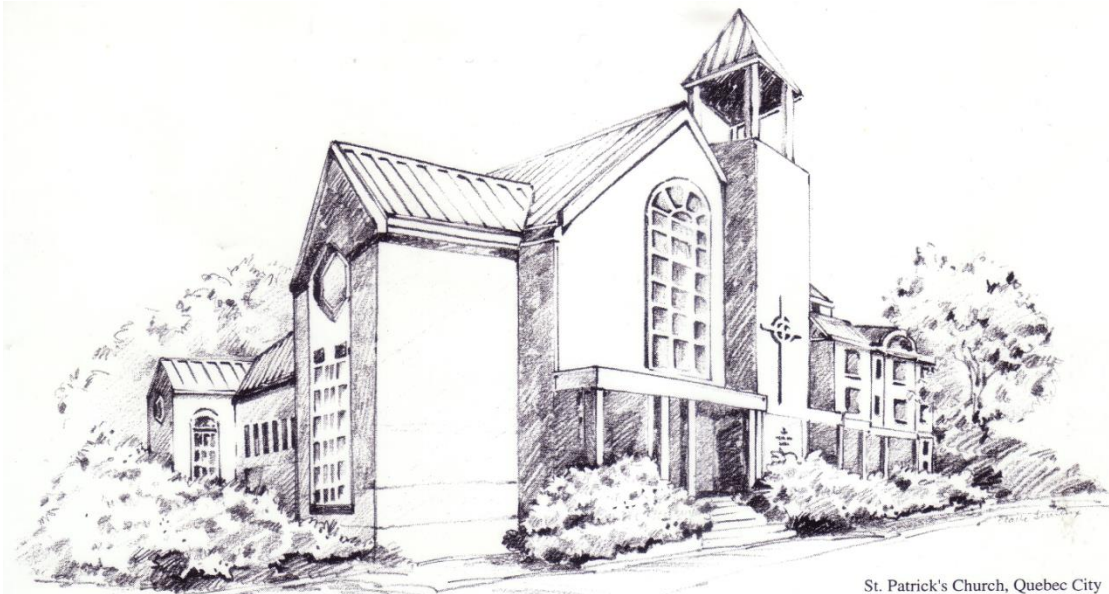

St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

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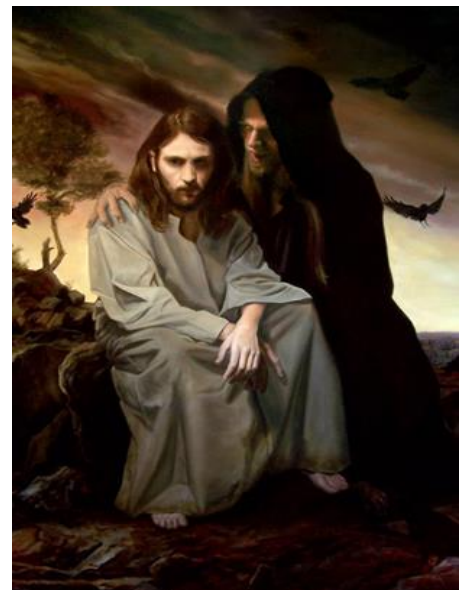
While honouring its Irish heritage, St. Patrick's Parish has a unique mission to live and share the teachings of Jesus Christ with Roman Catholics who worship in the English language in the Diocese.

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First Sunday of Lent, February 18th, 2024




In the Gospel, the desert marks beginning of Jesus' battle with Satan; the ultimate test will be in Jesus' final hours on the cross. In a similar way, our Lenten observances are only a beginning, a preparation for and a reinforcement of our ongoing struggle to resist the temptations we face in our lives. During Lent, we are led by the Holy Spirit to remember the vows of Baptism in which we promised to reject sin and to follow Jesus. Just as Jesus was ministered to by the angels, God also supports us in our struggle against sin and temptation. We succeed because Jesus conquered sin once and for all in his saving death on the cross.



After Jesus was baptized, the Spirit drove him out in the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the Angels waited on him.

(Mark 1.12-15)

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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	Time	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	February 17 th	16:00 pm	First Sunday Of Lent		
Sunday	February 18 th	10:00 am	First Sunday of Lent	Clem & Dorothy Spratt	Anne Spratt
				Adrien Fleury	Barbara Fleury
Monday	February 19 th			No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	February 20 th	11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Irish Murphy	Karen, Robert and Kevin Lachapelle
Wednesday	February 21 st	11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	February 22 nd			No Mass	No Mass
Friday	February 23 rd			No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	February 24 th	16:00 pm	Second Sunday Of Lent		
Sunday	February 25 th	10:00 am	Second Sunday of Lent	M. Jacques Plante	Laura Palladino & Pierre Gagnon

 The total collection for last week's Masses is \$852.30. Thank you for your generosity

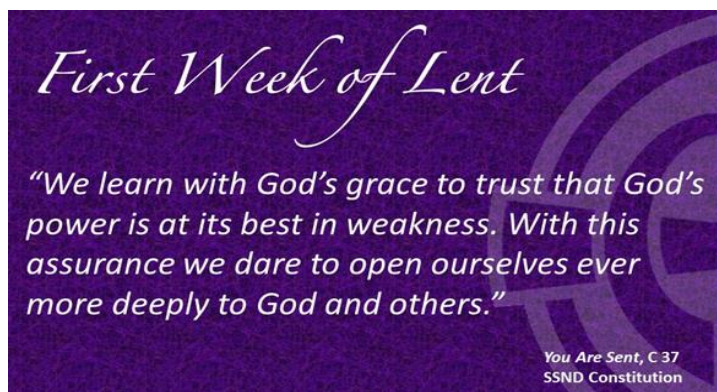
St Patrick's Day (2024)

On Sunday, March 17th, we will celebrate Saint Patrick's Day beginning with Mass at 10:00. Afterwards we will have a brunch in the Hall. This is a family gathering and we have tried to make it affordable for all families and also older people. The price is 30 dollars each and it is free for children under 10 years of age. You may pay with a credit card, debit card or in cash. You can reserve a place after Mass during the first two weekends of March or you can call the office and we will send you your ticket by email. (418-524-3544).

Father Réjean Lussier

Lenten Collection for the Québec Archdiocese on the First Weekend of Lent

There will be a collection for the Québec Archdiocese, on February 17th and 18th.



News of The Catholic Women's League Quebec City Council

Many thanks to all who supported our St. Valentine's High tea last Sunday. **CHANGE** -

Are you ready to transform your spiritual life, serve others, and act on social justice issues? This change is possible when you join the Catholic Women's League. It has all these values at the heart of its mission. We are looking for a chairperson to lead us in Social Justice. Is it you? We still have Catholic Calendars available for a \$5 donation. Interac payments can be accepted to our council's email address: cwlstpatrickscwl@gmail.com. Please visit the national website at www.cwl.ca for inspiration and information.

“The Spirit drove him out into the desert, and tempted by Satan”

Today, the Church celebrates the liturgy of the First Sunday of Lent. The Gospel presents Jesus preparing for His public life. He goes into the desert where He spends forty days in prayer and penance. There, He is tempted by Satan.

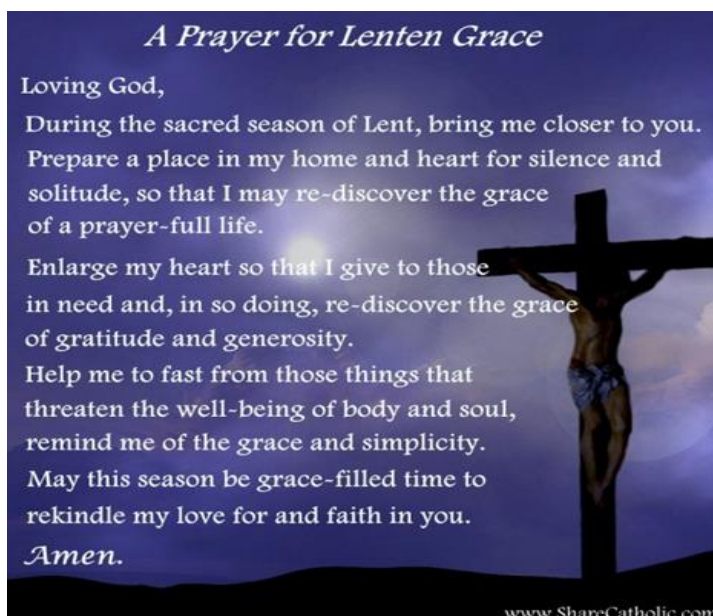
We must prepare ourselves for Easter. Satan is our great enemy. There are people who do not believe in him, saying he is a product of our imagination, or that he represents evil in the abstract, diluted among people and in the world. Not so!

The Holy Scriptures speaks of him many times as a spiritual and concrete being. He is a fallen angel. Jesus defines him by saying: "He is a liar and the father of lies" (Jn 8:44). Saint Peter compares him to a roaring lion: "Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in faith" (1 Pet 5:8). And Saint Paul VI teaches: "The Devil is the number one enemy, the preeminent tempter. So we know that this dark disturbing being exists and that he is still at work with his treacherous cunning."

How? By lying, deceiving. Where there is a lie or deceit, there is diabolic action. "The greatest trick the Devil ever pulled was convincing the world he didn't exist" (Baudelaire). And how does he lie? He presents evil actions as if they were good; he stimulates us to do bad deeds; and, finally, he suggests reasons to justify sins. After deceiving us, he fills us with restlessness and sadness. Have you not experienced this?

What should our attitude be toward temptation? Before: watch, pray, and avoid occasions. During: direct or indirect resistance. After: if you have overcome, give thanks to God. If you have not overcome, ask for forgiveness and gain experience. What has been your attitude so far?

The Virgin Mary crushed the infernal serpent's head. May She give us the strength to overcome daily temptations.



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