

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

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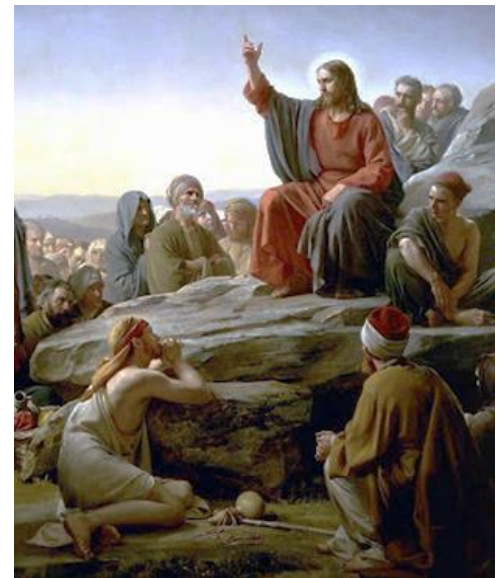
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 12th, 2023

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law, Matthew's community needs a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah. The written scriptures and their interpretation are surpassed by the life of Jesus who reveals the real will of God. (Loyola Press)



"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.'"

(Matthew 5.17-37)

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	Confessions: They are heard before Mass upon request.



The collection total for last week's Masses was \$622.50. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
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
Monday	February 13 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	February 14 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)		
Wednesday	February 15 ^h 11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	February 16 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	February 17 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	February 18 th 4:00 pm	6 th Sunday in Ordinary time	Donald T. Petzel	John Whitt
Sunday	February 19 th 10:00 am	6 th Sunday in Ordinary time	Ghislaine O'Connor	Family
			Glen Spratt & Dorothy St-Laurent Spratt	Ann Spratt & Mary Spratt

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 will be available at the door for a Valentine's High Tea Fundraiser 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. Half of the proceeds raised at our tea will go towards our Archives preservation project. Donations for our gift and card table are always appreciated. Please put aside any items you are ready to part with for a silent auction and garage sale fundraiser this 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.

Filipino Community Mass

On Saturday, February 18th, at 7:00 pm, we will have a Mass organised by the Filipino Community. All are welcome.

“Do not think that I have come to remove the Law and the Prophets.”

Today, Jesus tells us: “I have come to fulfill the Law.” (Mt 5, 17). What is the Law? Who are ‘The Prophets’? By the Law and the Prophets, Jesus meant two different sets of books of the Old Testament. The Law refers to the works believed to have been written by Moses; the Prophets, as the name itself indicates, are the works of the Prophets and the Sapiential books.

In Today's Gospel, Jesus refers to those who are considered the summary of the moral code of the Old Testament: the commandments of the law of God. According to Jesus, the Law isn't merely about external principles; it isn't an external imposition. On the contrary, God's Law corresponds to the ideal of perfection that is deeply rooted in the heart of every man. This is the reason why they who keep the commandments not only achieve the accomplishment of their human aspirations, but also the perfection of Christianity, or, in Jesus's words, achieves the perfection of the Kingdom of God. “Whoever obeys them and teaches others to do the same will be great in the Kingdom of heaven.” (Mt 5, 19).

“But I say to you:” (Mt 5, 22) the observance of the Law isn't restricted to the letter, since “For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.” (2 Cor 3, 6). This is the meaning in which Jesus employs His authority to interpret the Law according to its most authentic spirit. As Jesus interprets it, the Law is extended to its ultimate consequences: the respect for life is connected to the eradication of hate, vengeance and offense; the chastity of the body, to the purity of intentions; the perfection of matrimony depends on fidelity and indissolubility; the truth of the word given starts with the respect for pacts. By observing the law, Jesus “fully reveals man to man himself and makes his supreme calling clear.” (Vatican II Council).

The example of Jesus invites us to that perfection of Christian life in which we practice with actions what we preach with words.

Prayer for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Grant us, O merciful God, protection in
our weakness,
that we, who keep the Memorial of the
Immaculate Mother of God,
may, with the help of her intercession,
rise up from our iniquities.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit,
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