

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

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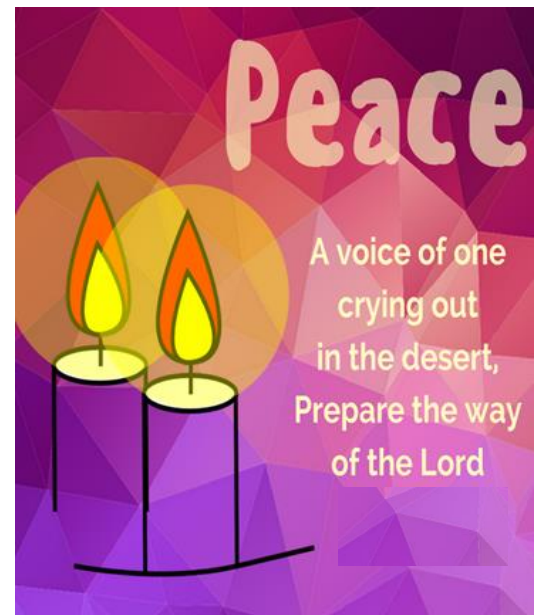
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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Second Sunday of Advent, December 10th, 2023

In today's Gospel we hear John the Baptist compare his baptism of repentance with the baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John says that he has baptized with water, but that the one who is to come will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. The four Gospels also explain that John was sent to preach in preparation for another. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus. . (Loyola Press)




As it is written in the Prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" (Mark 1.1-8)

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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	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 Olivia Augusta	Constance O'Donnell Julio Cesar Torres
Monday	December 11 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	December 12 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Jean Canonne	Mrs Canonne
Wednesday	December 13 th 11:30 am		Mary Neatt	Steven Neatt
Thursday	December 14 ^h		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	December 15 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	December 16 th 4:00 pm	3rd Sunday of Advent	Donald Neatt	Steven Neatt
Sunday	December 17 th 10:00 am	3rd Sunday of Advent	Francis Vimala	Francis Nikhila

 The collection total for last week's Masses and Baptisms was \$1342.90. Thank you for your generosity

Service of Advent and Christmas Carols.

Our Pastoral Committee invites you to attend a special service. On Sunday December 10th at 2PM, our cantors Helen Mc Cauley and Laura Palladino along with 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

Envelopes for collections 2024

We need your help! In order to reduce waste and save money, we will ask you to write on your envelope when you give a donation your number, the date, your name, and the amount of your donation. Your number will be written on the top of the box. By having no expired date on each envelope, we won't need to throw them away in the recycle bin at the end of the year. We will be able to use the envelopes which were not given to parishioners by the office in 2025. It is more and more expensive to buy those envelopes. By doing so, we will be saving a lot of money. Thank you for your cooperation.

Remembrance Day Ceremony

We would like to thank Carol Mazurat and her team for the ceremony we had on November 12th before the Sunday Mass. Also, it was nice to welcome Alex Dutil who is now a chaplain in the army and who was our lay pastoral assistant in the past. He visited us with his wife. They were married last summer and are expecting a baby. Father Rejean Lussier

News of The Catholic Women's League Quebec City Council

Last call coming to purchase raffle tickets! The drawings will be held Dec. 10th after Mass downstairs. Please continue to check your closets and drawers for extra winter clothing. We are collecting for the Patro Roc-Amadour until Christmas. There are boxes 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. Treat yourself this Christmas and join us today. Annual dues (\$35) are being collected now. See one of our members or contact our President Christie Mitchell at capgrad1983@gmail.com or visit our website: www.cwl.ca.

“John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance”

Today, as the curtain of the divine drama rises, we can already hear someone shouting: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths” (Mk 1,3). Today we meet John the Baptist as he sets the stage for Jesus' coming.

Some people thought John himself was the Messiah. He spoke like the prophets of old, saying that people must turn from sin to avoid punishment, and turn to God to experience his mercy. But this is a message for all times and places and John spoke it with particular urgency. So, a stream of people, from Jerusalem and from all over Judea, flowed into the wilderness to hear John preach.

Why did John attract so many men and women? Sure, he blasted Herod and the religious leaders, a daring act that fascinated the common people. But he also had strong words for the people as well: they too were sinners and needed to repent. And when they confessed their sins, he baptized them in the Jordan River. Hence, John the Baptist captivated them because they understood the message of true repentance he was trying to convey. A repentance that was more than just a confession of sin—in itself a long step forward and a beautiful one indeed! But repentance based on the belief that only God can both forgive and erase, both settle the debt and clear away the debris of our souls, straighten up out crooked ways.

“Do not waste this time of mercy offered by God”, Saint Gregory the Great says. Do not waste this time of embracing the purifying love offered to us, we can say to ourselves as the time of Advent unfolds before us.

Are we ready to straighten the paths for our Lord this Advent? Could we make this the time for a truer, more searching confession in our lives? John called for sincerity—sincerity with oneself—and abandonment to God's mercy. In doing so he helped people to live for God, to understand that living is a matter of fighting to open up the paths of virtue and letting God's grace vivify their soul with his joy.

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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