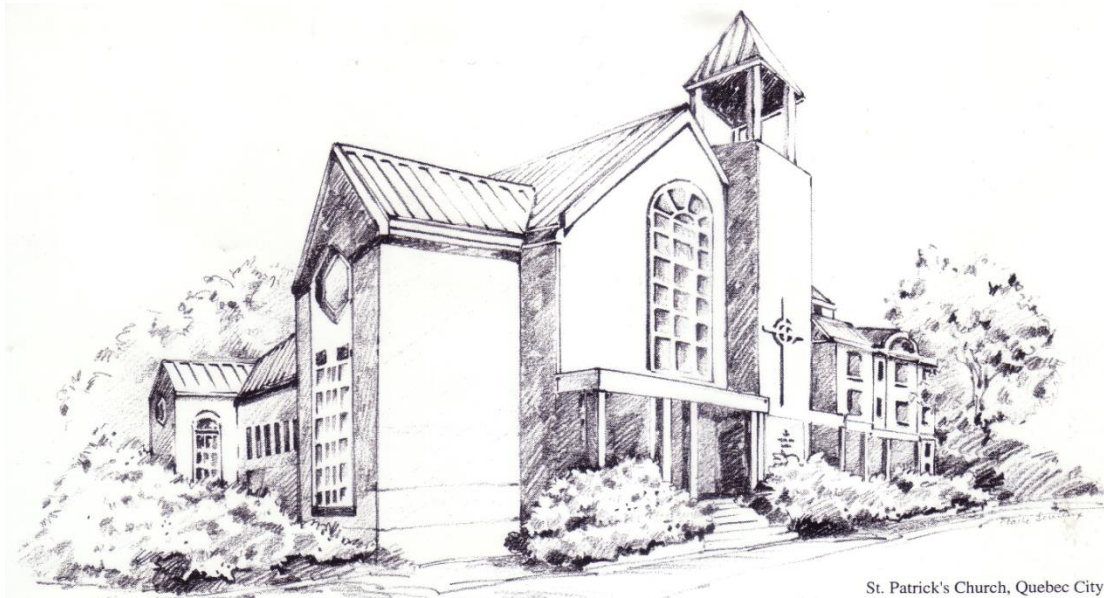


St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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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third Sunday of Advent, December 17th, 2023

The third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete*, a Latin word which means “rejoice,” is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation and peace. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day. (Loyola Press)




“I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the tong of his sandal.” This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing. (John 1.6-8, 19-28)

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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
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
Monday	December 18 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	December 19 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Jean Canonne	Mrs Canonne
Wednesday	December 20 th 11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	December 21 ^h		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	December 22 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	December 23 th 16:00 pm	4 th Sunday of Advent		
Sunday	December 24 th 16:00 pm December 24 th 20:00 pm	Nativity of the Lord	Gary Létourneau	Famille Claude Gravel

 The collection total for last week's Masses was \$596.75. Thank you for your generosity

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.

Special Collection

On December 23rd and 24th and 25th, we will have a second collection at the end of Mass. Half of the money will be given to the Red Cross in order to help all those people who are victims of war. Half of the money will be for our parish in order to help the persons who are knocking at our door for a little financial help. Thanks for your generosity. Father Rejean Lussier

New Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Quebec

Mgr Juan Carlos Londoño has been nominated by Pope Francis to become a new auxiliary Bishop for the diocese of Quebec. He was presented to the population on Tuesday December 12th at 10 h 30, on ECDQ.tv. You can find more information on the website of the diocese: **ECDQ.com**.

News of The Catholic Women's League Quebec City Council

ALL PARISHONERS are invited to our annual Christmas Tea which will be on Sunday December 17th in the hall after Mass. This is also when the winning raffle tickets will be drawn. Tickets are available for purchase until the drawing begins. CWL MEMBERS: Our AGM is set for Saturday January 13th at 2pm in the hall. Your attendance is very important as this is when the in person voting for the election will take place. Newly elected officers will be installed at 3:55pm before Mass. **NOTE:** Our winter clothing collection continues in the downstairs coat room. WE are always accepting new members. Treat yourself this Christmas and join us today by contacting our President Christie Mitchell at capgrad1983@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you.

“There is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me”

Today, in the midst of Advent, we receive an invitation to joy and hope: “Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.” (1Thes 5:16-17). The Lord is near: “My daughter, know your heart is Heaven for Me.”, Jesus tells Saint Faustina Kowalska (and certainly, the Lord would like to repeat this to each of His children). It is a good time to think about all that He has done for us and give thanks to Him for it.

Joy is an essential characteristic of Faith. To feel loved and saved by God is a great joy; to know that we are brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ, who gave His life for us, is the main reason for Christian joy. A Christian given over to sadness will have a weak spiritual life, will fail to see all that God has done for him or her, and therefore, will be unable to transmit it to others. Christian joy springs from gratitude, especially for the love that the Lord shows us; we do so in communion with Christ, every Sunday, through the Eucharist.

The Gospel has presented us with the figure of John the Baptist, the precursor. John enjoyed great popularity among the simple people; but when asked, he responds with humility: "I am not the Messiah..." (cf. Jn 1:21); "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me." (Jn 1:26-27). Jesus Christ is the long-awaited Messiah; He is the Light of the world. The Gospel is not a strange message nor one doctrine among many, but the Good News that gives meaning to all human life because it has been communicated to us by God Himself who became man. Every Christian is called to acknowledge Jesus Christ and to bear witness to his or her Faith. As Christ's disciples, we are called to bring the gift of light. Beyond those words, the best testimony, is and will always be the example of a faithful life.

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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