

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

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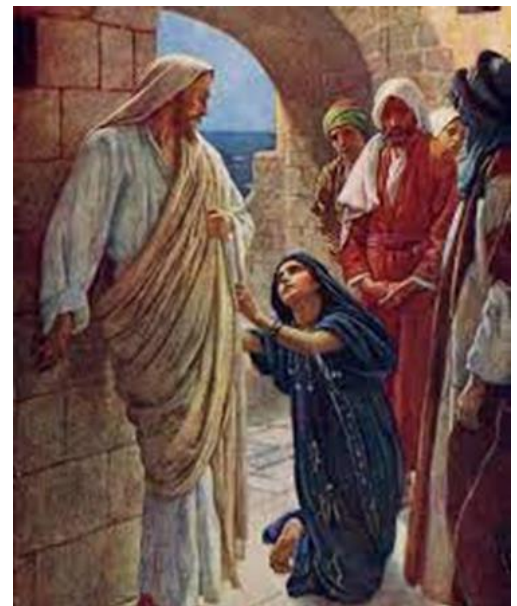
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 20th, 2023

In today's Gospel, Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world. The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant universal mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.. (Loyola Press)



“Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.” (Matthew 15:21-28)

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Saint John Eudes: “Our wish, our object, our chief occupation must be to form Jesus in ourselves, to make his spirit, his devotion, his affections, his desires, and his disposition live and reign there,”



Collection for the last five weeks is \$5000.00 including Funeral Masses and Baptisms and donations which we received by using the QR Code. Thank you for your generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	August 19 th 4:00 pm	20 th Sunday in Ordinary time	Pauline Morais McCauley	The Family
Sunday	August 20 th 10:00 am	20 th Sunday in Ordinary time	Dominic Paladino	His daughter
Monday	August 21 st		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	August 22 nd 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)		
Wednesday	August 23 rd 11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	August 24 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	August 25 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	August 26 th 4:00 pm	21 st Sunday in Ordinary time		
Sunday	August 27 th 10:00 am	21 st Sunday in Ordinary time		

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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.

Donations using QR Code

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News of The Catholic Women's League Quebec City Council

Invitation to all to visit Notre Dame Basilica

On Saturday, August 26th at 10 am members, and any parishioners interested, are invited to meet at the Notre - Dame de Quebec Basilica Cathedral. Please be in the Church parking lot at 9:30 AM if you wish to carpool. Join us as we enjoy a walking tour of one of the most important sites of our Catholic faith. It houses one of the only seven Holy Doors in the world. Hope to see you there! We welcome new members. Please contact Christie Mitchell, President at capgrad1983@gmail.com or phone 4185735648. Visit www.cwl.ca for more information and inspiration.

"Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters."

Today, we are given to contemplate the scene of the Canaanite woman: a pagan woman —not an Israeli one— whose daughter was very sick, possessed by the demon, and who had heard of Jesus. She comes to meet him and starts crying out: "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." (Mt 15:22). She is not asking for anything; she is only telling him of her daughter's sickness hoping Jesus will decide what to do.

But Jesus does not answer her. Why? Perhaps He had already realized the faith of that woman and wanted it to grow still further. And she keeps on begging, so that the disciples ask Jesus to send her away. This woman's faith is evidenced, above all, through her humble insistence, emphasized by his disciples' words: "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." (Mt 15:23)

The woman keeps on insisting; she does not get tired. Jesus' silence is explained by the fact He has only been sent to look after the lost sheep of the nation of Israel. Yet, after his resurrection, He will tell his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." (Mk 16:15)

At times, God's silence torments us. We have often complained of such silence, haven't we? But the Canaanite woman kneels before Jesus. It is the worshipping position. He replies that it is not right to take the bread from the children to throw it to the dogs. And she answers: "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." (Mt 15:26-27).

This woman is very shrewd. She does not get angry, nor she loses her temper, but she actually admits that He is right. It is true, Sir! It looks like if she would be telling Him: —I am like a dog, but the dog is under its master's protection.

The Canaanite woman offers us a great lesson: she acknowledges the Lord is right, He who is always right. — Do not pretend to be right when you appear before the Lord. Do not ever complaint but, if you do, end up your prayer by saying: "O Lord, let your will be done. "

Prayer for the Assumption of Mary

Most glorious and Ever-Virgin Mary, I rejoice today with you and with the whole Church for the most glorious things that God has done for you. You are beauty beyond beauty, Immaculate in every way, and worthy of our deepest love. As you now share body and soul in the glories of Heaven, please pray for me and for all your dear children on earth. Cover us with your mantle of love and pour forth the mercy of God upon us always. Mother Mary, assumed into Heaven, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Jesus, I trust in You.

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