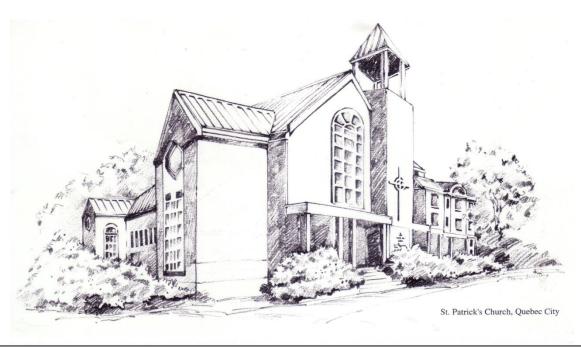
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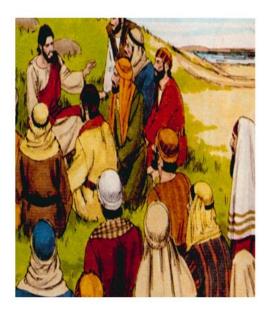
Mission Statement

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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 29th, 2023

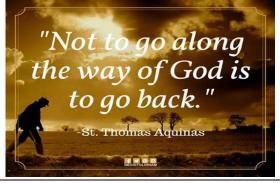
In the Beatitudes, "Blessed" is sometimes translated as happy, fortunate, or favoured. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day. Therefore, the Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. (Loyola Press)



"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up to the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven ...'" (Matthew 5.1-12)

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The collection total for last week's Masses was \$845.10. Thank you for your generosity.

| Mass | | | Mass Intentions | | |
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| Day | Dat | :e | Liturgy | For | From |
| Saturday | January 28 th | 4:00 pm | 4 th Sunday in Ordinary time | Karim Ouellet (Anniversary Mass) | |
| Sunday | January 29 th | 10:00 am | 4 th Sunday in Ordinary time | Connie Manning Angers Florence Walsh | CWL Maureen Martineau |
| Monday | January 30 th | | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Tuesday | January 31st | 11:30 am | Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15) | Harvey Mead | Rita Whitt |
| Wednesday | February 1st | 11:30 am | | Pro Populo | |
| Thursday | February 2 nd | | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Friday | February 3 rd | | | No Mass | No Mass |
| 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 |

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

The winter CWL Council and Provincial newsletters are available in the church atrium. If you were unable to attend our AGM, important documents are also there in an envelope with your name. Please return your member survey as soon as possible. Tickets are available for a Valentine's High Tea which will be served on Sunday, February 12th after Mass. A \$5.00 donation gets you in the door and \$10.00 enters you in special door prize drawings. Donations for our gift and card table are appreciated AND: please put aside any items you are ready to part with for a silent auction fundraiser sometime in spring for our Provincial Convention to be held here June 2-4! Please contact Christie at either capgrad1983@gmail.com or 418-573-5648 for prayer requests or to join ♥. You can also visit www.cwl.ca for information and inspiration.

Community Christmas Hamper Campaign

Thanks to your thoughtful generosity, we were able to help a lot of families with a total amount of donations of \$1,410.00. Thank you for your support.

"Fortunate are those who are poor in spirit..."

Today, we can read this Gospel, so well known by most of us but, at the same time, still so surprising. With this fragment of The Beatitudes, Jesus offers us a model of life; some values that, He says, are the only ones that can make us truly happy.

Surely, happiness is what we all are looking for in our life. If we would ask anyone how is he tries to be happy, or where does he looks for happiness, we should probably get many different answers. There would be those who would claim they only find happiness in solid Christian family principles; others, in being healthy and having a job; others, who revel in friendship and leisure time..., and then, there would be those more influenced by our consumer society, who would claim that happiness consists in having plenty of money to be able to acquire as many things as possible and, most of all, to reach the highest possible social status.

The Beatitudes Jesus is proposing to us are not, precisely, those our today's world is offering us. The Lord says that "fortunate" will be those who are poor in spirit, the gentle, those who mourn, those who hunger and thirst for justice, the merciful, those with a pure heart, those who work for the peace, those who are persecuted for the cause of justice... (cf. Mt 5:3-11).

This message by the Lord is addressed to those who want to live a life of unselfishness, of meekness, of desire for justice, of preoccupation and interest for the problems of their fellow men, and who cast aside all the rest.

We can make a lot of good by praying, or by fraternally correcting those who criticize us for believing in God and belonging to the Church! Jesus clearly points it out in the last Beatitude: "Fortunate are you, when people insult you and persecute you and speak all kinds of evil against you because you are my followers!" (Mt 5:11).

St. Basil says: "Beauty, nor stature, nor honors bestowed by all mankind, nor kingship itself, nor other human attribute that one might mention, do we judge great, nay, we do not even consider them worth praying for, nor do we look with admiration upon those who possess them, but our hopes lead us forward to a more distant time, and everything we do is by way of preparation for the other life."





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