

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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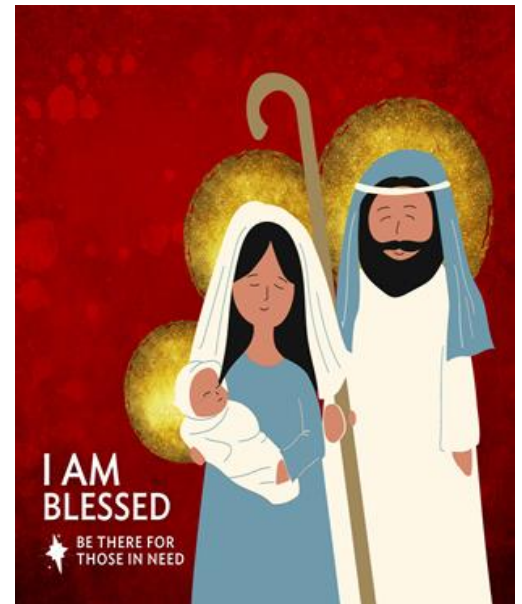
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Nativity of the Lord December 25th, 2023


The story of Jesus' birth, which begins with a reference to Caesar Augustus, concludes with the shepherds, people looked down on by most of society, visiting the infant. As the angels return to heaven, the shepherds decide to go see "this thing" that has happened in Bethlehem. Their visit confirms everything the angels had told them about the birth of the Savior and Messiah. They then spoke publicly about all they had seen, to the great astonishment of all who heard. Mary ponders all this in her heart, and the shepherds return to their fields praising God. What had been told to them really happened.



The Angel said to them "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Christ, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." (Luke 2.1-16)

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 	Marriage and Wedding Anniversary Mass: Please contact the Pastor. Confessions: They are heard before Mass upon request.
Cantor	Helen McCauley
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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 23 th 16:00 pm	4 th Sunday of Advent	Personal intentions	Father Lussier
Sunday	December 24 th 16:00 pm	Nativity of the Lord	Gary Letourneau	Famille Claude Gravel
	December 24 th 20:00 pm		Personal intentions	Father Lussier
Monday	December 25 th 10:00 am		Edward & Gemma Louise Walsh	Ellen Walsh
Tuesday	December 26 th 11:30 am		No Mass	No Mass
Wednesday	December 27 th 11:30 am		No Mass	No Mass
Thursday	December 28 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	December 29 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	December 30 th 16:00 pm	Holy Family	Personal intentions	Father Lussier
Sunday	December 31 st 10:00 pm	Holy Family	Fred Pichard	Helen Pichard
 The collection total for last week's Masses was \$595.60. 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

News of The Catholic Women's League Quebec City Council

Special thanks to all the helping hands and cookie bakers for our Christmas tea and raffle last week and congratulations to our winners! By now most of our members will have received a nomination form from our Elections Committee. Please have your nominations mailed back to Jo Ann Hennessy no later than Dec. 24th. This is very important, as is your attendance at our upcoming AGM/AMM on Saturday January 13th at 2pm where in-person voting will take place. Our new executive will be installed by Father Lussier At 3:55pm that day. We love new members. Catholic Women Unite! <https://www.cwl.ca/join-us/> May Our Lady Of Good Counsel be especially near you as we celebrate the nativity of our Lord.

Wishes from the Pastoral Team

Our thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners. May the joy and peace of Christmas be with you all through the year. Wishing you a season of blessings from Heaven above.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Father Lussier and Richard Drouin

“You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.”

Today, the Gospel carries the tone of a folk tale. Fairy tales begin like this: "Once upon a time...", introducing the characters, the era, the place, and the theme. This story reaches its high point with the central plot; finally, there is the resolution.

Similarly, Saint Luke narrates the greatest story of all times in a popular and accessible manner. He presents not a tale conjured by imagination, but a reality woven by God Himself with human collaboration. The high point is: "You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus" (Lk 1:31).

This message tells us that Christmas is near. Mary will open the door for us with her cooperation the Work of God. The humble girl of Nazareth listens in surprise to the angel's announcement. She was earnestly praying that God would soon send the Anointed One to save the world. Little did she imagine, in her modest understanding, that God had chosen her specifically to fulfill His plans.

Mary experiences tense, dramatic moments in her heart: she was and wanted to remain a virgin; now God proposes motherhood to her. Mary does not understand: "How can this be?" (Lk 1:34), she asks. The Angel explains that virginity and motherhood are not contradictory, but rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit, they are perfectly integrated. It's not that she now understands better. But that is enough for her, for the miracle will be God's work: "For nothing will be impossible with God" (Lk 1:37). That's why she responds: "May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38). Let it be! Let it happen! Fiat! Yes. Total acceptance of God's Will, somewhat blindly, but without conditions.

In that very moment, "the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (Jn 1:14). That folk tale becomes at the same time the most divine and most human reality. Pope Saint Paul VI wrote in 1974: "In Mary, we see the response that God gives to the mystery of man; and the question that man asks about God and his own life."

MASS SCHEDULE DURING THE HOLIDAYS

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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