

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

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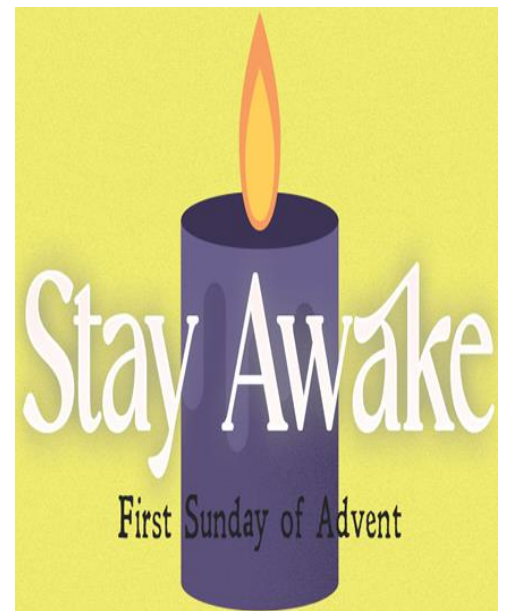
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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First Sunday of Advent, December 3rd, 2023

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also a time to prepare ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the first disciples, we must stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. (Loyola Press)



Jesus said to his disciples: "Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come." ...
"And what I say to you all: Keep awake." (Mark 13.33-37)

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 	Marriage and Wedding Anniversary Mass: Please contact the Pastor. Confessions: They are heard before Mass upon request.
Cantor	Helen McCauley
Cantor & Choir Director	Laura Paladino
Organist	Bruce Gaulin
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	December 2 nd 4:00 pm	1st Sunday of Advent	Helen Martin Haberlin	Joan Kane
Sunday	December 3 rd 10:00 am	1st Sunday of Advent	Donald Quinn (Anniversary Mass)	
Monday	December 4 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	December 5 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Arthur Healy	Elizabeth Healy
Wednesday	December 6 th 11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	December 7 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	December 8 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	December 9 th 4:00 pm	2nd Sunday of Advent	Pauline Walsh Alexandre Drapeau	Elisabeth Healy Ellen Walsh
Sunday	December 10 th 10:00 am	2nd Sunday of Advent	O'Donnell & McCauley families	Constance O'Donnell

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.

Service of Advent and Christmas Carols.

Our Pastoral Committee is inviting you to attend a special service. On Sunday December 10th at 2PM, our cantors Helen Mc Cauley and Laura Palladino along the parish choir will lead us in song. We will also have some readings from the Scriptures. The event will take place in the church. Hopefully, many of you will join us for this first-time event. Father Rejean Lussier

Sacrament of reconciliation


Father Francois Pouliot will be in our parish on Saturday December 9th at 3PM and on Sunday December 10th at 9AM if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Baptisms announcement

On December 2th, we had three Baptisms in our church. There was Jahztyne Liam Garcia son of Rogello Garcia and Menerva dy. We also had Laurie Delarosbil daughter of Bruno Delarosbil and Mary Ann Santiago. Finally, we had Daniel Matthew Aurigue son of Arnold Aurigue and Beatriz Bruno. It is with joy that we welcome those new children of God to our community.

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. **Are you ready to transform your spiritual life, serve others and act on social justice issues? Change is possible. Join us today.** 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.

 The collection total for last week's Masses was \$620.65. Thank you for your generosity

I say to all: "Watch! "

Today the universal Church begins a new Liturgical Year with the first Sunday of Advent. This is a time of hope—a time in which the memory of the first coming of the Lord is renewed in our hearts, in humility and confidence—and the longing for the return of Christ in glory and majesty is renewed.

This Sunday of Advent is also deeply marked by a call to vigilance. Thus, Saint Mark includes in Jesus' words the command to "watch" three times. The third time, he does so with a certain solemnity: "What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" (Mk 13:37). It's not just an ascetic recommendation, but a call to live as children of light and of the day.

This call is addressed not only to his disciples but to all men and women of goodwill, as an exhortation reminding us that life does not have only an earthly dimension, but is projected towards eternal life beyond this world. The human being, who is created in the image and likeness of God, is endowed with freedom and responsibility, and has the capacity to love. Accordingly, we will have to account for our lives—how we have developed and used the abilities and talents received from God; whether we have selfishly guarded them, or whether we have made them fruitful for the glory of God and the service of others.

The fundamental disposition we must live and the virtue we must exercise is hope. Advent is the time of hope par excellence, and the entire Church is called to live in hope and to become a sign of hope for the world. We prepare to commemorate Christmas, the beginning of Christ's coming: the Incarnation, the Nativity, his passage through the earth. But Jesus has never left us; he remains with us in various ways until the End of Time. For this reason, "with Christ joy is constantly born anew" (Pope Francis). story of God, for Jesus reigns from his Cross and He judges us in love. "We will be judged on love alone."

MASS SCHEDULE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

4th Sunday of Advent, on Saturday December 23rd: 16:00

Sunday December 24th: No 10:00 am Mass

Christmas Eve on Sunday, December 24th: 16:00 and 20:00

Nativity of our Lord on Monday, December 25th: 10:00 am

December 26th to 29th: No Mass

Holy Family Sunday on Saturday, December 30th: 16:00 ---

Holy Family on Sunday, December 31st: 10:00 am

Holy Mother of God on Monday, January 1st: 10:00 am

January 2nd and 3rd: No 11:30 am Mass

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