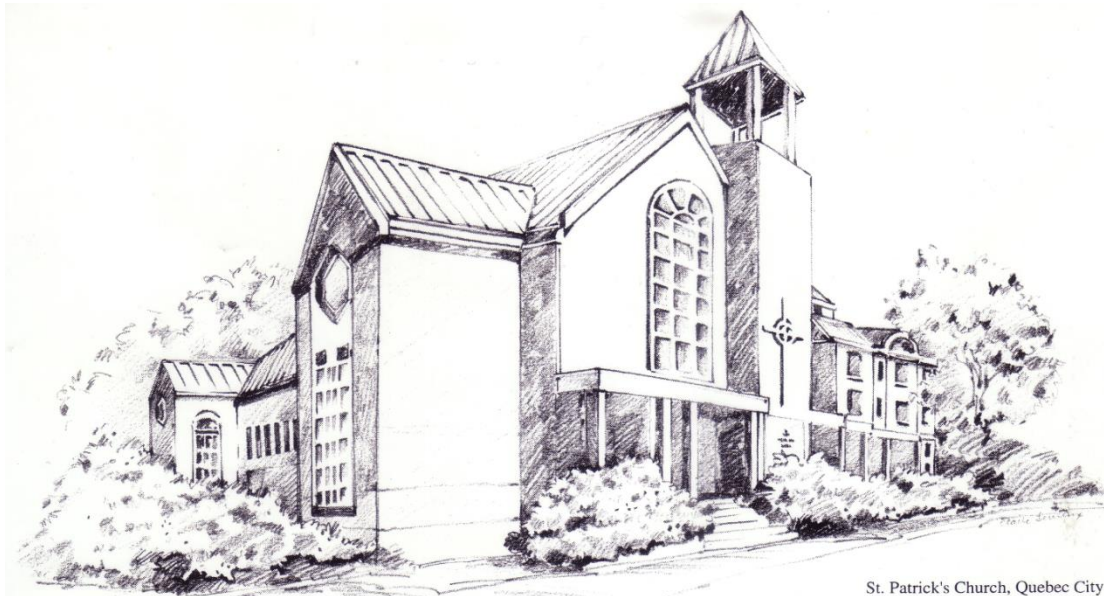


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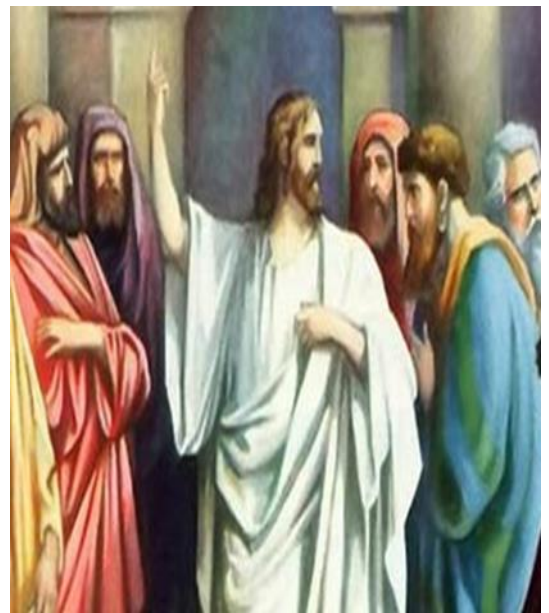
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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 5th, 2023


In today's Gospel, Jesus warns against following the example of the scribes and the Pharisees and teaches that those who would be great must be servants. Also, the warning Jesus gives against seeking places of honor in the community was directed as much toward the Christian community as the named Jewish leaders. Indeed, it is a warning that resonates with us today. Christian leadership is a call to service for the glory of God; those who would be leaders among us must, like Jesus, be servants of all. (Loyola Press).



“But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. The greatest among you will be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humble, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted ” (Matthew 23.1-12)

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Holy Hour (First Friday of the month, 7PM to 8PM) Priest available for the Sacrament of reconciliation	

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	November 4 th 4:00 pm	31 st Sunday in Ordinary time	Mary Rose O'Farrell	Edward Murphy
Sunday	November 5 th 10:00 am	31 st Sunday in Ordinary time	O'Donnell & McCauley Families	Constance O'Donnell
Monday	November 6 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	November 7 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Pro Populo	
Wednesday	November 8 th 11:30 am		Mr. Jean Canonne	Mrs. Canonne
Thursday	November 9 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	November 10 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	November 11 th 4:00 pm	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary time	John Louis Fournier & Claire Bédard	France Fournier
			John O'Connor	Edward Murphy
Sunday	November 12 th 10:00 am	32 nd Sunday in Ordinary time	Charlotte & Fred Pichard	Helen Pichard
			Cecile O'Doherty	Barbara Fleury
 The collection total for last week's Masses was \$505.30. Thank you for your generosity				

Remembrance Day Service

Our annual Remembrance Day Service will be held on Sunday, November 12 beginning at 9:55 a.m. As the actual Remembrance Day is just the day before, you can still wear your poppy for this activity. Please join us in remembering our fallen soldiers and honouring our veterans.

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.

Filipino Community Mass

On Saturday, November 11th, at 19h00, we will have a Mass organised by the Filipino Community. All are welcome.

Baptism Announcement

On November 4th, Megan Kayla Marie Villeneuve was baptized at our church. She is the daughter of Kevin Villeneuve and Melodie Rasch. It is with joy that we welcome this new child of God to our community.

News of The Catholic Women's League Quebec City Council

ALL PARISHIONERS are invited to a **soup and pie social after Mass on November 5th**. Donations to the league are appreciated but not required. The theme is "Giving Thanks." Also: please check your closet and drawers for extra winter clothing. We will be collecting for the Patro Roc-Amadour until Christmas. There will be a box in the downstairs coat room. The CWL is an organization that promotes individual and collective growth especially in the areas of faith, service, and social justice. Please join us by contacting our President Christie Mitchell at capgrad1983@gmail.com

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted”

Today, the Lord paints us a picture of the notables of Israel (Pharisees, teachers of the Law, etc.). They live in a superficial situation; they are nothing but appearance: “All their works are performed to be seen.” (Mt 23:5). They fall into inconsistency, “For they preach but they do not practice.” (Mt 23:3), they become slaves of their own deceit by seeking only the approval or admiration of men. This is where their consistency lies. By themselves, they are nothing but pathetic vanity, absurd pride, emptiness... foolishness.

Since the beginnings of humanity, the most frequent temptation continues; the ancient serpent keeps whispering in our ears: “God knows well that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, who know good and evil.” (Gn 3:5). And we keep on stumbling through, letting ourselves be called: "rabbi," "father," and "guides"... and so many other pompous titles. Too often, we want to occupy the place that is not ours. It is the Pharisaic attitude.

The disciples of Jesus should not be like this, quite the opposite: “The greatest among you must be your servant.” (Mt 23:11). And since they have only one Father, they are all brothers. As always, the Gospel makes it clear that we cannot disconnect the vertical dimension (The Father) and the horizontal (ourselves) or, as specified in last Sunday's Gospel, “You shall love the Lord, your God... You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Mt 22:37)

The entire liturgy of the Word this Sunday is full of the tenderness and demand of sonship and brotherhood. St. John's words reverberate in our heart: “If anyone says, “I love God,” but hates his brother, he is a liar.” (1Jn 4:20). The new evangelization —increasingly urgent— asks us for fidelity, trust, and sincerity with the vocation we have received through the Baptism. If we do it, the path of life will be illuminated for us “abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.” (Ps 16:11).

Prayer for the souls

Into your hands, God of mercies, we commend our brothers and sisters in the sure hope that together with all who have died in Christ, They shall rise with him on the last day.

We give thanks for the blessing of life which you bestowed upon them in this life; they are signs of your goodness and our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful God, turn toward us and listen to our prayers. Open the gates of heaven to your servants and help us who remain a comfort to one another and to

carry on in the good work we shared until we all meet in Christ in your holy and eternal presence.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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