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ST. PATRICK'S.

BOUNDARIES OF PARISH.— St. Patrick's parish extends from Amherst and Grant streets on the east to Mountain and McCord streets on the west. Above Sherbrooke street it runs from Amherst street to city limits west beyond the Grand Seminary; on the south, it runs from the corner of McCord along William street to McGill, down McGill to river and along water front east as far as Grant; the northern limit is the old city boundary, now the dividing line between St. Louis and St. John the Baptist wards, and running from the corner of Amherst and Duluth Avenue, along a line about midway between Duluth and Napoleon streets. All St. Louis Ward lies in St. Patrick's parish.

WHO ARE PARISHIONERS.— All Catholics residing in this territory, and whose language is English, belong to St. Patrick's. Those of all other languages belong to one of the other of the French parishes, either Notre Dame, St. James' or St. Louis, according to location. In families where French and English are equally spoken, the nationality of the head of the family decides to what parish the family belongs, thus when the mother tongue of the head of the family is French the whole family belongs to the French parish, and to St. Patrick's when the mother tongue of the head of the family is English. In cases of doubt, especially on occasion of marriage, parties should consult one or other of the pastors of the territory on which they live.

HOURS OF SERVICE.

ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.— Two Masses, at 6, 7 and 8 o'clock; High Mass, at 10 o'clock; Vespers

and Benediction, at 3.30 p.m.; evening service, (except during July, August and September) consisting of Rosary, congregational singing in English, sermon and solemn Benediction at 7.30 p.m.

ON WEEK DAYS.— In summer, Masses at 5.30, 6 and 7 o'clock; in winter, Masses at 6, 7 and 7.30 o'clock.

PARISH SOCIETIES.

FIRST SUNDAY OF MONTH.— Holy Scapular Society, instruction and investment in scapular, immediately after Vespers in the Church. General Communion of Sacred Heart League at 8 o'clock Mass.

SECOND SUNDAY.— Meeting of Temperance Society, instruction and giving of temperance pledge, after Vespers in Church. General Communion of Holy Name Society at 8 o'clock Mass, recitation of office of Holy Name at 7.30 p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY.— Holy Rosary Society after Vespers, instruction in Church, after which society business attended to in large sacristy.

FOURTH SUNDAY.— Children of Mary, general Communion at 7 o'clock Mass, meeting in hall of St. Patrick's (girls') school after Vespers.

Promoters of Sacred Heart League hold meeting in large sacristy at 2.45 p.m., distribution of leaflets, etc., in library, 92 Alexander street, on 4th Sunday, 3 to 6 p.m., and after evening service, and on 1st Friday, after evening service.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS.— The Blessed Sacrament is solemnly exposed all day in St. Patrick's on every first Friday, solemn Benedic-

tion and Act of Reparation at 7.30 p.m., followed by short instruction.

LADIES OF CHARITY meet every Tuesday at 2 p.m., again at 8 p.m., to make garments for the poor. There are some sixty members, many of whom attend regularly every week to join in this highly charitable and meritorious work.

PARISH REGULATIONS.

BAPTISMS are attended to each Sunday and week day (except Saturdays) from 2 to 5 p.m. in the sacristy. Baptisms should not be brought on Saturday afternoons, on account of confessional work, except in case of urgent necessity.

MARRIAGES.— Parties intending marriage should see the priest in charge before deciding on the day and hour for the ceremony. In this way many inconveniences can be avoided. Your marriage may not be the only one to be arranged for. Many matters in connection with a marriage are likely to be known only by the priest, and it is your interest as well as your convenience to allow him reasonable time to attend to them.

Banns are received any day from 4 to 5.30 p.m., except on Saturdays, Sundays and eves of holidays. Outside of these hours they are received only by appointment arranged beforehand.

Each contracting party should bring a reliable witness, and when available, parents are preferred. According to the civil law, the consent of parents is necessary for the marriage of minors or those under 21 years of age.

Those who are to be married should go to confession some days at least beforehand, and tell their confessor of their intended marriage, so that he may give them advice

and direction suitable to the occasion. They should also ask him for a certificate of confession, which they have to present to the priest who marries them.

CONFESSIONS are heard on Saturdays and eves of feasts, from 3.30 to 6 p.m., and from 7.30 to 10 p.m. On ordinary days, except Tuesday afternoons in summer, and Thursday afternoons in winter, confessions are heard from 4.30 to 6 p.m.

During the last two weeks of Lent, especially, and at other times when confessions are numerous, persons having leisure to come in the afternoon should do so, in order to leave the evening for those who are working during the day and can come only after nightfall.

FUNERAL SERVICES.— It is the universal practice of the Church, and the expressed wish of the Archbishop that those who can afford it should have a burial Mass chanted over the remains of their deceased relatives. The Archbishop has pronounced against afternoon funerals, in which for the sake of a numerously attended funeral the deceased are deprived of the benefit of a Mass sung over their remains.

CATECHISM CLASSES are held at St. Patrick's every Sunday, from September till the summer holidays. They begin at 2 p.m. sharp, and are conducted by two of the Fathers, assisted by the school teachers and a staff of some 65 catechism teachers.

Order of Exercises—2 o'clock, opening prayer, recitation; 2.20, disciplinary remarks or short exhortation on the feast of the day, hymn; 2.30, instruction followed by Hymn; 3.00, dismissal.

N.B.—The success of the catechism depends in a large measure upon the fidelity of the parents in sending their children regularly and on time.

Notes of the Week.

ALL THE FIRST COMMUNION children will be enrolled in the Holy Scapular of Mount Carmel to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

LATE PASTOR.—At the request of the Sodality of the Children of Mary a Mass of Requiem was celebrated on Monday last for the repose of the late Pastor. The members received Holy Communion in a body.

PENTECOST.— To-morrow the Church celebrates one of the most important mysteries of the liturgical year. Pentecost is the feast par excellence of the Holy Ghost. Devotion to this Divine Spirit is as old as the Church; it began with the Apostles in the Cenacle when in company of Mary they prayed for the coming of "the Paraclete, the spirit of truth who proceedeth from the Father."

His Holiness, Pope Leo XIII., in an encyclical dated May 9, 1897, strongly advocates devotion to God the Holy Ghost. These are his words: "We earnestly desire that... piety may increase and be inflamed towards the Holy Ghost, to whom especially all of us owe the grace of following the paths of truth and virtue."

To this end, he inculcates upon priests to instruct the faithful under their charge, concerning the nature and office of the Divine Spirit: "All preachers and those having care of souls should remember that it is their duty to instruct their people more diligently and more fully about the Holy Ghost... What should be chiefly dwelt upon and clearly explained is the multitude and greatness of the benefits which have been bestowed, and are constantly bestowed upon us, by this Divine Giver."

DON'TS FOR CATHOLICS.— Don't get into the habit of being late for Mass. A moment of preparation be-

fore Mass may be the means of opening your soul to many graces.

Don't disturb others, if you are late, by slamming the door as you enter, or by walking noisily up the aisle to your seat, especially if the sermon is going on.

Don't go to Mass without a prayer-book, unless you wish distraction, and not devotion, to occupy your mind.

Don't talk in the church without necessity. Talk with God, Whom you may not have visited in His temple since last Sunday; you will have plenty of time to talk with your neighbors.

Don't distract the preacher by coughing unnecessarily or by blowing your nose loudly.

Don't criticise the sermon. It is a message from God bearing some truth to you.

Don't rush to the railing if you are to receive Holy Communion, but approach Our Divine Lord with recollection and composure.

Don't leave the church until the priest has left the sanctuary. Take a moment in which to thank God for the graces of the Holy Mass.

Don't talk in the aisles going out. Remember you are in the presence of God in His holy sacrament.

Don't forget to bend your knee to the floor as you enter and leave your seat. This is an act of adoration paid to the Real Presence. Do it with faith and reverence.

ABOUT CERTIFICATES.— From time to time persons apply at the Presbytery for baptismal and marriage certificates.

For their convenience it may be stated that St. Patrick's possesses only the records of the past eleven years; all the registers till 1890 are kept at the Fabrique of Notre Dame, where copies of the acts prior to this date may be had on application. The small fee of 25 cents for a baptismal certificate and of 50 cent for a marriage certificate is imposed for the maintenance of the registers.

ST. ANN'S PARISH.

The Rev. Father Rietvelt, C.S.S.R., preached in St. Ann's Church on Sunday evening last on the "Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary." After describing the sorrows which Our Lady suffered during her life, he dwelt on the look of sadness exchanged between her and her Divine Son as He carried His cross to Calvary, and on the look of sorrow which passed between them while our Lord was in His agony on the cross. Our eyes were one of our principal senses. Sight was a blessed gift, and the deprivation of it was a terrible calamity. It was given to us for a noble and useful purpose—to see the beauties of God's creation, which exhibited His glory and power, and which excited in us feelings of awe, admiration and of adoration. It was given to us to see the works that the brain and the intellect of man devised and executed. It was given to us to read good books and good religious newspapers, that our minds might be edified and our thoughts elevated. It was given to us to serve God. How many there were who perverted this noble gift of sight to evil purposes! They were daily sinning against and with their eyes by going to see bad plays and spectacles at the theatres, by reading bad novels, and bad newspapers, by gazing at immoral pictures displayed in several of the windows of stores in this city. It was in contemplating all this sin that would be committed against and with the eyes, that our Blessed Lady and our Divine Redeemer exchanged those looks of intense sorrow. Sin was as abhorrent to her immaculate soul as it was to her Son. Yet she was always ready to help the sinner to repent and to become reconciled to God. She was ever ready to obtain for him grace to approach worthily the sacraments. Hence she was called the Refuge of Sinners.

In conclusion, the rev. preacher urged the women of the congregation to join the Sodality of St. Ann, which was a society organized in honor of the Blessed Virgin. It would tend to make their homes happier, to help them to exert a good influence over their husbands and over their children, and would benefit not only their households, but the congregation and the church. Before the sermon the members of the Sodality, nearly two hundred in number, marched in procession round the Church with lighted candles in their hands. It was an edifying spectacle.

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FIRST COMMUNION.— On last Thursday morning the children of St. Ann's parish made their First Communion. The rector, Rev. Father Caron, celebrated Mass and distributed the Holy Sacrament to 168 of his little ones— 83 boys and 85 girls. It was indeed a bright, happy day for the parish, and a still brighter and happier day for the parents and families whose privilege it was to have a child-representative at the banquet of the Divine Master.

CONFIRMATION.— In the evening Confirmation was administered by His Lordship Bishop Decelles of St. Hyacinthe. One hundred and ninety-one children received at his hands the Sacrament of Strength and thus became enrolled, under the great standard of His Holy Cross.

ON TUESDAY, the 13th, feast of St. John Baptist de La Salle, solemn High Mass was celebrated in St. Ann's Church by the rector, Rev. Father Caron. Rev. Father Fortier acted as deacon and Father Saucier as sub-deacon. All the children of the parish schools and a goodly number of their parents were present. At the end of the Mass the relic of St. La Salle was venerated.

A WORTHY OBJECT.— The pupils of St. Ann's School, graduates of '98, have gathered about their "Alma Mater" and have undertaken

the production of a drama in aid of St. Ann's Cadets.

The play, "The Gondolier of Death," is entirely unknown in Montreal, and is said to be a translation from the French by a talented writer and dramatist of the community of Christian Brothers.

It is perhaps the heaviest work these young men have been called upon to perform, but Mr. Varney is in Montreal again, and his presence at the rehearsals has given new life to the old-time enthusiasm of his pupils.

There is every promise of a splendid performance being given, and considering the fact that it is in aid of the young Cadet corps, of which the people of St. Ann's parish have every reason to be proud, let us hope, that the attendance will be large at each of the three performances—the first on Saturday afternoon, for the school children, and the second and third, on Monday and Tuesday evenings following, for the public.

ST. MARY'S PARISH.

The Rev. Robert E. Callahan was the celebrant at the High Mass on Sunday last. The excellence of the music, under the able direction of Professor Jas. Wilson, deserves special notice.

The Rev. P. Heffernan read the announcements from the pulpit, there being no sermon. The sum of \$100 from the employees of the Diamond Glass & American Flint Glass Works towards the rebuilding fund of the Church, was acknowledged with thanks. It is understood that they intend to get up another subscription for the same purpose.

Preparations are being made for a grand euchar party. Tickets may be had at the presbytery. The prices are: To admit a gentleman and lady, 75c; to admit one, 50c. It is expected to be a great success.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

Of all the beautiful devotions of all the pious practices which the Catholic Church holds out to her children, the devotion of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament is the most exalted. And yet how few seem to realize this precious privilege! Enter any of our Catholic churches, throughout the hours of the weary days, and perhaps you will find one worshipper, may be an old man or an old woman, with tattered garments, and wearing the years of old age upon their furrowed cheek, that is found kneeling before that silent tabernacle, pouring out their hearts' anguish to that hidden God Who waits through many a patient hour for some one to come to visit Him. Strange to say, we always find time to visit some cherished friend, and the hours that we spend with that loved one speed with their wings of flight into God's vast eternity, and Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is forgotten. His call is unheeded. His sweet voice is stilled, and yet He complains not.

That I may come, O Hidden God, To tell my every care, And kneel in silence 'neath Thy love, Thy lonely watch to share.

Who has not felt a longing like this? Who has not felt the heart throb with a celestial peace, when kneeling before God's holy altar? Where is the soul that has not heard the voice of Jesus, when perhaps He, too, whispers a little word, and they seem to hear His voice, through these touching words:

"My Sacred Heart that throbs for all Has throbb'd so oft for thee; Come, leave thy heart with Me, dear one, And find thy rest in me!"

Most blessed invitation, of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament! His time

is our time, our sorrows His sorrows, our joys His joys.

If Catholics would but think of this occasionally! The fifteen minutes that we spend with God will never be lost when our career shall end on this earth. When death with its great vision shall loom up before us, one unailing Friend, that same sweet Jesus, will be near us, to lead us, one unailing Friend, that same is one eternal feast.—Church Progress.

A STRANGE INCIDENT.

A correspondent of an English Catholic journal writes:—

"The Indian mail to-day brings me the sad news of the death of the Mother Provincial of a religious Order in India, whom I had the honor of knowing. A strange incident in her life is worthy of publication in a Catholic journal. Some few years ago she had to come home on business connected with the mother-house. Whilst at home she met a brother and sister, of whose existence till then she was unaware. The circumstances were very strange, and are thus accounted for: During her infancy she and her young brother, and sister started for India with their parents, the vessel was wrecked, and the parents drowned. Some sympathetic survivors adopted each one of the children. The lady, whose death I record, was sent to a convent school, and afterwards entered the Order. Not till her return had she ever heard of her brother and sister, and so, after the lapse of fifty years, this family of three were united, not one of the three having known of the existence of the other two."

BLESSING OF THREE BELLS.

On Sunday afternoon last, His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi presided at a most interesting and unique ceremony in St. Joseph's parish. The occasion was the blessing of the three new and superb bells for the Church. When the Archbishop and clergy entered the Church, at three o'clock, the entire edifice was thronged, while scores of people could not gain admission, and had to follow the ceremonies from the sidewalk. His Grace officiated, assisted by Rev. Mr. R. Decarie, parish priest of St. Henri, and titular canon of the Cathedral, and Rev. Mr. H. Tranche-montagne, P.S.S. His Lordship Mgr. Emard, of Valleyfield, preached a most eloquent sermon on the function and symbolism of the bells in Catholic churches. It was an inspiring subject, and the well known eloquence of the preacher made it a sermon in perfect harmony with the harmonious occasion. The three bells are from the workshops of Messrs. Crouzet and Hildebrand, of Louvier, France, who are represented in Montreal by Messrs. Roubier Brothers. The largest bell, of 3,441 pounds, is named Leo XIII., the second, of 2,357 pounds, is called Paul, after His Grace Mgr. Bruchesi; and the third one, of 1,740 pounds, is named Joseph-Avila, in honor of the parish priest of St. Joseph's. About nine hundred invitations to the ceremonies had been issued, and the greater number of them were accepted. It was truly a day of rejoicing in that parish; and, in future, the good people of St. Joseph's will have three of the sweetest and most harmonious Church bells in Canada to summon them to devotions, and to proclaim aloud the principal events in the domestic history of each family and in the life of each individual.