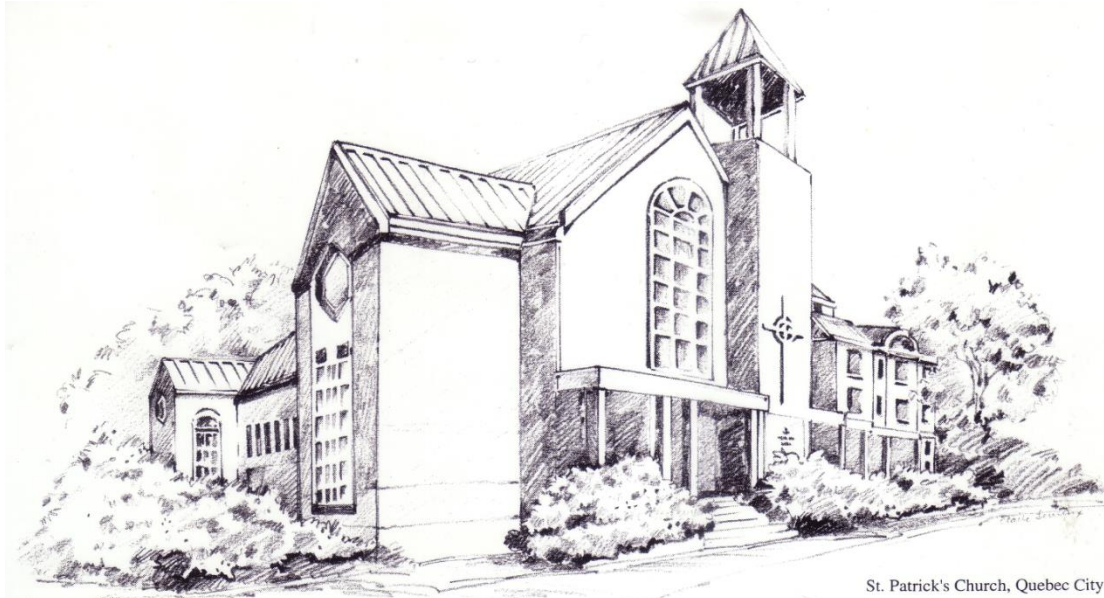


# St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

## Mission Statement

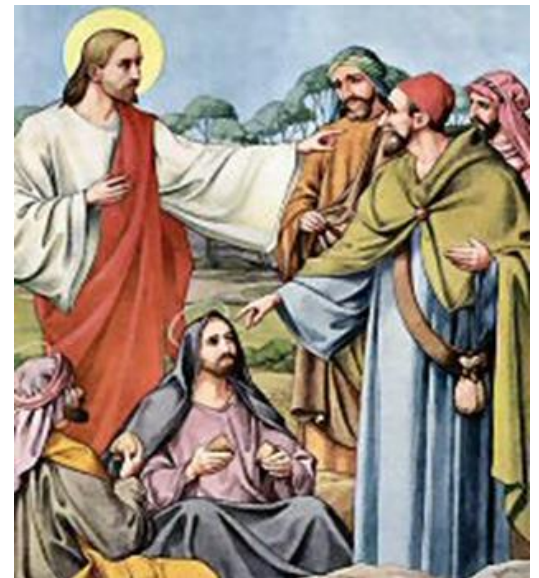
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

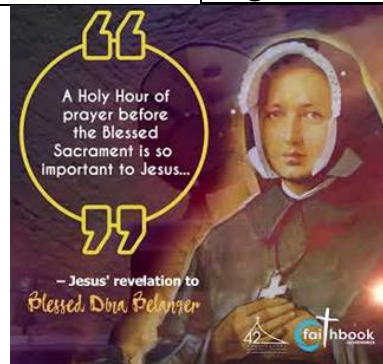
Today's Gospel tells us that all the commandments are based on the love of God and the love of neighbour. We are called to love unconditionally as God does. We learn about sharing, forgiving, and loving through the experiences of our families. Jesus teaches us about how to love everyone even those who are not our family and friends. Jesus says, "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Jesus' law of love calls us to recognize in each other the face of our sisters and brothers. With Jesus, people of every race and culture are called to share in the one love of God.



"For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Matthew 5.38-48)

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The collection total for last week's Masses was \$598.35. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	February 18 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	Donald T. Petzel	John Whitt
Sunday	February 19 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time	Ghislaine O'Connor Clem Spratt & Dorothy St-Laurent Spratt	Family Ann Spratt & Mary Spratt
Monday	February 20 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday	February 21 <sup>st</sup> 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)		
Wednesday	February 22 <sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>Pro Populo</b>	
Thursday	February 23 <sup>rd</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Friday	February 24 <sup>th</sup>		<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
Saturday	February 25 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm	First Sunday of Lent	Joan Drysdale Tuppert (Anniversary Mass) Doreen Béchette	Sylvain Voyer & Ann Perreault
Sunday	February 26 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am	First Sunday of Lent	Bill Donnelly	Edward Murphy & Family

### 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**

A special and heartfelt thanks to all who supported our Valentine's Day High Tea fundraiser. ♥ 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](mailto:capgrad1983@gmail.com) or 418-573-5648 for prayer requests or to join ♥. You can also visit [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) for information and inspiration.

### **Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00 pm (No Mass at 11:30)**

This coming Wednesday, it will already be the beginning of Lent. Therefore, Ash Wednesday Mass will be at 7:00 pm instead of 11:30 am.

### **Lenten Collection for the Québec Archdiocese on the First Weekend of Lent**

There will be a collection for the Québec Archdiocese, on February 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### **“You shall be righteous and perfect in the way your heavenly Father is righteous and perfect.”**

Today, the word of God teaches us that the original source's means to sanctity is through God: “Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Mt 5,48). He inspires us and we are drawn to Him. The way is set out for us by the new law, that of Love. Love is the solid driver of our convictions, expressed so clearly in this fifth chapter of the Gospel of St. Matthew.

The old law of Talion from the book of Exodus (cf. Ex 21,23-35), that was to be the law to avoid all revenge and restrict "eye for an eye", the terror of war, is definitively superseded by the law of love. We are given, in these verses, an entire Carta Magna for moral belief; love of God and love of thy neighbor.

Pope Benedict XIV tells us, “it is only through service to others that opens my eyes as to what God does for me and to how much He loves me.” Jesus gives us a law whereby justice is infinite, whereby evil is not defeated by causing more hurt, but by expelling it entirely from our lives, thereby reducing its hold on us.

In order to triumph, Jesus tells us, one must have a strong hold of our own interior lives and be clear by which law we live, that of unconditional love, free and magnanimous. Love led Him to the Cross, as love triumphs over hate. This is the way to victory, without violence, with humility and abundant love as God is love translated into action. If our actions are driven by this same love that will not abandon us, Our Father will recognize us as his children. This is the perfect pat, one of superabundant love that places us in the current of the kingdom, whose most loyal expression is the sublime manifestation of overflowing love that God has drenched our hearts with through the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5,5).





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