

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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31st Sunday of Ordinary Time; November 3rd, 2024

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, «Which commandment is the first of all? ». Jesus answered, «The first is: 'Hear, Israel! The Lord, our God, is One Lord; and you shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength'. And after this comes another one: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these two ».



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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	November 2 nd 4:00 pm	31 st Sunday of Ordinary Time	Pierre Chalhoub	From Friends and Faith
Sunday	November 3 rd 10:00 am	31 st Sunday of Ordinary Time	O'Donnell/Mc Cauley families	Constance O'Donnell
Monday	November 4 th		No Mass	
Tuesday	November 5 th 11:30 am	Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (11:15)		
Wednesday	November 6 th 11:30 am		Propulo Mass	
Thursday	November 7 th		No Mass	
Friday	November 8 th		No Mass	
Saturday	November 9 th 4:00 pm	32 nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	Raymond Power	Thérèse Demers
Sunday	November 10 th 10:00am	32 nd Sunday of Ordinary time	Charlotte/Fred Pichard	Helen Pichard

The total collection for last Sunday was approximately \$1150.00. 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

News from The Catholic Women's League Quebec City Council

Everyone, please join us downstairs for our annual Soup and Dessert Fundraiser for all Parishioners after Sunday Mass on November 3rd. We appreciate your encouragement and support.

SISTERHOOD In this world today, everyone yearns for connections. The Catholic Women's League provides so many ways to form a sisterhood with other women, be it at home, in a parish or through servant leadership. Come join a family of sisters across the country. Contact us or Donate at cwlstpatrikscwl@gmail.com . Also visit www.cwl.ca often for news and information.

Reflection for this Sunday's Gospel

« Which commandment is the first of all? » Today, it is common to speak of the love towards the brethren, Christian justice, etc. but the love towards God is seldom spoken.

So we have to look at the answer Jesus gives to the lawyer, who, with the best intention asks: "Which commandment is the first of all?" (Mk 12:29). It was not surprising because among so many laws and regulations, the Jews sought to establish a principle that would unify all formulations of God's will.

Jesus responds with a simple sentence that, even today, Jews recite several times a day: "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength" (Mk 12:29-30). Meaning, Jesus reminds us that, first, we must proclaim the primacy of God's love as man's fundamental task, and this is logical and fair, because God loved us first.

However, for Jesus it is not enough to remind us about this fundamental and basic commandment but adds that one must love one's neighbor as oneself. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "the love to God and the love to your neighbor are thus inseparable, they form a single commandment. But both live from the love that comes from God, who loved us first. "

But one aspect that is not discussed is that Jesus commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves, not more than oneself, not less either. We deduce that he commands us that we should love ourselves, since we're also the handiwork of God and his creatures, loved by Him.

If we have then, as a rule of life, the double commandment of love to God and neighbor, Jesus tells us: "You are not far from the kingdom of God" (Mk 12:34). If we live this ideal, we will make of the earth a general rehearsal of Heaven.

Why is November called the Month of Remembrance?

The month of November is traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died. It is related to the fact that the end of November is the end of the Liturgical Year with a new year starting the First Sunday of Advent – the four-week period of preparation before Christmas. The Church then uses this end of the year period as a time to think of the end of life and the end of all things and the great hope that our earthly end is transition into a new life in God's heavenly reality. We give thanks for those who have gone before us and we look with prayer and hope to their new life in heaven and our desire to join them there one day. The month of November is traditionally dedicated in the Catholic Church to honoring the dead and relieving the sufferings of the souls in purgatory.

On this occasion the Church also encourages the faithful to honor their graves and to have Masses said for their deceased ones throughout the entire year and especially during the month of November. When was the last time when you offered a Mass for your deceased? Perhaps, it would be a great time to have a Mass said for your deceased. All you have to do is to give us a call and our office staff will be happy to give you a date in order to have a Mass said for your loved ones who passed away even if it is many years ago.

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