# St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



# **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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Passion (palm) Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

In today's Gospel, we find reflections about ourselves and the many ways in which we sometimes respond to Jesus. Sometimes we are like Judas, who betrays Jesus and comes to regret it. We are sometimes like Peter, who denies him, or like the disciples, who fell asleep during Jesus' darkest hour but then act rashly and violently at his arrest. Sometimes we are like Simon, who is pressed into service to help Jesus carry his cross. Sometimes we are like the leaders who fear Jesus or like Pontius Pilate, who washed his hands of the whole affair. Jesus dies so that our sins will be forgiven, showing the depth of his love for us. (Lovola Press)



"You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, 'I will strike the shepperd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.' But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Gallilee.""

(Matthew 26.14-27.66)

| PARISH STAFF              |                          |  |  |  |
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| LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS  |  |                               |  |  |  |
|-------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
|                         | Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation: Please contact the lay Pastoral Assistant at pastoral.assistant@stpatricksquebec.com. |                               |  |  |  |
|                         | Marriage and Wedding Anniversary Mass: Please contact the Pastor   |                               |  |  |  |
|                         | Confessions<br>upon request  | s: They are heard before Mass |  |  |  |
| Cantor                  |  | Helen McCauley                |  |  |  |
| Cantor & Choir Director |  | Laura Paladino                |  |  |  |
| Organist                |  | Bruce Gaulin                  |  |  |  |

<u>Lenten Prayer</u>: "My precious and crucified Lord, I offer You this Lent. I offer it to You with total abandonment and trust. Amen"



The collection total for last week's Mass was \$276.55. Thank you for your generosity.

| Mass      |                       |          | Mass Intentions                                   |  |                                 |
|-----------|-----------------------|----------|---|--|---------------------------------|
| Day       |                       | Date     | Liturgy   | For  | From                            |
| Saturday  | April 1 <sup>st</sup> | 4:00 pm  | Passion (Palm) Sunday                             | Lincoln Custeau                              | Marie Coyea &<br>Raymond Paquin |
| Sunday    | April 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 10:00 am | Passion (Palm) Sunday                             | Mary Lou O'Grady Murphy                      | Edward Murphy &<br>Family       |
| Monday    | April 3 <sup>rd</sup> |          |   | No Mass                                      | No Mass                         |
| Tuesday   | April 4 <sup>th</sup> | 11:30 am | Devotion to Our Lady of<br>Perpetual Help (11:15) | Kack & Bélanger Families                     | Steve & Helen Kack              |
| Wednesday | April 5 <sup>th</sup> | 11:30 am |   | Frieda O'Connell                             | CWL                             |
| Thursday  | April 6 <sup>th</sup> | 7:30 pm  | Holy Thursday                                     | Pro Populo                                   |                                 |
| Friday    | April 7 <sup>th</sup> | 3:00 pm  | Good Friday                                       |  |                                 |
| Saturday  | April 8 <sup>th</sup> | 8:00 pm  | Easter Vigil                                      | O'Donnell & McCauley<br>Families             | Constance O'Donnell             |
|           |                       |          |   | Jean Martineau                               | Maureen Martineau               |
| Sunday    | April 9 <sup>th</sup> | 10:00 am | Easter Sunday                                     | Gerry O'Connor<br>Charlotte & Alfred Pichard | The Family<br>Helen Pichard     |

#### **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! <u>Donations by cheque must be made out to "St. Patrick's Parish".</u>

#### Invitation to the Way of the Cross in Old Quebec

This year, we are inviting all of you to pray the Stations of the Cross with other Church Communities of Quebec City. The Way of the Cross will begin at 6:30 pm at the United Church on Sainte-Ursule Street. During the Way of the Cross, we will walk from one church to another visiting along the way the Presbyterian Church, the Catholic Basilica, and finishing at the Anglican Cathedral. Cardinal Lacroix will be there along with other Church Leaders and their congregations. It will be a bilingual Way of the Cross. Father Réjean Lussier

# **Collection for Development and Peace**

Please note, that you can still donate money for Development and Peace using the basket in the Atrium.

#### First Communion on Holy Thursday

Laurent Haren and Thomas Levert, who have been Altar Servers for one year, will do their First Communion on Holy Thursday. Let us pray for them and may God fill their hearts with peace and joy on this special occasion.

#### **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
Sacrament of Reconciliation, April 7th at 2:00 pm (Fr. Denis St-Maurice)
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday, April 7th at 3:00 pm
Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 8th at 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday Mass on Sunday, April 9th at 10:00 am

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

At our GM, Saturday, April 1, we will complete our member surveys, and discuss service and fundraising. Please attend. Lenten and Easter items continue to be available at our gift and card table. Our silent auction and garage sale is tentatively scheduled for April 22-23 in the hall. The Provincial Convention will be held at St. Patrick's June 2nd - 4th. Registration will start this week, via email and due May 1st. Printed registration forms will be made available. Our theme is Catholic And Living It! Questions, prayer requests, and details about membership? Contact Christie Mitchell at <a href="mailto:capgrad1983@gmail.com">capgrad1983@gmail.com</a> or call 418-573-5648.

## "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Today, we are asked to contemplate the royal style of Christ, our savior. Jesus is a king, and —precisely— the last Sunday of our liturgical year we will celebrate Our Lord Jesus Christ the King of the world. Yes, He is King, but his kingdom is "a kingdom of truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace." (Preface of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King). Amazing royalty! We human, with our earthly mentality, are not used to it.

He is good king, a gentle king, who cares for the well-being of our souls: "My kingdom is not of this world" (Jn 18:36). With a derogatory and mocking tone, "the governor questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'You say so'" (Mt 27:11). And even more mockery: Jesus is equated to Barabbas, and the crowds are asked to choose who is to be released: "Which one do you want me to release to you, with Barabbas, or Jesus called Messiah?" (Mt 27:17). And... They preferred, "Barabbas!" (cf. Mt 27:21). And... Jesus remains silent and offers himself as a holocaust for us, who are judging Him!

When He arrived in Jerusalem earlier, enthused yet and with simplicity, "the very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: 'Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.'" (Mt 21:9-9). Yet, now, the very same ones are shouting: "Crucify him!" "But the governor said, 'Why? What evil has he done?'. They only shouted the louder, 'Let him be crucified!" (Mt 27:22-23). "Pilate said to them, 'Shall I crucify your king?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but Caesar." (Jn 19:15).

This King is not forcing himself on us, He is offering himself. His royalty is full of the spirit of service. "He is not coming to achieve glory, with pomp and splendor: He does not argue nor raise his voice, He is not noticed in the street, for He is gentle and humble (...). They do not spread before Him neither olive branches, nor tapestries nor cloaks; instead let us offer ourselves as much as possible." (St. Andrew of Crete, Bishop)

#### Thank you to all the Participants in St Patrick's Parade

Thank to all the participants in the St Patrick's Parade 2023. Your involvement and participation in this important event for St Patrick's Parish, was greatly appreciated.



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