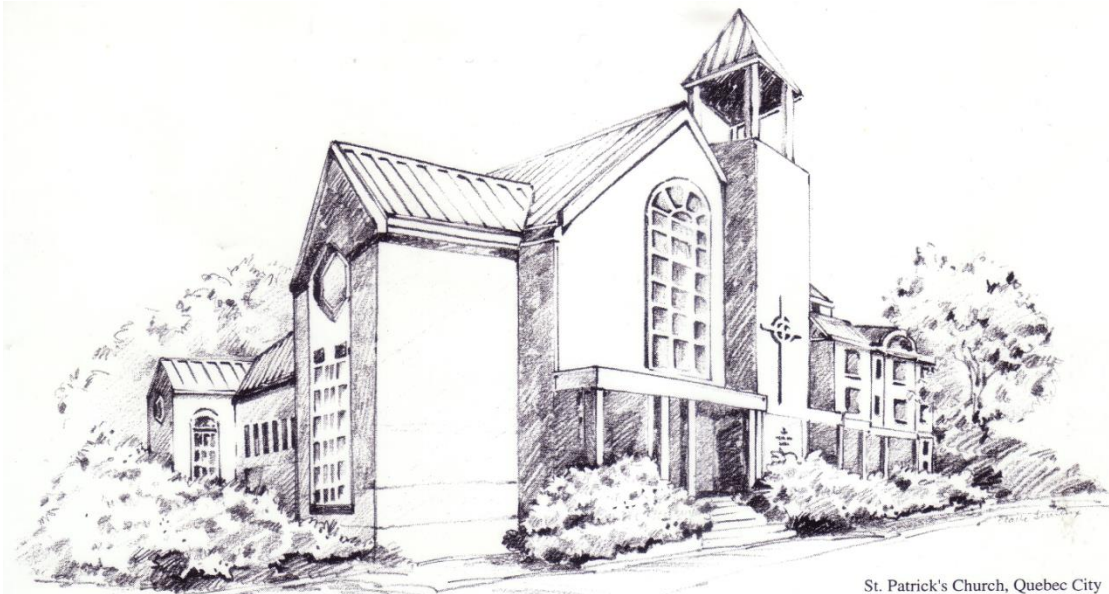


St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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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Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 10th, 2024





The fourth Sunday of Lent is sometime called *Laetare* Sunday. *Laetare* is a Latin word that means "rejoice". This Sunday is named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon that is taken from the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11). In the Gospel, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people preferred the darkness. We wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven. This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives. (Loyola Press)

Lent IS A TIME TO
GROW
CLOSER TO JESUS

“And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light into the world, because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light,

” (John 3.14-21)

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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	March 9 th 16:00 pm	Fourth Sunday Of Lent	Michel J.F. Asselin Patricia O'Doherty	Jacintha Asselin Barbara Fleury	
Sunday	March 10 th 10:00 am	Fourth Sunday of Lent	Serge De Bellefeuille O'Donnell & McCauley families	Laura Palladino & Pierre Gagnon Constance O'Donnell	
Monday	March 11 th		No Mass	No Mass	
Tuesday	March 12 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Yolande Lebel	Famille Drouin	
Wednesday	March 13 th 11:30 am		Pro Populo		
Thursday	March 14 th		No Mass	No Mass	
Friday	March 15 th		No Mass	No Mass	
Saturday	March 16 th 16:00 pm	Fifth Sunday Of Lent			
Sunday	March 17 th 10:00 am	Fifth Sunday of Lent	Alex, Katie, James, Arthur, Robert and Roslyn	Ron Charest	

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). Fr. Réjean Lussier

News of The Catholic Women's League Quebec City Council

Celebrate International Woman's Day with us after Mass on Sunday March 10th during the coffee hour at 11 AM. We will have several talking points for discussion. Join our Kindness Rocks activity on Sunday, March 24th between 11:00 and 1:00 p.m., also in McMahan Hall at the church. Bring some rocks to paint if you wish, but we do have everything we need, including rocks, ready to go.

Collection for Development and Peace

Please note that next weekend, March 16th and 17th, there will be a Collection for Development and Peace.

 The total collection for last week's Masses is \$1063.00. Thank you for your generosity

Schedule for Holy Week

Palm Sunday, Saturday, March 23rd at 16:00 No Mass

Palm Sunday, Sunday, March 24th at 10:00

Holy Thursday Mass, Thursday, March 28th at 19:30

Visiting Priest available for Sacrament of Reconciliation, Friday, March 29th at 14:00

Good Friday Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, Friday, March 29th at 15:00

Easter Vigil Mass, Saturday, March 30th at 19:30

Easter Sunday Mass, Sunday March 31st at 10:00

Reflection from the Catholic Women's League Quebec City Council

CONFIDENCE The Catholic Women's League relies on the teachings of the Catholic church to guide it. As a member you can be confident that what you do will further God's kingdom here on earth. Be confident - come walk with us! Visit the national website at www.cwl.ca for inspiration and information. Contact our council or donate at cwlstpatrikscwl@gmail.com

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son”

Today, the liturgy offers us an early scent of Easter joy. The celebrant's vestments are rose-colored. It is "Laetare Sunday," inviting us to a serene joy. "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, all you who love her..." sings the entrance antiphon.

God wants us to be happy. The most basic psychology tells us that a person who does not live happily eventually becomes ill, both in body and spirit. However, our joy must be well-founded, it must be the expression of the serenity of living a life with full meaning. Otherwise, joy would degenerate into superficiality and folly. Saint Teresa of Ávila accurately distinguished between "holy joy" and "foolish joy." The latter is only external, short-lived, and leaves a bitter aftertaste.

We live in challenging times for the life of faith. But they are also exciting times. In a way, we experience the Babylonian exile sung about in the psalm. Yes, we too can experience an exile "by the rivers of Babylon there we sat weeping when we remembered Zion" (Ps 137:1). External difficulties and, above all, sin can bring us near the rivers of Babylon. Despite everything, there are reasons for hope, and God continues to tell us: "May my tongue stick to my palate if I do not remember you" (Ps 137:6).

We can always live happily because God loves us madly, so much that He "gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16). Soon we will accompany this only Son on His path of death and resurrection. We will contemplate the love of the One who loves so much that He gave Himself for us, for you and for me. And we will be filled with love and look upon Him "whom they have pierced" (Jn 19:37), and a joy will grow in us that no one can take away.

The true joy that lights up our life does not come from our effort. Saint Paul reminds us: it does not come from you, it is a gift from God, "for we are his handiwork" (Eph 2:10). Let us allow ourselves to be loved by God and to love Him, and our joy will be great this coming Easter and throughout our lives. And let's not forget to let ourselves be embraced and renewed by God by making a good confession during this season of Lent.

Baptism Announcement

On February 24th, Mattéo Bourgeois, son of Bérenger Bourgeois and Mary Christine Bourgeois, was baptized at our church. Also, Ondrey Venne, son of Olivier Venne and Mercy Fernandez was baptized at our church. It is with joy that we welcome these new children of God to our community.

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