

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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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 5th, 2023

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls us to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us. Therefore, we are called to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on. By doing that, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Also, when we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden! (Loyola Press)

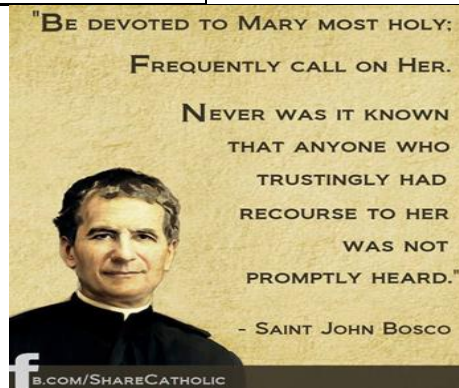


"You are the light of the world. A city built on the hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand and it gives light to all in the house."

(Matthew 5.13-16)

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|  | Confessions: They are heard before Mass upon request. |



The collection total for last week's Masses was \$500.00. Thank you for your generosity.

| Mass | | | Mass Intentions | |
|-----------|------------------------------------|--|--|------------------------|
| Day | Date | Liturgy | For | From |
| Saturday | February 4 th 4:00 pm | 5 th Sunday in Ordinary time | Mary Lou O'Grady Murphy | Edward Murphy & Family |
| Sunday | February 5 th 10:00 am | 5 th Sunday in Ordinary time | Florence Walsh | CWL |
| Monday | February 6 th | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Tuesday | February 7 th 11:30 am | Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15) | | |
| Wednesday | February 8 ^h 11:30 am | | Pro Populo | |
| Thursday | February 9 th | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Friday | February 10 th | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Saturday | February 11 th 4:00 pm | 6 th Sunday in Ordinary time | O'Donnell & McCauley Families | Constance O'Donnell |
| Sunday | February 12 th 10:00 am | 6 th Sunday in Ordinary time | Robert Brochu (Anniversary Mass) Thérèse Coughlin | CWL |

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

Tickets are now available, and will be available at the door, for a Valentine's High Tea on Sunday, February 12th after Mass. A \$5.00 donation to attend, and \$10.00 enters you in special door prize drawings! ♥ □ Half of the proceeds raised at our tea will go towards our Archives Preservation Project. Please return your Member Surveys as soon as possible. Donations for our gift and card table are always appreciated. Also, please put aside any items you are ready to part with for a silent auction fundraiser this spring for our Provincial Convention to be held here in Québec City, June 2-4! Please contact Christie at either capgrad1983@gmail.com or 418-573-5648 for prayer requests or to join. We are presently welcoming three new members. Visit www.cwl.ca for information and inspiration.

Friends in Faith Discussion Group

The Pastoral Committee invites you to join the Friends in Faith Discussion Group on February 8th. 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 you would like to attend.

“You are the light of the world.”

Today, the Gospel clearly urges us to become witnesses to Christ. And it invites us in two different ways, which, apparently, may look contradictory: to be the salt and the light.

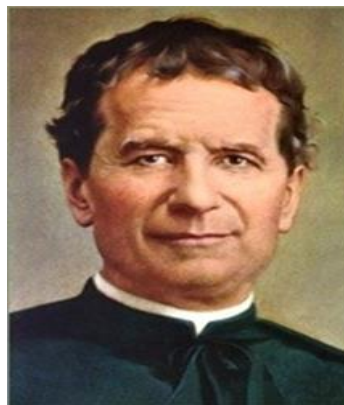
The salt cannot be seen but can be perceived; it can be tasted, relished. There are many people who “can hardly be perceived”, as they are like “little ants” working and doing good all the time. At their side one can savour peace, serenity and joy. As it is said, their “radiations” are good.

Light, instead, cannot be hidden. There are people who “can be seen from afar”: St. Therese of Calcutta, the Pope, a parish's rector. They hold important positions because of their natural leadership or because of their concrete priesthood. They are “brought into the limelight,” as today's Gospel says “on top of a mountain” or on a “lamp stand” (cf. Mt 5:14-15).

We are all called to be salt and light. For over 30 years of his hidden life in Nazareth, Jesus himself was also “salt.” It is said that, once, while he was playing, someone asked St. Aloysius Gonzaga what would he do if he knew that within a few minutes he would die. “I would keep on playing,” he answered that he would go on carrying out his normal everyday life, and making life pleasant for his play pals.

We may also be called to be light. We are quite clearly so when we avow our own faith in difficult moments. Martyrs are great luminaries. And in certain environments, today, the mere fact of attending Mass may be the subject of jokes and general mockery. Going to Mass is already to be “light.” And light is always detected and seen, no matter how small it may be. A little light may change the night.

Let us pray to the Lord for one another that we always know how to be salt. And how to be light, if need to be. That our daily chores are carried out in such a way that through our good deeds people may praise our Father who is in Heaven (cf. Mt 5:16).



**Prayer to
Saint John Bosco**
Saint John Bosco,
Patron of the Youth,
you reached out to children
whom no one cared for.

Please obtain for us from God
a holy love for the youth

that we may keep them safe
from the dangers of the world
and guide them to the
holy path that leads to God.
Amen.

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