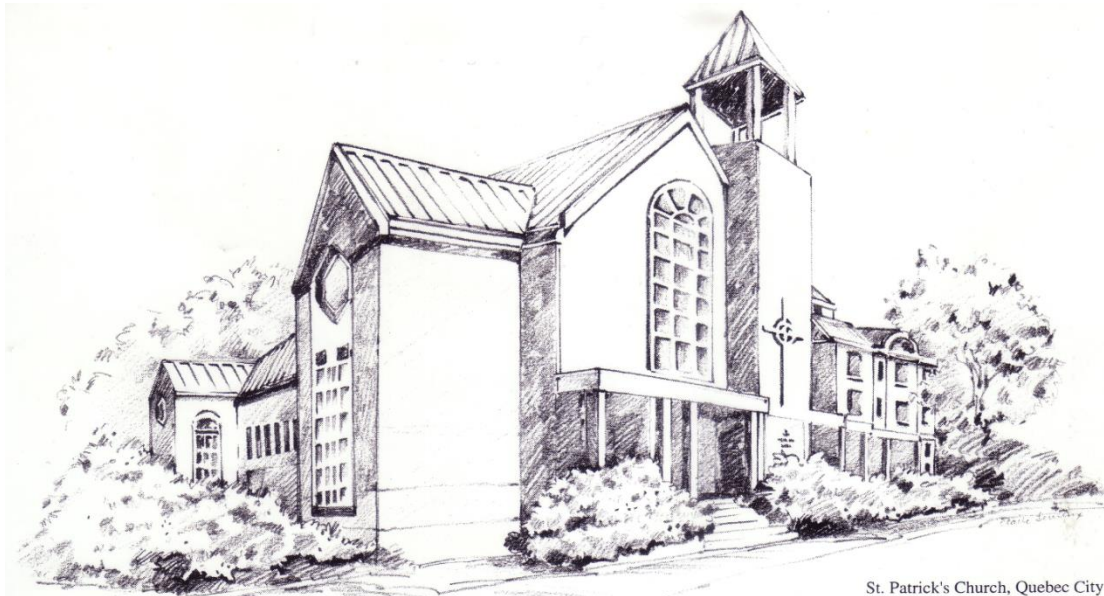


St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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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Epiphany of the Lord, January 7th, 2023

In today's Gospel, the magi come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death. (Loyola Press)




In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born King of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and come to pay him homage." (Matthew 2.1-12)

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Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	January 6 th 16:00 pm	Epiphany of the Lord	Nancy Saville Bernier David Cannon Bill Donnelly	Jean Saville Daniel Witham Françoise & Claude Gravel
Sunday	January 7 th 10:00 am	Epiphany of the Lord	Personal intentions	Father Lussier
Monday	January 8 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	January 9 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Nancy Saville Bernier	Jean Saville
Wednesday	January 10 th 11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	January 11 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	January 12 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	January 13 th 16:00 pm	2 nd Sunday Ordinary time		
Sunday	January 14 th 10:00 pm	2 nd Sunday Ordinary time	Mr. Timothy Ford Romeo Gaton	Laura Paladino & Pierre Gagnon Aileen Jimenez

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News of The Catholic Women's League Quebec City Council

A very Happy New Year from The Catholic Women's League!! May our Lady Of Good Counsel enhance the Holy Spirit's gift of discernment for each and every one of us. The Catholic Women's League is an organization where members gratefully share the good things God has given them. Join us today and please visit www.cwl.ca for inspiration. Note: Winter clothing donations are being collected until Jan. 7th. Also: Our AGM will be Saturday, January 13th at 2:00 PM in the hall. May 2024 bring great blessings to all!!

Filipino Community Mass

On Saturday, January 13th, at 7:00 pm, we will have a Mass organised by the Filipino Community. All are welcome.

“Entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage”

Today, the prophet Isaiah encourages us: “Arise! Shine, for your light has come, the glory of the LORD has dawned upon you.” (Is 60:1). The light the prophet has seen is the star, which the Three Wise Men see in the East, like many other men. The Magi discover its meaning. Others consider it as something admirable, but that does not affect them. And, so, they do not react. The Three Wise Men realize the fact that, with the star, God is sending them an important message for which it is worthwhile leaving comfort and safety to take on the risks of an uncertain journey: the hope of finding the King leads them to follow the star, which the prophets had spoken of and which the people of Israel had been waiting for centuries.

They arrive in Jerusalem, the capital city of the Jews. They are sure that there they will be shown where the King has been born. Indeed, they will be told: “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet” (Mt 2:5). The news of the arrival of the Magi and their inquiry spreads around Jerusalem in a very short time: Jerusalem was, at that time, a small city and the presence of the Magi with their escort must have been noticed by all its inhabitants, thus “When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him” (Mt 2:3), the Gospel tells us.

Jesus Christ crosses the paths of the lives of many people who are not interested in Him. A little effort would have changed their lives; they would have found the King of Joy and Peace. This requires a willingness to look for Him, to move around, to ask without losing heart —like the Three Wise Men— to leave our comfort, our routine. It requires an effort to appreciate the immense value of finding Christ. If we do not find Him, we have not found anything in life, because only He is the Savior: finding Jesus is to find the Path that leads us to know the Truth that gives us Life. And without Him, nothing is worthwhile.

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer! (Pope Francis)

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain.

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! Amen.

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