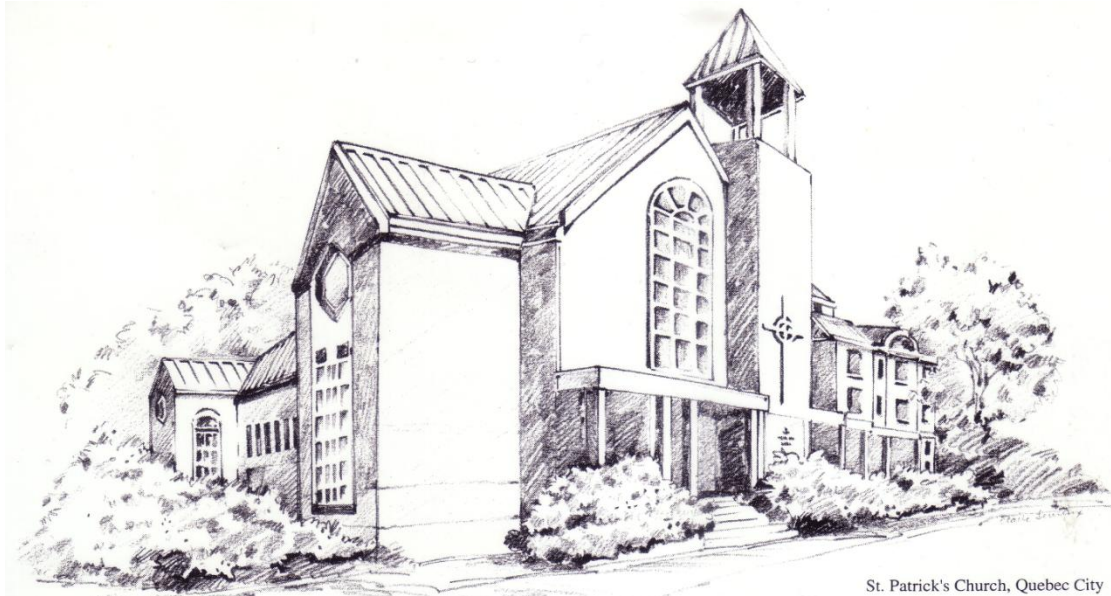


# St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



St. Patrick's Church, Quebec City

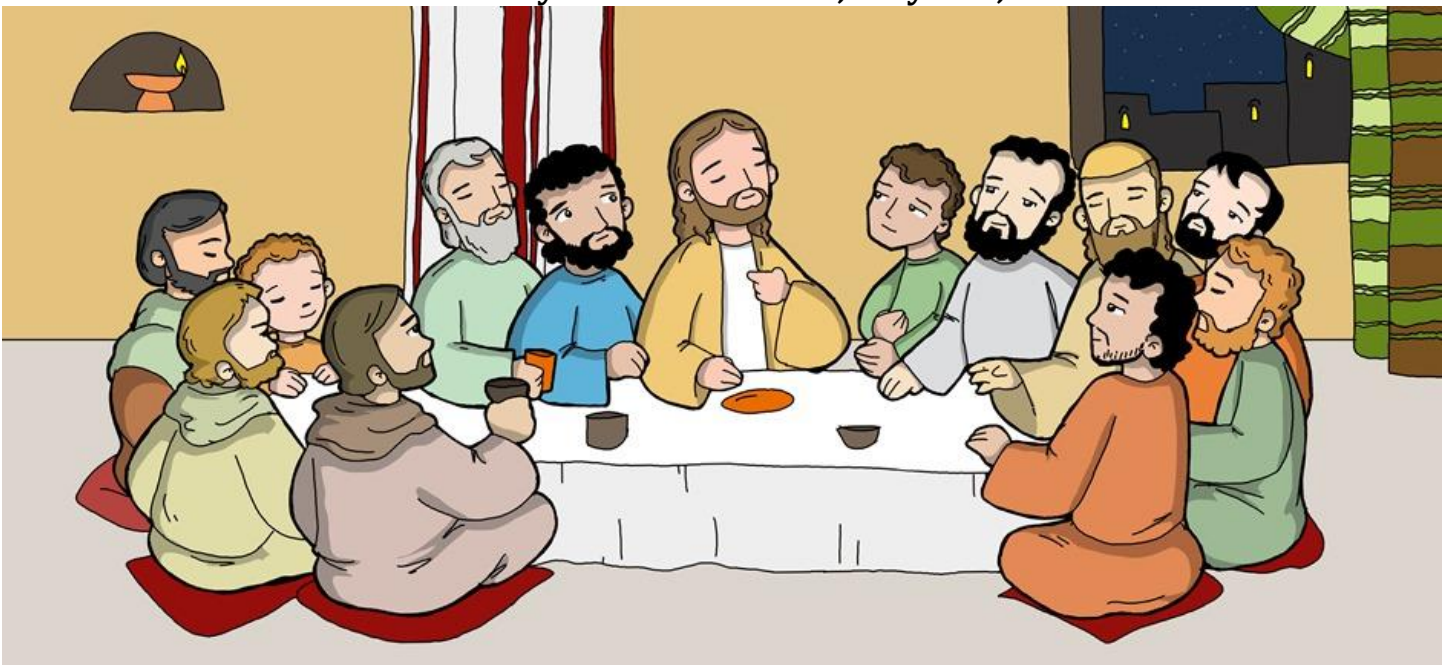
## Mission Statement

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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Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A; May 3rd, 2026



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| Mass      |                               |                                  | Mass Intentions                   |                      |
|-----------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Day       | Date                          | Liturgy                          | For                               | From                 |
| Saturday  | May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 4:00 pm   | Fifth Sunday of Easter<br>Year A | Filipino's Community              | Ellen Walsh          |
|           | May 2 <sup>nd</sup> 7:00 pm   |                                  |                                   |                      |
| Sunday    | May 3 <sup>rd</sup> 10:00 am  | Fifth Sunday of Easter<br>Year A | Gemma Louise Walsh                | Ellen Walsh          |
| Monday    | May 4 <sup>th</sup>           |                                  | <b>No Mass</b>                    |                      |
| Tuesday   | May 5 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am  |                                  | O'Donnell/Mc Cauley's<br>Families | Constance O' Donnell |
| Wednesday | May 6 <sup>th</sup> 11:30 am  |                                  | <b>No Mass</b>                    |                      |
| Thursday  | May 7 <sup>th</sup>           |                                  | <b>No Mass</b>                    |                      |
| Friday    | May 8 <sup>th</sup>           |                                  | <b>No Mass</b>                    |                      |
| Saturday  | May 9 <sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm   | Sixth Sunday of Easter<br>Year A | Propulo Mass                      |                      |
| Sunday    | May 10 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 am | Sixth Sunday of Easter<br>Year A | Fred Cribb                        | Marthe Cribb         |

The total collection last week  
was approximatly \$1,200.00 Thank you!

### Catholic Women's League

On Sunday May 17 after Mass, we are hosting a Tea and Donations Drive for Mothers and Babies in Need. Your donations will make all the difference! Please donate baby products (ex. diapers, teething toys, clothing...) and perhaps, a thoughtful gift for the mothers (ex. socks, deodorant, cream...). Tea and Cookies will be served; thank you for your generous donations. It will go to a worthy charity such as the YWCA. TRUTH: We are more than sandwich makers! Yes, service is part of our ministry – as we feed many in sadness, friendship and celebration – but we are so much more. Did you know members of the Catholic Women's League donate more than a million dollars to charities across the country per year as well as thousands of volunteer hours? Truth be told – we can do more – with you on our team! Yearly dues of \$35 are all that's required to become a member of the League.

For information please contact Jacqueline at [imcatholic265@gmail.com](mailto:imcatholic265@gmail.com); for new members, please contact Marie at [mariewhite.gc@gmail.com](mailto:mariewhite.gc@gmail.com) and for prayer requests, please contact Joanne at [dogjoanne@gmail.com](mailto:dogjoanne@gmail.com) or 418-681-8561, or to donate use [cwlstpatrikscwl@gmail.com](mailto:cwlstpatrikscwl@gmail.com). Interac accepted. Question: Who are we? Catholic. Also visit [www.cwl.ca](http://www.cwl.ca) often for news and information.

### ***Sunday School***

Next Sunday, Rhea and Ruth will give catechism to children in the Hall during Sunday Mass at 10:00 AM.

### ***Sunday's Reflection***

***"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me"***

Today, the scene we contemplate in the Gospel puts us before the intimacy that exists between Jesus Christ and the Father —but not only that. It also invites us to discover the relationship between Jesus and His disciples: "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be" (Jn 14:3). These words of Jesus not only direct the disciples to the future, but also invite them to remain faithful to the course they had undertaken. Thus, in order to share with the Lord the glorious life, they must also share the same path that leads Jesus Christ to the Father's dwellings.

"Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" (Jn 14:5). Jesus says to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him" (Jn 14:6-7). Jesus does not propose a simple way, certainly; but He marks the path for us. Moreover, He Himself becomes the Way to the Father; He Himself, with His resurrection, becomes the Wayfarer to guide us; He Himself, with the gift of the Holy Spirit, encourages and strengthens us so that we do not falter on the pilgrimage: "Do not let your hearts be troubled" (Jn 14:1).

In this invitation that Jesus makes to us —to go to the Father through Him, with Him, and in Him— His most intimate desire and His deepest mission are revealed: "He who for our sake became like us in order to make us his brothers, now presents to his true Father his own humanity in order to draw all his kindred up after him" (St. Gregory of Nyssa).

A Way to walk, a Truth to proclaim, a Life to share and enjoy: Jesus Christ.

### **Vatican News**

Pope Leo XIV ordained a group of ten priests at Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on Sunday, as the Church celebrated the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. At the Mass on 26 April, the Pope based his homily on the Gospel of John, recalling Jesus' words: "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." He pointed to the generosity of the newly-ordained priests as a sign that this promise is still being lived today.

The Pope described priesthood as a "ministry of communion." He stressed that a close relationship with Christ does not distance priests from others, but deepens their connection to all people. "The deeper your bond with Christ, the more radical your belonging to humanity," he said. He also reflected on celibacy, comparing it to the love within marriage, which is something that requires care, renewal, and commitment over time.

This form of love, he added, should lead priests to become not only good ministers, but also responsible and constructive members of society. Referring to the Gospel's mention of thieves and robbers, the Pope acknowledged the presence of violence and instability in the world.

However, he stressed that Jesus does not withdraw in the face of danger, and neither should priests. "Reality must not frighten us," he said, calling this a key aspect of priestly life.

He warned that today's search for security can lead to fear, division, and hostility. Instead, he encouraged the new priests to find their stability in Christ, rather than in their role or status.

The Pope went on to highlight that the communities to which priests are sent are not empty or passive, but already marked by the presence of the Risen Christ. "These communities will also help you to become saints," he said.

He encouraged the ordinands to foster unity, helping people come together and creating spaces where individuals can experience the value of community life. A central theme of the homily was Jesus' image of Himself as the "gate." The Pope recalled its historical reference in Jerusalem and linked it to Baptism and entry into the life of the Church.

He warned against placing obstacles in the way of those who seek to approach the faith. "Do not block this gate," he said, urging priests to ensure that the Church remains accessible.

The Pope then insisted that priests should not act as gatekeepers who restrict access, but as "channels, not filters." In a context where many people feel distant from the Church, he encouraged them to keep doors open and to be ready both to welcome and to go out.

"You belong to everyone and are for everyone," he said. He also emphasized that the Church should not confine people, but help them engage more fully with life. Quoting the Gospel, he noted that those who are saved "enter, go out, and find pasture."

Bringing his homily to a close, the Pope encouraged the new priests to engage with the wider world, including culture and everyday life.

He acknowledged that they may at times feel uncertain, but reminded them that the Good Shepherd guides the way.



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