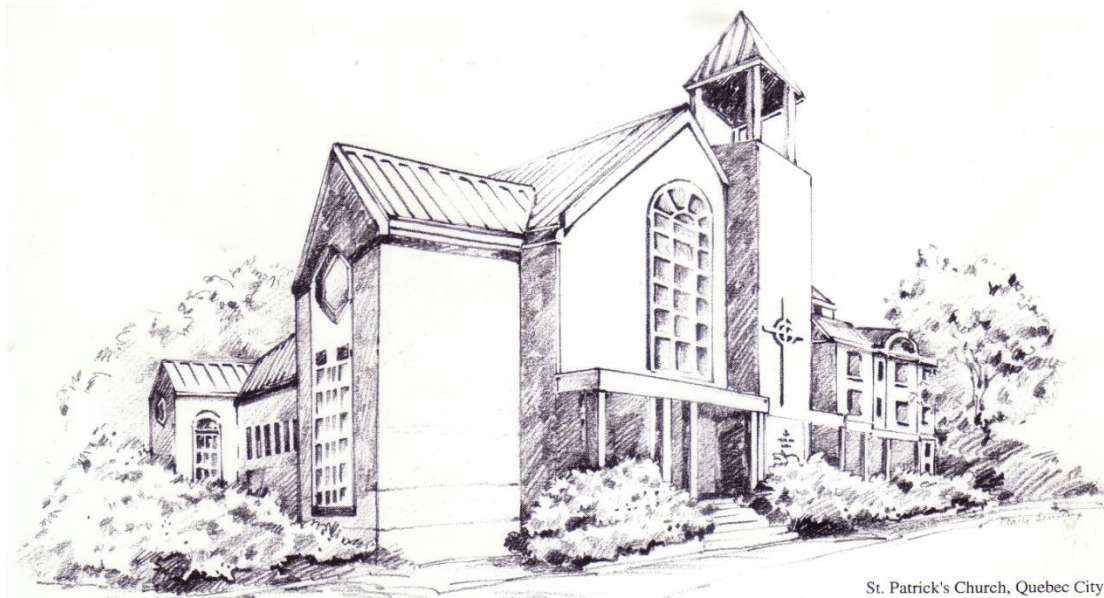


St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 19th, 2023


This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. Today's Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment process ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbor. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven. (Loyola Press)



“For all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.” (Matthew 25.14-30)

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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 18 th 4:00 pm	33 rd Sunday in Ordinary time	William Donnely (Anniversary Mass)	
Sunday	November 19 th 10:00 am	33 rd Sunday in ordinary time	Brenda O'Connor	Edward Murphy
			Samuel McIntosh	Madeline B. Stewart
Monday	November 20 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	November 21 st 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Edward Walsh	Ellen Walsh
Wednesday	November 22 nd 11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	November 23 rd		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	November 24 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	November 25 th 4:00 pm	Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	Tim O'Connor	Edward Murphy
Sunday	November 26 th 10:00 am	Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	David Cannon	Edward Murphy
 The collection total for last week's Masses was \$1045,20. Thank you for your generosity				

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.

Collection for the Great North and the diocesan of Québec's missions

On Sunday November 19th, we will collect money for Diocese's missions and for the missions in the Great North. Together, through financial support and our prayers, we bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable Catholics who live in many missions and in the Great North.

Community Christmas Hamper Campaign

We will have a special collection during the Masses on December 2nd and 3rd. Thanks to your thoughtful generosity; families in need will receive food at Christmas. To make a donation this year, please make out your cheque to St. Patrick's Church and at the bottom write: Community Christmas Hamper Campaign in order to receive a tax receipt. If not, you may drop your cheque or money off at the rectory in the letter box.. Thank you for your generosity.

News of The Catholic Women's League Quebec City Council

Please check your closets and drawers for extra winter clothing. We are collecting for the Patro Roc-Amadour until Christmas. There will be a box in the downstairs coat room. Our Christmas Wine Basket, Lamp, and children's Nativity set raffles have begun! Please see a member for tickets. The drawings will be held after Mass December 10th. You do not need to be present to win. The CWL is an organization that promotes individual and collective growth especially in the areas of faith, service, and social justice. Join us for the New Year! Yearly Membership dues of \$35 are being collected. Visit www.cwl.ca for National updates and inspiration. You may also contact our president Christie Mitchell with prayer requests at capgrad1983@gmail.com.

“For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich.”

Today, Jesus tells us another parable of judgment. We are approaching the Advent season, and therefore, the end of the liturgical year is near.

By giving us life, God has also provided us with the possibility – smaller or greater – for personal, ethical, and religious development. It doesn't matter if one has much or little; what matters is that what we have received has to yield some profit. The man in our parable, who hides his talent for fear of the master, has not known how to take risks: “But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his Master's money.” (Mt 25:18). Maybe the core of the parable is this: we must conceive a God that motivates us to go beyond ourselves, who encourages us to live freely for the Kingdom of God.

The word “talent” in this parable – which is nothing more than a weight denoting about 30 Kg of silver – has become so influential that it is even used in popular language to denote a person's qualities. But the parable does not exclude that the talents God has given us are not only our possibilities but also our limitations. What we are and what we have, that is the material with which God wants to make a new reality of us.

The phrase “For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.” (Mt 25:29), is not, naturally, a maxim to encourage consumption, but can only be understood in terms of love and generosity. Indeed, if we respond to God's gifts by trusting in His help, then we will experience that it is actually Him who is paying the interest on the investment: “In the stories of so many simple, kindly folk whom faith has made good, we see after all that faith has a very positive effect... And, conversely, we must note that, with the dimming of the light of faith, society has become harder...” (Benedict XVI).

Pope Francis calls to pray for Peace

“Brothers and sisters, already many have died,” the Pope said. “Please, let no more innocent blood be shed, neither in the **Holy Land** nor in **Ukraine**, nor in any other place! Enough! Wars are always a defeat, always!” “**Prayer** is the meek and holy force to oppose the diabolical force of hatred, terrorism, and war,”

“That is why we feel the need to pray, to turn our hearts to God the Father. Only in this way we can draw the strength and serenity needed to endure these hard times, by turning to him, in prayer and intercession, to implore and cry out to God amidst this anguish.”

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