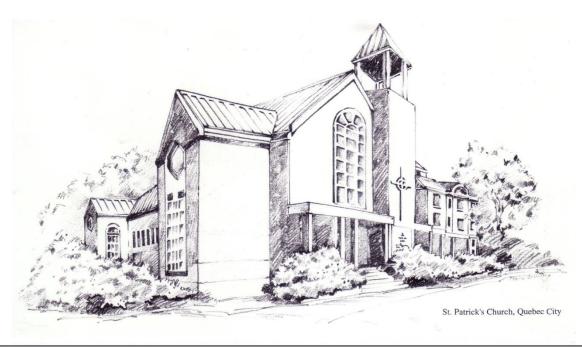
St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



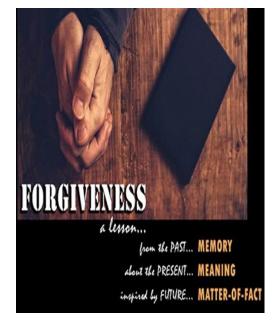
Mission Statement

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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In today's Gospel, there is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives. (Loyola Press)



Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often should I forgive my brother or sister if they sin against me? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times."

(Matthew 18.21-35)

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| | Baptism, First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation: Please contact the lay Pastoral Assistant at pastoral.assistant@stpatricksquebec.com. | | | | |
| ## P | Marriage and Wedding Anniversary Mass: Please contact the Pastor. | | | | |
| | Confessions : They are heard before Mass upon request. | | | | |
| Cantor | | Helen McCauley | | | |
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St. Hildegard of Bingen: "Glance at the sun. See the moon and the stars. Gaze at the beauty of earth's greenings. Now, think. What delight God gives to humankind with all these things. . . . All nature is at the disposal of humankind. We are to work with it. Forwithout we cannot survive."



The collection total for last week's Masses was \$1126.75. Thank you for your generosity

| Mass | | Mass Intentions | | |
|-----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Day | Date | Liturgy | For | From |
| Saturday | September 16 th 4:00 pm | 24th Sunday in Ordinary | O'Donnell and McCauley | Constance O'Donnell |
| | | time | Families | |
| Sunday | September 17 th 10:00 am | 24 th Sunday in Ordinary | Angele Mazurat | Carol Mazurat |
| | | time | (Anniversary Mass) | |
| | | | Brian Dorothy | Jean Saville |
| Monday | September 18 th | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Tuesday | September 19 th 11:30 am | Devotion to Our Lady of | Pro Populo | |
| - | | Perpetual Help (11:15) | - | |
| Wednesday | September 20 th 11:30 am | | Mary Neatt | Steven Neatt |
| Thursday | September 21st | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Friday | September 22 nd | | No Mass | No Mass |
| Saturday | September 23 rd 4:00 pm | 25 th Sunday in Ordinary | Tara de Lottinville | Dorothy Guinan |
| | • | time | (Anniversary Mass) | |
| Sunday | September 24 th 10:00 am | 25 th Sunday in Ordinary | | |
| , | - | time | | |

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 located in the church near the Holy Water Font. Special envelopes are available for this purpose on the stand, in the atrium of the church. Donations by cheque must be made out to St-Patrick's Parish.

Donations using QR Code

It is now possible to give donations to the parish by using a QR Code with your cell phones. By scanning it, it will indicate what you should do in order to give your donations. The QR Code is on the table in the atrium of the church. Thankyou for your generosity.

News of The Catholic Women's League Quebec City Council

We will be holding a Book and Bake Sale at this year's Fall Festival, September 23rd from 11am-3pm at St. Vincent's School. Please bring any books to donate for the sale and/or a baked item wrapped in servings that would cost one or two dollars. The new theme for The Catholic Women's League is "Here I am Lord, send me." (from Isaiah) We welcome new members. Please contact Christie Mitchell at 418-573-5648 or email capgrad1983@gmail.com. You can also visit www.cwl.ca for the latest information and inspiration.

Launching of our new pastoral year

On Sunday September 24th during our regular Sunday Mass at 10AM, we will have the launching of our new pastoral year. All the volunteers and parishioners are invited to come to pray for our mission. Being a missionary in today's world is a big challenge which we can accomplish only with the help of the Holy Spirit. After Mass, in the hall, we will serve coffee and cake.

Father Réjean Lussier and Richard Drouin, Lay Pastoral Assistant

Funeral Announcement

On Saturday, September 9th, there was a Funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of Germaine Falardeau. May she rest in peace and our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

"If my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive?"

Today, in the Gospel, Peter consults Jesus about a very specific topic that remains in the hearts of many people: he asks about the limit of forgiveness. The answer is that there is no such limit: "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times" (Mt 18:22). To explain this reality, Jesus uses a parable. The king's question centers on the theme of the parable: "Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?" (Mt 18:33).

Forgiveness is a gift, a grace that comes from the love and mercy of God. For Jesus, forgiveness has no limits, as long as the repentance is sincere and truthful. But it demands opening the heart to conversion, that is, acting towards others according to God's criteria.

Grave sin separates us from God (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church n. 1470). The ordinary way to receive God's forgiveness for that serious sin is the sacrament of Penance, and the act of the penitent that crowns it is satisfaction. The specific works that manifest this satisfaction is a sign of the personal commitment—that the Christian has made before God—to begin a new existence, repairing the harm done to one's neighbor as much as possible.

There can be no forgiveness of sin without some form of satisfaction, the purpose of which is: 1. To avoid slipping into more severe sins; 2. To reject sin (since the satisfactory penalties act as a brake and make the penitent more cautious and vigilant); 3. To replace bad habits contracted from sinful living with virtuous actions; 4. To resemble Christ.

As Saint Thomas Aquinas explained: "Man becomes God's debtor in two ways; first, by reason of favors received, secondly, by reason of sin committed: and just as thanksgiving or worship or the like regard the debt for favors received, so satisfaction regards the debt for sin committed." The man in the parable was not willing to do the latter, so he became incapable of receiving forgiveness.

Baptisms Announcement

During the summer we had a lot of children who were baptised in our parish.. It is with joy that we welcome Hailey Pauleen Cabantac, Alisha Kaedence Gonzales and Jaxon Gordon as new children of God to our community.

Marriage Announcement

We want to congradulate Jason-Jonathan Ouellet and Valérie-Annette Tanguay who got married on Saturday August 12th in our parish. May your marriage be blessed with love, joy, and companionship.



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