

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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32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time; November 10th, 2024

The gift of the poor widow. God sees everything and focuses on the small!



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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	November 9 th 4:00 pm	32 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Raymond Power	Thérèse Demers
Sunday	November 10 th 10:00 am	32 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Charlotte/Fred Pichard	Helen Pichard
Monday	November 11 th		No Mass	
Tuesday	November 12 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)	Paule Drapeau	Ellen Walsh
Wednesday	November 13 th 11:30 am		Propulo Mass	
Thursday	November 14 th		No Mass	
Friday	November 15 th		No Mass	
Saturday	November 16 th 4:00 pm	33 rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Stephen/Peter Bragoli	Bobby/Joanne Bragoli
Sunday	November 10 th 10:00am	32 nd Sunday of Ordinary time	Pierre Chalhoub	Claude/Francoise Gravel

The total collection for last Sunday was approximately 1275.00. Thank you for helping our parish.

BOX FOR THE NEEDY

I would like to bring your attention to the fact that we still have a box in the back near the glass doors for donations for the needy who are knocking at our door for some help. Right now, we have no more funds for this. We always have some people who need help even though it is not Christmas time. Thank you for helping out. Father Réjean Lussier

Good News

The second level of the underground parking and tunnel will be open on Sunday November 10th.

Remembrance Day Service

Our annual Remembrance Day Service will be held this Sunday, November 10th beginning at 9:55 a.m. As the actual Remembrance Day is just the day after, you are invited to wear your poppy for this activity. Please join us in remembering our fallen soldiers and honoring our veterans.

News from The Catholic Women's League Quebec City Council

MANY THANKS and sincere appreciation for all who participated in our Annual Parish Soup and Dessert Fundraiser last Sunday. You made it a great success. Thanks also to the Metro Place Laurier for their donation. SISTERS Have you ever longed for a sister? The Catholic Women's League will bring many women into your life. Some will journey with you through thick and thin, some will come and go. Always, these women will carry and support you with their prayers and sisterly love. Come meet new sisters. Contact us or Donate at cwlstpatrikscwl@gmail.com. Also visit www.cwl.ca often for news and information.

Reflection for this Sunday's Gospel

«For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty»

Today, the Gospel presents Jesus Christ as the Master, who speaks to us about the detachment which we must live by. In the first place, a detachment of our honor and recognition which, every so often, we are looking for: “Beware of (...) accept greetings in the marketplaces, seats of honor in synagogues, and places of honor at banquets” (cf. Mk 12:38-39). In this sense, Jesus prevents us from following the bad example of the scribes.

In the second place, detachment of material things. Jesus Christ praises the widow while regretting, at the same time, the deceit of the others: “For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.” (Mk 12:44). He who does not live the detachment of worldly things does live full of his own ego, and is incapable of loving. In such a state of mind there is no “room” for others: neither compassion nor leniency or understanding towards our neighbor.

Saints provide us with examples. Here is a fact of Saint Pius X's life, when he still was the bishop of Mantua. A merchant wrote slanders against the bishop. Many friends advise him to sue the slanderer, but the future Pontiff replied: “This poor soul is more in need of prayer than of punishment.” He did not indict him; he prayed for him. But that was not the end of it; after a while, this merchant went bankrupt. All creditors fell on him, and he lost everything. Only one person helped him out: it was the very same bishop of Mantua who, anonymously, sent him an envelope with some money, by saying that it was coming from the most Compassionate Lady, that is, from Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Do I truly live the detachment of the earthly realities? Is my heart empty of things? Can my heart become aware of others' needs? “The program of a Christian —the program of Jesus— is a ‘heart that sees’” (Benedict XVI).

Message from Pope Francis

In his Angelus address on Friday November 1st on the solemnity of All Saints, Pope Francis spoke about the “identity card” of the Christian. Referring to the Gospel passage for the day, the beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew, the Holy Father posed the question: “And what is the identity card of the Christian? The beatitudes. It is our identity card, and also the way of holiness.” The pope pointed out that “Jesus shows us a path, that of love,” and this serves as “both a gift from God and our response.”

Referencing St. Paul, the pope explained that this is a gift from God because “it is he who sanctifies. And this is why the Lord is the first we ask to make us holy, to make our heart similar to his.” The Holy Father reminded the faithful that God does not impose his holiness upon us, rather “he sows it in us, he makes us taste its flavor and see its beauty, but then he awaits our response.”

The pope tied this explanation back to the saints of the Church and how we see these traits lived out in each of them. He highlighted the lives of St. Maximilian Kolbe, who took the place of a father condemned to death in Auschwitz; St. Teresa of Calcutta, who lived her life serving the poorest of the poor; and St. Oscar Romero, a bishop who while celebrating Mass was killed for speaking out against social injustices. Pope Francis pointed out the saints he likes to call “the saints ‘next door,’ the everyday ones, hidden, who go forward in their daily Christian life.”

“Brothers and sisters, how much hidden saintliness there is in the Church! We recognize so many brothers and sisters formed by the beatitudes: poor, meek, merciful, hungry and thirsty for justice, workers for peace,” he said. “They are people ‘filled with God,’ incapable of remaining indifferent to the needs of their neighbor; they are witnesses of shining paths, possible for us too.”

He concluded by asking the faithful to ponder these questions: “Do I ask God, in prayer, for the gift of a holy life? Do I let myself be guided by the good impulses that his Spirit inspires in me? And do I commit myself personally to practicing the beatitudes of the Gospel, in the environments in which I live?”

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