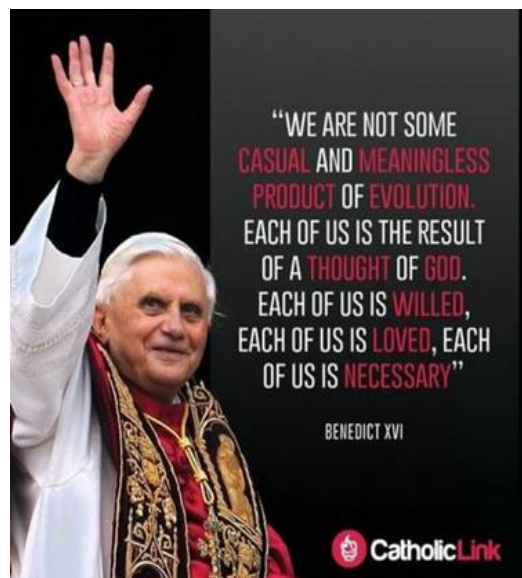
“There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.”

Today, when seeing Jesus, we heard John saying “There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” (Jn 1:29). What may all those people have thought? And, what do we think, ourselves? In the celebration of the Eucharist we all pray “Lamb of God who removes the sins of the world, have mercy on us.” And the priest invites the congregation to Communion, by saying: “There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world...”

When John said, “this is the Lamb of God,” we should have no doubt the people all understood what he meant, as the lamb is a metaphor of messianic character that prophets like Isaiah had already used, **so** it was very well known to the good Israelites. However, the lamb is also the animal Israelites sacrifice to celebrate their Passover, marking freedom for the Israelites from the Egyptian slavery. The Pasch dinner consists of eating lamb.

Even the Apostles and the Fathers of the Church state had the lamb as a sign of purity, simplicity, goodness, meekness, and innocence. And Christ is Purity, Simplicity, Goodness, Meekness and Innocence. Saint Peter said: “For you know that it was not with perishable things (...) but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.” (1Pet 1.18.19). And St. John, in Revelation, uses the word “lamb” thirty times to describe Christ. Jesus Christ is the lamb who takes away the sins of the world which was immolated to give us Grace. Let us fight to always live by Grace, to fight against sin, to hate it. The beauty Grace gives to the soul is so great that no treasure can compare with it. It makes us agreeable to God and worthy of being loved. This is why, the “Gloria” of the Mass mentions the peace of those men the Lord loves, of those who live by Grace.

John Paul II told us, while urging us to live by the Grace the lamb has given us: “Pledge to live by the Grace. Jesus was born in Bethlehem precisely for that reason (...). To live by Grace is the supreme dignity, the ineffable joy, the guarantee of peace, the marvelous ideal.”



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