

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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12th Sunday of Ordinary Time; June 23rd, 2024

Thoughts on Today's Gospel

- “During times of turmoil, do not let yourselves be overcome by the waves. However, if the wind blows and the passions of our soul are stirred up, let us not despair: let us awaken Christ, so that we may sail smoothly and arrive at the harbor of our homeland” (Saint Augustine)
- “When Jesus climbs into that boat again, the weather suddenly changes: they all feel united in their faith in Him. Faith gives us the certainty of Jesus’ presence always beside us, of his hand which grasps us to pull us back from danger” (Francis)



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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	June 22 nd 16:00 pm	12 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	The Stewart and MacDonald families	The Stewart Family
Sunday	June 23 rd 10:00 am	12 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	O'Donnell & McCauley Families Glenn Stewart	Constance o'Donnell Stewart Family
Monday	June 24 th		No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	June 25 ^t 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)		
Wednesday	June 26 th 11:30 am		Pro Populo	
Thursday	June 27 th		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	June 28 th		No Mass	No Mass
Saturday	June 29 th 16:00 pm	13 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Stephen Bragoli	Friends in Faith
Sunday	June 30 th 10:00 am	13 th Sunday of Ordinary time	Beatrice Locatelli	CWL

 The total collection for Last weekend Masses and Funeral is \$915.00 Thank you for your generosity.

VATICAN CITY, June 14th- Pope Francis met with the leaders of the United States, Ukraine, France and India, among others, on the sidelines of the [Group of 7 \(G7\) summit](#) in Italy, the Vatican said on Friday. Francis, who in January warned against the ["perverse" dangers of artificial intelligence](#), was invited to [take part in leaders' talks](#) on the new technology. He is the first pope to participate in G7 discussions. For more details, you may visit the website of Vatican News.

Funeral Mass

On Saturday June 15th, there was a Funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of Stephen Bragoli. May he rest in peace and our sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Mass with the Filipino Community

Next Saturday on June 29th, we will celebrate Mass with the Filipino Community at 7:PM. All parishioners are welcome.

Reflection for this Sunday's Gospel

«Master, don't you care if we sink?»

Today—in these days of «stormy weather»— we find the Gospel being held up to questioning. Humanity has gone through dramas which, like violent waves, have broken over individuals and entire peoples, particularly during the 20th century and the troubles of the 21st. Sometimes we can't help but ask «Master, don't you care if we sink?» (Mk 4,38); If You really do exist, if You are our Father, how can these things happen?

Before the horror of the memory of the concentration camps of the Second World War Pope Benedict asks «Where was God when this was happening, Why did He stay silent? How could He tolerate such excessive destruction?». It was a question that the people of Israel asked in the Old Testament: «Why are you asleep? (...) Why do you hide your face from us and forget about our plight?».

God will not answer those questions: of him we can ask everything except why; we have no right to demand explanations. In fact, God is there and is talking; the problem is us, because we do not put ourselves in his presence and therefore cannot hear his voice. «We cannot decipher God's secret —says Pope Benedict XI—. We can only see fragments of it and are in the wrong if what we are trying is to become judges of God and History. As such we would not be defending humanity, but rather would be contributing to its destruction».

Therefore, the problem is not whether God exists or is here with us or not. The problem is that we live as if He didn't exist. Here is God's answer: «Why are you so afraid? How can you not have faith?» (Mc 4,40). This Jesus said that to His disciples; He also said it to Saint Faustina Kowalska: «My daughter, do not be afraid, I am always with you even when it looks as though I am not».

Let us not ask him questions, but rather let us pray and accept His will and... then there will be less dramas, and, amazed, we will say «Who is he whom even the wind and the sea obey him?» (Mc 4,41) —Jesus, I put all my trust in you!

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