

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

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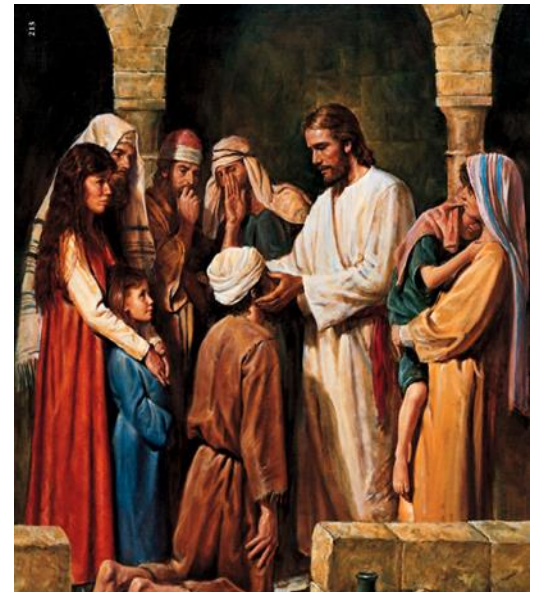
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19th, 2023

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind. (Loyola Press)



“Jesus said, ‘I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.’” (John 9.1-41)

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Lenten Prayer: Lord, may I stand in solidarity today with all my brothers and sisters around the world who are suffering. May we be united in your love, and may I work to build your kingdom here on earth.



The collection total for last week's Masses was \$507.50. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	March 18 th 4:00 pm	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Florence & David Walsh Harry Griffin	Madeleine Byrne Stewart Lise & Pat McKenna
Sunday	March 19 th 10:00 am	Fourth Sunday of Lent	David Cannon Jane Healy Nobrega Robert Brochu	Edward Murphy & Family Elizabeth Healy Jean Saville
Monday	March 20 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	March 21 st 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Connie Angers Brenda Johnston	Jean Saville Marlene Johnston
Wednesday	March 22 nd 11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	March 23 rd		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	March 24 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	March 25 th	Fifth Sunday of Lent NO MASS	No Mass Streets Blocked St Patrick's Parade	No Mass Streets Blocked St Patrick's Parade
Sunday	March 26 th 10:00 am	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Alfred & Charlotte Pichard Brenda O'Connor Thérèse Coughlin	Helen Pichard Rita Whitt Jean Saville

Donations for Ukrainians in Need

If you wish to contribute, special envelopes are available for this purpose in your pews. Tax receipts can be issued if you provide your parishioner number or full name and address on the envelope. Please, give generously! Donations by cheque must be made out to "St. Patrick's Parish".

Collection for Development and Peace

Please note that next Sunday, March 26th, there will be a Special Collection for Development and Peace.

Come Participate in St Patrick's Parade on March 25th !

All parishioners, their families and friends are invited to participate in the St. Patrick's Parade! Come have a great time and support St. Patrick's Parish from 12:45 to around 3:00 pm! We will gather at St Patrick's High School on Maisonneuve street

. If you are interested in participating, please contact Richard Drouin as soon as possible at 418-808-3745 or email pastoral.assistant@stpatricksqbec.com .

News from the Catholic Women's League of St. Patrick's Parish

There will be a General Members Meeting on Saturday, April 1st, at 2 pm in the church hall. A special Lenten presentation is anticipated! Members are kindly reminded to turn in their Member Survey. This is for all members to complete, old and new. 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 with questions, for prayer requests, or to join ♥. You can also visit www.cwl.ca for information and inspiration

“Go wash!”

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent —also called Rose or “Laetare” (rejoice) Sunday— the entire liturgy invites us to experience a deep joy, a great exultation, because Easter is getting nearer.

Jesus was a factor of great joy for the man who had been blind from birth who received his eyesight from Him along with the gift of His spiritual light. The blind man believed and he received Christ's light. On the other hand, the Pharisees, so engulfed in their own wisdom and light, remained blinded because of the hardness of their hearts and their sins. In fact, “the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight.” (Jn 9:18).

How essential is Christ's light to see reality in its true dimension! Without the light of faith, we too would be blind. Fortunately, we have been bestowed with Christ's light and we need our life to go on being enlightened by this light. Even more so, this light must shine in a life of sanctity so that it may inspire those who are still unaware of it. All this means conversion and personal growth in Charity, especially in this time of Lent and in this final stage. Saint Leo the Great exhorts us: “Although, it is always good to exercise ourselves in the virtue of Charity, these days of Lent invite us to do so, in a more urgent manner.”

One unique thing can move us away from the Light and Joy Jesus Christ gives us, and this is sin; trying to live far from the Lord's Light. Unfortunately, many —at times, even ourselves— take this dark and gloomy road, until we completely lose the Light and its peace. Out of his own experience, Saint Augustine claimed that there is nothing unhappier than the happiness of those who sin.

Easter is near and the Lord wants to communicate to us all the Joy of Resurrection. Let us prepare ourselves to receive and celebrate it. “Go wash” (Jn 9:7), Jesus tells us... to wash in the purifying waters of the Sacrament of Penance. Thus, we will reignite the Light and Joy if we prepare well for Easter.

Schedule for Holy Week

Palm Sunday Mass on Saturday, April 1st at 4:00 pm

Palm Sunday Mass on Sunday, April 2nd at 10:00 am

Holy Thursday Mass on Thursday, April 6th at 7:30 pm

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, April 7th at 3:00 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation, April 7th at 2:00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 8th at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday Mass on Sunday, April 9th at 10:00 am

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