

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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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 24th, 2023

The parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. This reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.



“These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go.’”(Matthew 20.1-16)

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St. Vincent de Paul: “Let’s pray that, if someone should ask us about our state, the Lord may allow us to say, ‘It’s humility.’ Let this be our virtue. If someone says to us, ‘Who goes there?’ we can say, ‘Humility!’ May this be our password!”



The collection total for last week’s Masses was \$1055.00. Thank you for your generosity

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	September 23 rd 4:00 pm	25 th Sunday in Ordinary time	Tara de Lottinville (Anniversary Mass)	Dorothy Guinan
Sunday	September 24 th 10:00 am	25 th Sunday in Ordinary time	Joseph Schmidt	Bibianne Lessard
Monday	September 25 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	September 26 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Brian Dorothy	Anne & Harvey
Wednesday	September 27 th 11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	September 28 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	September 29 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	September 30 th 4:00 pm	26 th Sunday in Ordinary time	Helen Martin Haberlin	Joan Kane
Sunday	October 1 st 10:00 am	26 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

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News of The Catholic Women's League Quebec City Council

Dear Sisters: Madeline Stewart is moving. After Sunday Mass Sept. 24th she will come join us for coffee/tea in the hall. Please come wish her a fond farewell. She has been with the CWL for 63 years and plans to continue in Gatineau. Saturday, September 30th before Mass we will pray a special Rosary at 3pm for Truth and Reconciliation. This is a national day to remember this important work. Below is some additional information about this: "Truth — telling the past from the angle of the native people; Reconciliation — hope to heal and renegotiate relationships with non-indigenous people, govts, etc." (Marie White) Sunday, Oct. 1st we will be having a special sale at our Card and Gift table in the hall. We welcome new members. Please contact our president, Christie Mitchell 418-573-5648 or at capgrad1983@gmail.com. visit www.cwl.ca for information.

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

“Are you envious because I am generous?”

Today, the evangelist Matthew continues to describe the Kingdom of God according to Jesus' teaching, as proclaimed during the summer Sundays in our Eucharistic assemblies.

At the heart of today's story is the vineyard, a prophetic image of the people of Israel in the Old Testament, and now of the new people of God born from the wounded side of the Lord on the cross. The matter at hand: belonging to these

people, which is granted by a personal call made to each one: “It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you” (Jn 15:16), and by the will of the Father in heaven, who desires to extend this call to all men, driven by His generous will for salvation.

What stands out in this parable is the protest of the early-hour workers. They parallel the older brother in the parable of the prodigal son. They experience their work for the Kingdom of God (the work in the vineyard) as a heavy burden (“we bore the day's burden and the heat” Mt 20:12) and not as a privilege bestowed by God; they don't work out of joyful sonship, but with the grumpiness of servants.

For them, faith is something that binds and enslaves, and they quietly envy those who "live life" to the fullest, for they see Christian conscience as a restraint, not as wings that give divine flight to human life. They believe it's better to remain spiritually idle than to live in the light of God's word. They feel that salvation is their due and are jealous of it. Their petty spirit contrasts sharply with the generosity of the Father, “who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth” (1Tim 2:4), and thus He calls to His vineyard, “The Lord is good to all, compassionate toward all your works” (Ps 145:9).

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

O glorious prince St. Michael,
chief and commander of the heavenly hosts,
guardian of souls, vanquisher of rebel spirits,
servant in the house of the Divine King
and our admirable conductor,
you who shine with excellence
and superhuman virtue deliver us from all evil,
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