

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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21st Sunday of Ordinary Time; August 25th, 2024


Many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."



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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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Organist	Bruce Gaulin
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	August 24th 16:00 pm	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time	Ken Sommerville	Jo Lonergan
Sunday	August 25th 10:00 am	21st Sunday of Ordinary Time		
Monday	August 26th		No Mass	
Tuesday	August 27th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)		
Wednesday	August 28th 11:30 am		Propulo Mass	
Thursday	August 29th		No Mass	
Friday	August 30th		No Mass	
Saturday	August 31st 16:00 pm	22 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Nancy Saville	Lise & Pat Mc Kenna
Sunday	September 1st 10:00 am	22 nd Sunday of Ordinary time		

 The total collection for last Sunday is not available..

MEMORIAL MASS

On September 15th, during the regular Sunday Mass at 10AM, we will pray for the deceased who had a burial at our cemetery during the last 12 months. We will name each one of them. After Mass, we will invite all of you and members of the deceased's families to go to the cemetery for a prayer which is going to be bilingual. We will give to each family a flower to place on the tombstone even if you did not have a burial during the last 12 months. Helen Mc Cauley will sing two hymns. Then, refreshments will be served in the garage. Father Réjean Lussier

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Marc Bergeron and Jessica Maupu got married in our parish on Saturday August 24th. Let us pray for them.

Catholic Women League

Many thanks to everyone who took part in our Summer Spiritual retreat picnic, Saturday. You make a difference. MEANING; Life has meaning when you recognize your God-given gifts and share them with others. Join the Catholic Women's League and celebrate the meaning of life as you share your gifts. We invite you to join us. Contact or Donate at cwlstpatrikscwl@gmail.com . Also visit www.cwl.ca often for news and information.

Reflection for this Sunday's Gospel
"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life"

Today the Gospel places us in Capernaum, where Jesus is followed by many after witnessing his miracles, especially the spectacular multiplication of the loaves. Socially, Jesus runs the risk of dying of success there, as is often said; they even want to name him king. This is a key moment in the catechesis of Jesus. It is the moment in which he begins to clearly explain the supernatural dimension of his message. And, as Jesus is such a good catechist, a perfect priest, the best bishop and pope, he lets them go, He feels sorrow, but He is faithful to his message; popular success does not blind him.

A great priest used to say that, throughout the history of the Church, people who seemed to be indispensable pillars have fallen: they "returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him" (Jn 6:66). You and I can fall, "disregard," leave, criticize, "do our own thing." With humility and confidence, let us tell good Jesus that we want to be faithful to Him today, tomorrow and every day; may He show us how little evangelical sense it makes to debate the teachings of God or the Church because "I do not understand them": "Master, to whom shall we go?" (Jn 6:68). Let us ask for more supernatural sense. Only in Jesus and within his Church do we find the Word of eternal life: "You have the words of eternal life" (Jn 6:68).

Like Peter, we know that Jesus speaks to us in a supernatural language, a language that we must tune correctly to understand fully; otherwise, we only hear incoherent and unpleasant noises; it must be fine-tuned. Like Peter, in our life as Christians we also have moments in which we must renew and show that we are in Jesus and that we want to remain in Him. Peter loved Jesus Christ, that is why he stayed; the others wanted him for the bread, for the "candy", for political reasons... and they left him. The secret of faithfulness is to love, to trust. Let us ask Virgo fidelis, the faithful Virgin, to help us today and now to be faithful to the Church that we have.

POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis said last Sunday that the Eucharist is a "miracle" in which Jesus nourishes us with his life and satisfies the hunger in our hearts. "All of us need the Eucharist," Pope Francis said in his Angelus Address on Aug. 18.

"The heavenly bread, which comes from the Father, is the Son made flesh for us. This food is more than necessary because it satisfies the hunger for hope, the hunger for truth, and the hunger for salvation that we all feel not in our stomachs, but in our hearts." Speaking from the window of the Vatican's Apostolic Palace, the pope encouraged people to reflect with "wonder and gratitude" on the "miracle of the Eucharist" in which Jesus "makes Himself present for us and with us."

"The bread from heaven is a gift that exceeds all expectations," the pope said. "Jesus takes care of the greatest need: He saves us, nourishing our lives with His, forever. Thanks to Him, we can live in communion with God and among ourselves." The pope's reflection centered on Jesus' words recorded in chapter six of the Gospel of John, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven."

Pope Francis said, "Let us ask ourselves ... When I receive the Eucharist, which is the miracle of mercy, do I stand in awe before the Body of the Lord, who died and rose again for us?"

After leading the crowd in the Angelus prayer in Latin, the pope urged people to continue to pray for "pathways to peace" to open in the Middle East, in Palestine and Israel, as well as in Ukraine, Myanmar, and every place affected by war.

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