

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

December 24-25, 2016

Christmas

Mass times: Saturday: 5:30pm
Sunday: 10:45am

Confession: Saturday at 4:30pm

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Saint Patrick Increased Offertory Program:

During the season of giving, we are challenged to evaluate our lives and give back a just portion of our blessings to God.

In spite of the difficult times, we are fortunate people. Our thanks for these and many other blessings should be reflected in what we give to God

Remember, giving opportunities come in many forms, not just financial. Give of yourself as a volunteer and donate your time to worthwhile causes. "What you give will be returned tenfold."

Wisdom 3:9 "Honor the Lord with your wealth."

Message from our Pastor:

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!! The great day of our salvation has arrived. The greatest gift ever given to humanity has come to us today!!!

Jesus Christ was born a man, in a manger in Bethlehem. He descended from His heavenly kingdom and took on all the weaknesses of human nature in order to be among us, walk with us and ultimately die for us.

Scripture says "there is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend." What humility God has! To be born in a manger among grass-eating animals. What care God has for each man and woman to do such a sacrificial thing! Love is not emotions. Love = Sacrifice.

I would like to say welcome to any and all guests that we have with us today. We usually have larger than normal crowds on Christmas and for this we are happy. It shows that the faith is deeply planted into the hearts of people, even if their Mass attendance does not always reflect that.

The Catholic Church, whether you come every week or whether you come only rarely, is here for you. God made the Catholic Church to be the greatest aid to our journey towards being reunited with Him one day.

There are many reasons people have left the Catholic Church – divorce, hurt, apathy, disagreements, misunderstandings, etc – but none of these can outweigh the great gift that God gives to people through the Catholic Church, especially through the Sacraments. The Sacraments of the Catholic Church are the crown jewels of God's blessings upon our lives here. No life is happier without them. That's a guarantee.

If you have been away and are interested to find out more about how the Church can assist you to come to know God better in 2017, we are happy to help. We have priests, volunteers, religious education programs, social organizations, Sacramental preparation classes (including marriage prep) and much more to help you to connect with God.

Any life is better when it is focused on God and God's presence is felt in it. Any life without it is deprived.

God gave us His Son at Christmas as the greatest act of love for us we will ever know. God gives us the Church so that we can have that gift every day of the year, so that it can imbue every part of our lives.

Have a very Merry Christmas. I hope this upcoming year is filled with many blessings. God bless you and your loved ones.

Peace!!! -Fr Rossi

Baptisms: Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month during Mass. Baptism class for new parents is held at 1 p.m. in the parish hall. The next class will be held on 1/8/17. If you are interested in attending a class and scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Baptism information is on our website under the Sacraments tab.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): is the process where the Catholic Church welcomes new adult members into the Church. Adults wishing to learn more should please contact the SPC office or email Fred Powell: fmpjr2009@aol.com or Ryland Paxton: paxtonrl8229@marybaldwin.edu.

Visitation to the sick and homebound – If you or someone you know would like a visit and Holy Communion at their home. Please call the office at 737-8028. Office staff will ensure the information will be relayed to Visitation Ministry individuals.

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BULLETIN: All bulletin submissions must be in to Michelle Dawson the Tuesday at noon before the bulletin goes out.

SPC Emergency #: 804-402-1221 - If someone is dying or has died and you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.

News & Announcements:

Thank you: Thanks to everyone who helped make the Santa Breakfast this year everyone had a great time!

Looking for Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to help with helping with our hospitality for after 10:45 masses on Sundays. Please contact Eddie Baird for more information and if your interested.

Weekly Church Cleaning for 2017: Please consider volunteering an hour of your time each week to help us keep the church clean for services. It is very easy and quick to learn; light dusting, floor sweeping, and checking the holy water dishes. Please fill out the form located downstairs over on the left side in a bright red jacket. You can also contact me directly at johnjlore@gmail.com or 804-513-7173. Thank you.

Keep the Christ in Christmas Car Magnets: The Knights of Columbus will be selling these each Sunday through Christmas. There is a small box in the vestibule a suggested donation of \$4 will go to support vocations in our diocese.

2017 BOXED SETS OF ENVELOPES: You will find these in the vestibule of the church in alphabetical order. If you do not find a box with your name or your address has changed please call the office, we will be happy to send you a set and updated our records.

Church Support as of 12/18/2016

Weekly

Actual	\$6,172.00
Budgeted	<u>\$4,107.00</u>
Difference	(\$2,065.00)

Year to Date

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Attendance for 12/17 & 18/2016: no report/228