

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

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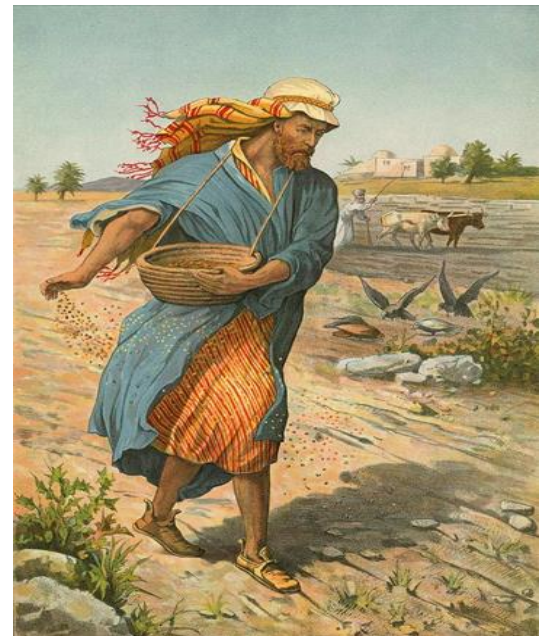
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 16th, 2023



Today's Gospel marks the beginning of the third long discourse given by Jesus in Matthew. He will tell several parables to illustrate for his listeners what he means by the kingdom of heaven. First, Jesus begins with the parable of the sower, which appears rather straightforward—of course seeds grow best in good soil. Seeds that miss the soil, are sown on rocky ground, or are sown among other plants will not grow. The surprise in the parable is the enormous yield of the seed that is sown on good soil. (Loyola Press)



“But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understand it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundred-fold, in another sixty and in another thirty.”

(Matthew 13.1-23)

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Lord God, You inspired St Lawrence with so ardent a love that his life was renowned for the service of Your people and his death for the splendor of his martyrdom. Help us to love what he loved and to live as he showed us. St Lawrence, Martyr for Christ and His Church, pray for us.



The collection total for last week's Masses was \$521.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	July 15 th 4:00 pm	15 th Sunday in Ordinary time	O'Donnell & McCauley Families	Constance O'Donnell
Sunday	July 16 th 10:00 am	15 th Sunday in Ordinary time	Roland Gosselin	André Gosselin & Family
			Christie Mitchell & Sylvain Tremblay	For their 5 th wedding anniversary
Monday	July 17 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	July 18 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Adrien Fleury	Barbara Fleury
Wednesday	July 19 th 11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	July 20 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	July 21 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	July 22 th 4:00 pm	16 th Sunday in Ordinary time	Charlotte & Alfred Pichard The Priesthood of Father Lussier	Helen Pichard Jacqueline Quackenbush
Sunday	July 23 th 10:00 am	16 th Sunday in Ordinary time	Mary Johnston	Alain Fortin & Patrick & Steve (Fils)

Donations for Ukrainians in Need

If you wish to contribute, you can put your donations in the wooden box where it is written: Donations for Ukrainians in Need in the church near the Holy Water Font. You can also take special envelopes which are available for this purpose on the stand in the atrium of the church. Tax receipts can be issued if you provide your parishioner number or full name and address on the envelope. Donations by cheque must be made out to St-Patrick's Parish.

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Filipino Community Mass

On Saturday, July 22nd, at 7:00 pm, we will have a Mass organised by the Filipino Community. All are welcome.

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

Have a blessed and safe summer. In August and September we will be having an outing and then a book, bake, and silent auction fundraiser. We appreciate your donations. We welcome new members. Please contact Christie Mitchell capgrad1983@gmail.com 4185735648 and visit www.cwl.ca for more information.

“The sower went out to sow.”

Today, we consider the parable of the sower. It has a special force and charm because it is our Lord Jesus' own word.

The message is quite clear: God is generous while sowing, but the very success of his sowing is also contingent—at the same time—on our free response. That the fruit depends upon the soil where the seeds fall is something that our daily experiences already tell us. For instance, amongst the pupils of the same school and the same class, some may end up with a religious calling while others may end as atheists. They heard the same messages, but the soils where the seeds fell were different.

The good soil is our heart. Partly, because of our own good nature; but, mostly, because of our own will. Some people prefer to enjoy themselves rather than trying to be better. With these persons it happens the same as in the parable: the thistles (that is, the worries of this life and the love of money) “choke [the Word]; and it does not bear fruit.” (Mt 13:22).

But, those who, instead, treasure the being, they lovingly receive God's seeds and make them bear fruit. Although, doing it means considerable mortification. Jesus Christ said it too: “I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.” (Jn 12:24). The Lord also warned us that the road to salvation is narrow and steep (cf. Mt 7:14): the more valuable it is, the more difficult to get. Priceless things cannot be obtained without effort.

Those enthralled by their own penchants will have a heart like a wild jungle. On the contrary, the fruit trees that are pruned on time will bear the best fruits. Saints never had an easy life, but they were models for Mankind. “Indeed, not all of us have been called to martyrdom, but certainly to attain the perfection of Christian life. But the virtue demands such a strength that (...) all the same it requires a long and painstaking work, which we should never interrupt, until we die. Accordingly, this may be considered as a slow and continuous martyrdom.” (Pius XII).



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