

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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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 4th, 2024

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. We also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.




Jesus answered, "let us go to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And Jesus went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. (Mark 1.29-39)

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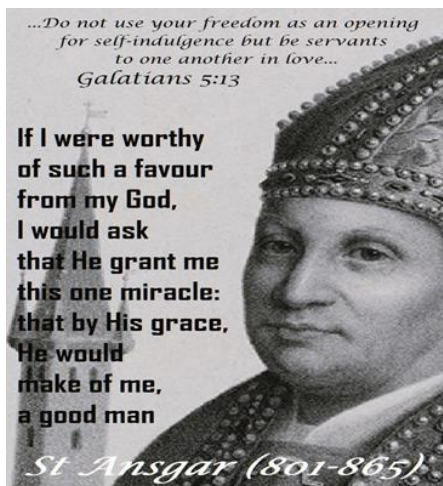
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Holy Hour (First Friday of the month, 7PM to 8PM) Priest available for the Sacrament of reconciliation	

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	February 3 rd 16:00 pm	5 th Sunday Ordinary time		
Sunday	February 4 th 10:00 am	5 th Sunday Ordinary time		
Monday	February 5 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	February 6 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)		
Wednesday	February 7 th 11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	February 8 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	February 9 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	February 10 th 16:00 pm	6 th Sunday Ordinary time	Maurice Parent & Nathalie Parent O'Donnell & McCauley Families	Laura Palladino & PierreGagnon Constance O'Donnell
Sunday	February 11 th 10:00 am	6 th Sunday Ordinary time		

 The total collection for last week's Masses is \$390.90. Thank you for your generosity

Friends in Faith

Friends in Faith, an initiative of the Pastoral Committee, would like to inform parishioners of our new Facebook page! Feel welcome to consult the theme-based documents, see the posted events and use the suggested links at Friends in Faith page Community Organization. Our group meets in person every second Wednesday (next one is February 7); participants are invited to attend mass at 11:30, have lunch together (bring yours) and then discuss our on-going theme: Living a Daily Relationship with Jesus from 12:30-1:30. God bless!



Valentine High Tea and CWL

Please join us for our Valentine High Tea after Sunday Mass, February 11th in the Hall. Tickets are a \$5 per person. Invite a special friend! There will be a special raffle table where winners can choose their prizes. Raffle tickets are 3 for \$5 or \$2 each. See a member of the CWL after Masses this week and next week. Catholic Women's League members are women who act through prayer, faith development, ministry, service, education, and advocacy on social justice issues. Choose your action. Join us today. see www.cwl.ca for more information or contact us at cwlpatrickscwl@gmail.com.

“What is this? A new teaching with authority”

Today, we contemplate Jesus in Capernaum, the center of his ministry, and more specifically in the house of Simon Peter: "On leaving the synagogue he entered the house of Simon and Andrew." (Mark 1:29). There, he finds his family—those who hear the word of God and act on it (cf. Luke 8:21). Simon's mother-in-law is bedridden with illness, and He, with a gesture that goes beyond the anecdotal, takes her hand, lifts her from her prostration, and allows her to wait on them.

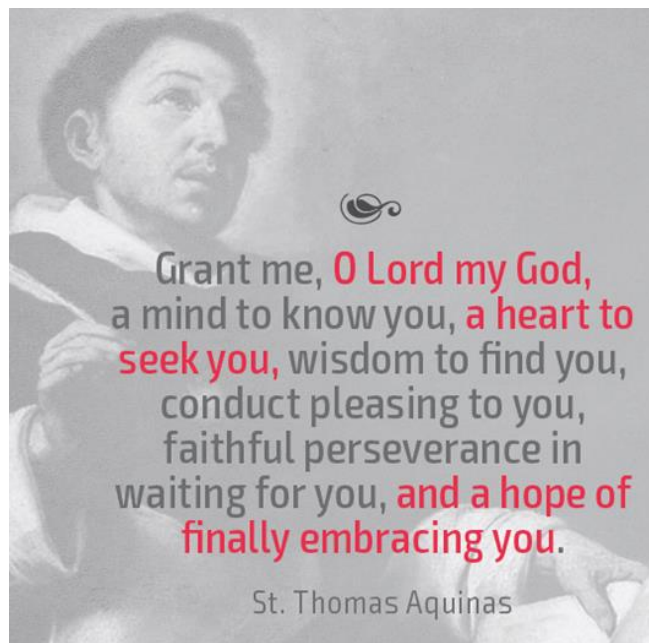
Jesus approaches the suffering poor brought to him and heals them simply by extending his hand; with only brief contact with Him, the source of life, they are liberated and saved.

Everyone seeks Christ, some explicitly and diligently, others perhaps without being aware of it. Thus, St. Augustine confessed, "our heart is restless until it rests in you."

But just as we seek Him because we need to be freed from evil and the Evil One, He approaches us to make possible what we could never achieve on our own. He has made Himself "...weak, to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some." (1 Cor 9:22).

Jesus' hand is extended towards us as we lie overwhelmed by so many evils; it's enough to open our own, and we will find ourselves standing and renewed for service. We can "open" our hand through prayer, taking example from the Lord: "Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed." (Mark 1:35).

Furthermore, every Sunday's Eucharist is our encounter with the Lord who comes to lift us from the sin of routine and discouragement, to make us living witnesses of an encounter that constantly renews us, and that truly sets us free in the grace of Jesus Christ.



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