

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

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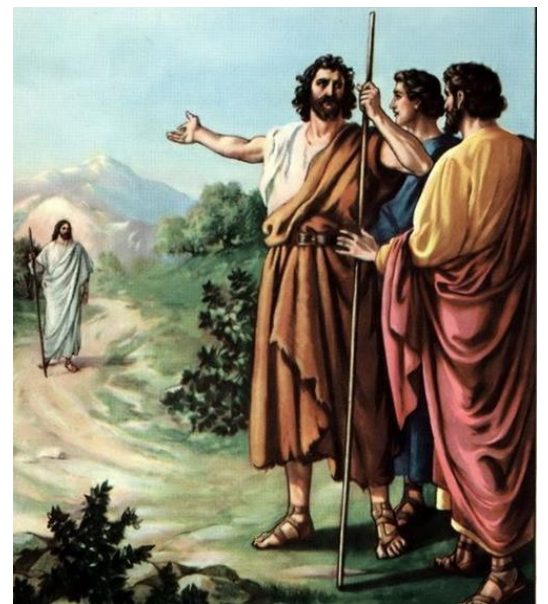
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, January 14th, 2024

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, this is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.




John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. (John 1.35-42)

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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	January 13 th	16:00 pm	2 nd Sunday Ordinary time	Father Christian Kay & Father Keven Scallow	Jacqueline Quackenbush
Sunday	January 14 th	10:00 am	2 nd Sunday Ordinary time	Mr. Timothy Ford	Laura Palladino & Pierre Gagnon
				Romeo Gaton	Aileen Jimenez
Monday	January 15 th			No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	January 16 th	11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Nancy Saville Bernier	Jean Saville
Wednesday	January 17 th	11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	January 18 th			No Mass	No Mass
Friday	January 19 th			No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	January 20 th	16:00 pm	3 rd Sunday Ordinary time		
Sunday	January 21 st	10:00 am	3 rd Sunday Ordinary time	Mary Johnston	Alain Fortin

 The total collection for last week's Masses is \$817.05. Thank you for your generosity

News of The Catholic Women's League Quebec City Council

ALL PARISHIONERS: Our warm and winter clothing drive is over. We are pleased to announce that two trips were made to the Patro: one before December 25th and one after January 7th. Your generosity is beyond appreciated. ALL MEMBERS: Please make attending our AGM on January 20th at 2pm a priority. The meeting takes place in the church hall and includes: annual reports from a number of executive members, in person voting if required, election results, and the installation of our new executive by Father Lussier. The importance of your attendance can not be overstated. See you there!

Community Christmas Hamper Campaign

Thanks to your thoughtful generosity, we were able to help a lot of families with a total amount of donations of \$1,135.00. Thank you for your support!

CWL Catholic English Calendars for 2024

Catholic English Calendars for 2024 are available for a \$5.00 donation to the Catholic Women's League in the atrium or downstairs. Your support is greatly appreciated.

“Rabbi (which means Master), where are you staying? ”

Today, we can see Jesus coming by the banks of the river Jordan: it is Christ walking by! It was about four o'clock in the afternoon, when noticing two young men following him, He asks them «What are you looking for?» (Jn 1:38). And, surprised at the question, they answer “ ‘Rabbi (which means Master), where are you staying?’ . ‘Come and see!’ ” (Jn 1:39).

I am also following Jesus, but... what do I want? what am I seeking? He is who asks me: “Truly, what do you want? ” Oh! If I would only be courageous enough to tell him: “I am seeking you, Jesus.”, most surely I would have already found him, “For the one who seeks, finds.” (Mt 7:8). But I am such a coward and always reply with words not too engaging: “Where are you staying?”. But Jesus does not simply put up with my answer; He knows but too well that I do not just need a lot of words, but a friend, The Friend: Him. This is why He tells me: “Come and see”, “come and you will see it”.

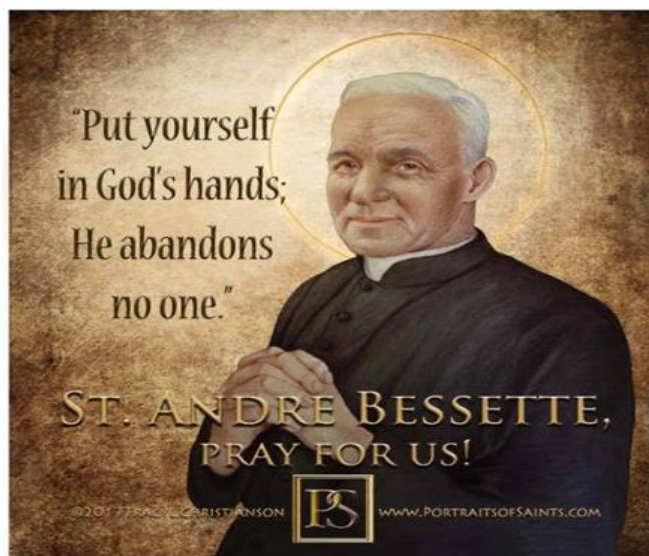
John and Andrew, the two young fishermen, followed him and “saw where He stayed and spent the rest of that day with him.” (Jn 1:39). Overwhelmed by this encounter, John will be able to write: “Grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.” (Jn 1:17b). And Andrew? He will run to meet his brother to tell him: “We have found the Messiah.” (Jn 1:41). “And he brought Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon, son of John, but you shall be called Cephas’ (which means Rock). ” (Jn 1:42).

A rock!, Simon, a rock? Not one of them is able to understand those words. They do not know Jesus has come to build his own Church with living stones. He has already chosen the first two bricks, John and Andrew, and he has decided that Simon will be the rock upon which the whole building will stand.

And, before going to his Father, he will answer our question: “Rabbi, where are you staying?”. While blessing his Church, He will answer: “And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Mt 28,20).

Prayer to Marguerite Bourgeoys

O Mother Bourgeoys, you, whose compassionate power is ever increasing, show us your way of Truth, Faith and Holiness. Make us humble enough to abandon ourselves to the Will of God, generous enough to find in the Cross the joy of the Loving Giver. May your fidelity to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament lead us ever nearer to this source of light and peace. May your spirit of openness help us to be concerned for our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Finally, may Our Lady of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bring us to this unity of eternal grace to which God has called you for all eternity. Amen.



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