

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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18th Sunday of Ordinary Time; August 4th, 2024


Today Jesus opens the Jews' eyes. They were proud because Moses made bread rain from heaven to feed them in the Sinai desert. But Jesus reminds them that, in reality, it was His Father who "gave" them that bread. Moreover, that "rain of bread" continues: it is Jesus himself! He certainly has come down from heaven, sent by God. —God, through His son Jesus, has become delicate bread in order to be divided and shared among all of us. Open your eyes!



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Cantor	Helen McCauley
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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	August 3rd 16:00 pm	18 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Manon	Lyne Trépanier
Sunday	August 4th 10:00 am	18 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Chantal Fortier	Chantal/Louise Fortier
Monday	August 5th		No Mass	
Tuesday	August 6th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Jerry Garcia	Jacqueline Quackenbush
Wednesday	August 7th 11:30 am		Propulo Mass	
Thursday	August 8th		No Mass	
Friday	August 9th		No Mass	
Saturday	August 10th 16:00 pm	19 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	Patricia Kelly Lefebvre	Anniversary Mass
Sunday	August 11th 10:00 am	19 th Sunday of Ordinary time	O'Donnell/McCauley families	Constance O'Donnell

 The total collection for last three Sunday Masses was approximately \$2125.00. Thank you for your generosity.

News from Cardinal Gérald C. Lacroix

Cardinal Gérald C. Lacroix is resuming his duties as Quebec's archbishop, six months after stepping aside when he was accused of sexual misconduct for which a Vatican-mandated investigation found no evidence to support. Lacroix announced he would step back into his role as archbishop of Quebec and primate of Canada in a July 22 news release posted to the Archdiocese of Quebec's website. He presided Mass on July 26th at the Sanctuary of Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré for the feast of St. Anne.

The cardinal's voluntary absence began in late January when abuse allegations surfaced as part of a class action lawsuit against the Archdiocese of Quebec surrounding alleged historical abuse cases. Lacroix has denied any wrongdoing, but the Vatican hired retired Quebec judge André Denis to investigate the claims made against Cardinal Lacroix. Denis' investigation concluded when in May he said he failed to find any evidence to justify a canonical trial.

"It has been a difficult journey, but the conclusions of Judge Denis' investigation, the support of those around me and the possibility of making myself heard that could result from the request for intervention lead me to calmly resume my ministry," Lacroix said. "The community knows to what extent the church of Quebec condemns reprehensible acts and knows the measures we have taken to prevent them."

While resuming his duties, Lacroix has entrusted Auxiliary Bishop Marc Pelchat with the management of the class action against the archdiocese and handling allegations of abuse.

Advertisement. Lacroix was among a list of 15 accused persons added to a list in the class action lawsuit in January that alleges sexual abuse by clergy and church staff dating back to 1940. An unnamed female plaintiff, who claims she was 17 at the time, alleges sexual touching involving Lacroix between 1987 and 1988.

Denis, a retired Quebec superior court justice, said his investigation — ordered by Pope Francis in February — was incomplete because the complainant refused to take part. Through his other steps in his investigation, Denis said he found nothing to substantiate the allegations and described Lacroix's record as "impeccable."

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Reflection for this Sunday's Gospel

«*Sir, give us this bread always'. 'I am the bread of life'»*

Today, we can appreciate different behaviors in the people looking for Jesus: some have eaten the material bread while others are requesting a miraculous sign when the Lord has just made a huge one; still, others, have eagerly run to meet him to make a spiritual communion —in good faith we could say—: “Sir, give us this bread always” (Jn 6:34).

Jesus must have been very pleased with their efforts to seek and follow Him. He was teaching them all while speaking to them in different ways. To some of them, he says: “Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life” (Jn 6:27). And those who ask: “What can we do to accomplish the works of God?” (Jn 6:28) will receive in that Capernaum synagogue a specific advice, where the Lord promises them the Holy Communion: “Believe.”

You and I, who are trying to immerse ourselves in the pages of this Gospel, do we see our attitude reflected therein? While trying to revive this scene: which are the most pointed expressions for us? Are we persistent enough in our efforts to find Jesus after the many gifts, doctrine, examples and lessons we have received from Him? Do we know how to make a good spiritual communion? ‘Lord, give us always this bread, that satiates our hunger’?

The best shortcut to find Jesus is through Mary. She is the Mother of the Family that dispenses the white bread for the children in the warmth of the paternal home. The Mother of the Church that wants to feed her children so that they may grow strong, be happy, may carry out a blessed task and be communicative. St. Ambrose, in his work “On the mysteries”, writes: “And the Sacrament we carry out is the body born of the Virgin Mary. Can you request the nature's order in the body of Christ, when Jesus was conceived by Mary above every natural law?”

The Church, mother and teacher, teaches us that the Holy Eucharist is a “sacrament of piety, sign of unity, bond of charity, the paschal banquet "in which Christ is received, the soul is filled with grace and we are given a pledge of the glory that is to be ours” (II Vatican Council).

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