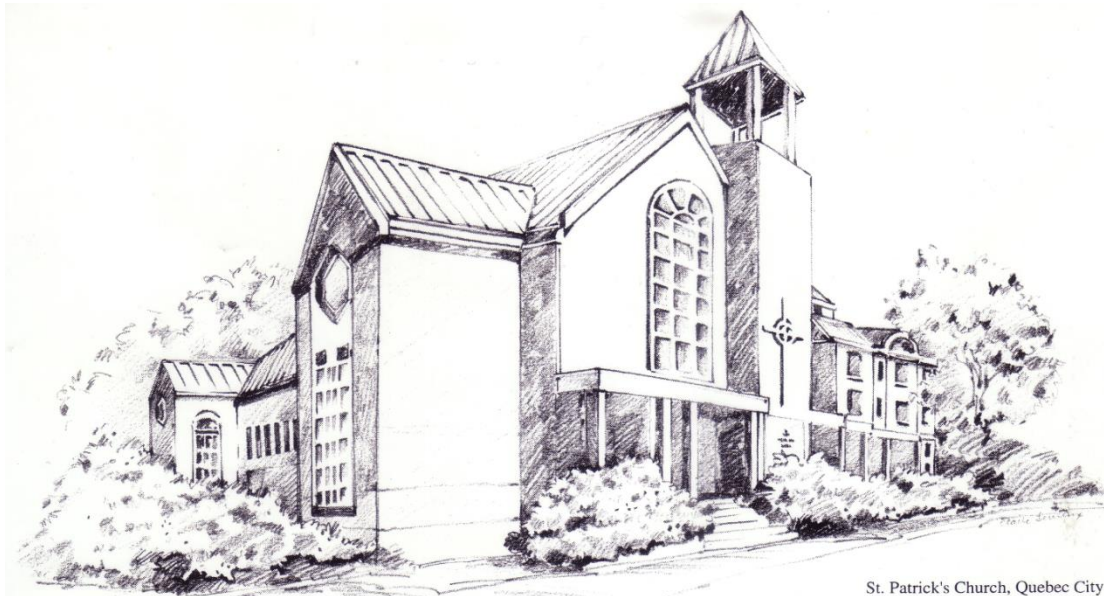


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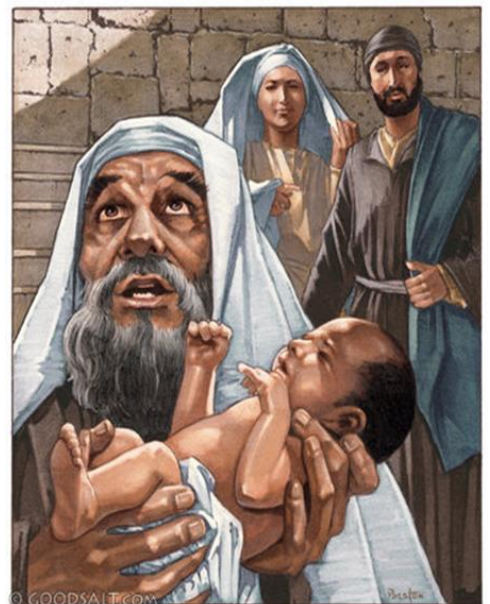
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Holy Family of Jesus, December 31st, 2023

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.



Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to gentiles and for the glory to your people Israel." (Luke 2.22-40)

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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 30 th 16:00 pm	Holy Family	Personal intentions	Father Lussier
Sunday	December 31 st 10:00 pm	Holy Family	Fred Pichard Personal intentions	Helen Pichard Angie
Monday	January 1 st 10:00 am		Personal intentions	Father Lussier
Tuesday	January 2 nd		No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	January 3 rd		No Mass	No Mass
Thursday	January 4 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	January 5 th		No Mass	No Mass
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 pm	Epiphany of the Lord	Personal intentions	Father Lussier

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Holy Hour

On Friday January 5th, we will have Holy Hour from 7PM until 8PM. We will expose the Blessed Sacrament and have some prayers and moments of silence. Also, you will be able to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

News of The Catholic Women's League Quebec City Council

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all 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 gifts we have are made precious only by sharing them with others. Your gifts are gratefully accepted by the Catholic Women's League where members willingly share the good things God has given them. Join us today. 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!!

 The collection total for last week's Masses is not available this week. Thank you for your generosity

“They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord”

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. Our gaze shifts from the center of the nativity scene—Jesus—to contemplate Mary and Joseph close to Him. The eternal Son of the Father goes from the eternal family, which is the Holy Trinity, to the earthly family formed by Mary and Joseph. How important the family must be in the eyes of God when the first thing He provides for His Son is a family!

Saint John Paul II, in his Apostolic Letter "Rosarium Virginis Mariae," highlights once again the crucial importance of the family as the foundation of the Church and human society, asking us to pray for families and to pray as a family with the Holy Rosary to revitalize this institution. If the family is doing well, both society and the Church will do well.

The Gospel tells us that the Child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. Jesus found the warmth of a family that was built through their mutual relationships of love. How beautiful and beneficial it would be if we strived more and more to build our family: with a spirit of service and prayer, with mutual love, with a great capacity to understand and forgive. We would taste—like in the home of Nazareth—heaven and earth! Building the family is today one of the most urgent tasks. Parents, as Vatican Council II reminded, play an irreplaceable role here: "Parents are the ones who must create a family atmosphere animated by love and respect for God and man, in which the well-rounded personal and social education of children is fostered." In the family, we learn the most important thing: how to be people.

Finally, to talk about family for Christians is to talk about the Church. The evangelist Saint Luke tells us that Jesus' parents took Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord. That offering was a figure of Jesus' sacrificial offering to the Father, from which Christians are born. Considering this joyful reality will open us to greater fraternity and lead us to love the Church more.



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