

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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First Sunday of Lent, February 26th, 2023

In today's reading, each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness. As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God. (Loyola Press)



Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly Angels came and waited on him. (Matthew 4.1-11)

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"You seek my return to you, but do not grow weary.
 You run after me in my obstinacy, but do not give up...
 You rush after me in my sloth and are not stopped... In the face of my darkness, you are light. In the face of my mortality, you are life."
 - St. Gregory of Narek



The collection total for last week's Masses was \$915.35. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass				Mass Intentions	
Day	Date		Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	February 25 th	4:00 pm	First Sunday of Lent	Joan Drysdale Tuppert (Anniversary Mass) Doreen Béchette	Sylvain Voyer & Ann Perreault
Sunday	February 26 th	10:00 am	First Sunday of Lent	Bill Donnelly	Edward Murphy & Family
Monday	February 27 th			No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	February 28 th	11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Donald Neatt Cecile O'Doherty	Jean Saville Barbara Fleury
Wednesday	March 1 st	11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	March 2 nd			No Mass	No Mass
Friday	March 3 rd			No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	March 4 th	4:00 pm	Second Sunday of Lent	Denis William Egan (Anniversary Mass)	
Sunday	March 5 th	10:00 am	Second Sunday of Lent	Byrne Stewart Families	Madeleine Byrne Stewart

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

♣Please find copies of our Winter and Provincial newsletters in the atrium. Get yours today. Lenten and Easter items are now available for purchase at our gift and card table in the hall after Sunday Mass. Handmade donations 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! Our theme is, Catholic and Living It! Please contact Christie Mitchell 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.

St Patrick's Day

On Friday, March 17th, we will celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. So, we will have a Mass at 5:30PM. Then, afterwards we will have a special smoked meat buffet in the Hall. This is a family gathering and we have tried to make it affordable for all families and also older people.

The price is 25 dollars each and it is free for children under 10 years of age. You may pay with a credit card, debit card or in cash. You can reserve a place after Mass during the first two weekends of March or you can call the office (418-524-3544).

We are using this more simple formula because of the changed circumstances we find ourselves in after Covid and inflation. All the parishes are experiencing the same circumstances.

"Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil."

Today, we celebrate the first Sunday of Lent, and this "strong" liturgical time is a spiritual path leading us to participate in the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ. Saint John Paul II said "Each year, the Lenten Season is set before us as a good opportunity for the intensification of prayer and penance, opening hearts to the docile welcoming of the divine will. During Lent, a spiritual journey is outlined for us that prepares us to relive the Great Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ. This is done primarily by listening to the Word of God more devoutly and by practicing mortification more generously, thanks to which it is possible to render greater assistance to those in need."

Lent and today's Gospel teach us that life is a path leading us to Heaven. But, to deserve it, we must first overcome our temptations. "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Mt 4:1). By allowing Himself to be tempted, Jesus wanted to show us how we can fight and overcome our temptations: with our trust in God and in prayer, through grace and fortitude.

Temptations may be described as the "enemies of the soul." In fact, they can be summarized and determined by three aspects:

In the first place, "the world": "command that these stones become loaves of bread" (Mt 4:3). It implies living to possess material things only.

Secondly, "the devil": "if you will prostrate yourself" (Mt 4:9). It conveys the greed for power.

And, last but not least, "the flesh": "throw yourself down" (Mt 4:6), which means placing our confidence only in our body. Saint Thomas Aquinas explains it better when saying: "For the causes of temptations are the causes of desires"—namely, 'lust of the flesh, hope of glory, eagerness for power'."

A Prayer for Lent

Almighty and ever living God,
you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent.
May this time be one of outward focus;
seeking you in those we often ignore.
Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.
Give us hearts hungry to serve you
and those who need what we have to give.

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