

Saint Patrick

Catholic Church

January 7-8, 2017

Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Confession: Saturday at 4:30pm

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Message from our Pastor:

Good day all!

I missed you all last week! Darn snow!!!

It goes without saying, but just a reminder that whenever there is snowfall or dangerous weather, please use caution when determining whether to venture out for Mass. If you are young and just went for a run through the snow and you only live 2 blocks from Church, then you should probably go to Mass. If you have to drive 30 minutes and use a walker and there's an inch of ice, you better stay home.

But I pray you made it through the storm safe and sound. It was a big one but I don't think it was as big as the one last year.

For my pastor message today, I want to highlight some statistics regarding what I believe is the greatest evil in the world today (certainly the greatest evil in our country), abortion. The Annual March for Life is occurring in a week to protest Roe v Wade and will be marked by hundreds of thousands protesting in Washington DC against this awful law, a law which basically says 'we cannot know for sure when a fetus becomes a human so therefore it can be destroyed.' This awful logic is akin to a hunter who sees a moving bush and thinks 'it could be a deer or it could be one of the guys I came hunting with...oh well...I'll take a chance and SHOOT!' That is awful logic...but that is the logic of Roe v Wade.

Some statistics to be outraged by:

Almost 60 million Americans have been killed by abortion since Roe v Wade. Over 1 million every year. Over 3000 per day. Over 125 during Mass. Abortion kills more Americans each year than the second and third most causes of death amongst Americans, heart disease and cancer, combined. Twice as many Americans are killed each year through abortion than were killed in WWII.

Over 13,000 babies are killed each year that are viable – meaning they could quite likely survive on their own outside of the womb. Over 16% of all pregnancies end in abortion. 37% of all pregnancies in New York City end in abortion

The most common procedure to kill a baby in a womb (abortion) is suction curettage or vacuum aspiration where a tube is used to suction out the amniotic fluid, placenta and fetus (the baby). The battle over abortion is largely a language battle. While many would not say they are pro-abortion, they would claim to be pro-choice (my body, my choice). This idea completely ignores the choice of the child. Did anyone ask those children whether they would like to be suctioned out of the womb into a glass jar? Why don't they get a chance to choose?

Abortion is basically age/size discrimination. Is a person who is 5 years old less valuable than a person who is 10 years old? Is a person who is 10 days old less valuable than a person who is 20 days old? Is a person who is 100 pounds more valuable than a person who is 50 pounds? Is a person who is 1 pound less valuable than a person who is 10 pounds?

More contraception does **NOT** decrease abortion. Over 50% of women who have abortions report to have been using contraception. Chastity is the only way to prevent unwanted pregnancies. You will NOT GET PREGNANT IF YOU ARE CHASTE!!!

While people will often say we must have abortion because of cases of rape, these are nearly non-existent in frequency. Statistically, the reasons most cited for having abortions are, "not ready for responsibility, inadequate finances, woman's life would be changed too much, problems with relationship or unmarried." Every single one of those reasons is a matter of convenience. Millions of lives are ended each year because they are inconvenient. What if people were to decide that we should exterminate the poor people around the city of Richmond because they are a financial drain on taxpayers or because they don't like them standing on the corner asking them for money...because they are inconvenient?

Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the country (a group supported by our tax money) specifically targets low-income and minority neighborhoods to setup operations. African American women represent 6% of the US population but account for 35% of abortions reported. They are five times more likely to have abortions than white women. Minorities are targeted.

I realize none of this is politically correct. And I might get someone mad. That is in fact my intention. Not to get them mad at me, but to get them mad. We should be outraged by this. Disgusted, sad, overwhelmed, etc. It is awful.

The scripture this weekend says God makes us His servant "from the womb." May God protect all His servants, each of whom is unique and special to Him, from the womb. - Fr Rossi

Saint Patrick Increased Offertory Program:

Today is the day! All members of Saint Patrick are asked to make their commitment. This program is very important to our ongoing work. Please give with a sacrificial heart. Remember, our goal is to increase our regular giving 20%. With all parishioners of Saint Patrick involved in this program, our parish's stability will be strong for generations to come.

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

News & Announcements:

Theology on Tap – Young adults please join us at Bottoms Up Pizza (1700 Dock Street) on **Monday, January 16 from 7-8:30 pm**. Mario Dance, a MCV clinical veterinarian and advisor to the VCU Catholic Graduate Student Organization will be speaking about: "Healing the Racial Divide as a Catholic Christian." Contact Justin Domurat justin.domurat@gmail.com with questions.

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE RALLY IN WASHINGTON DC; Friday, January 27, 2017: For the 34th consecutive year, the Knights of Columbus will provide FREE bus transportation for people in the Richmond metropolitan area to attend the 44th annual March For Life Rally in Washington DC, on **Friday, January 27, 2017. Seating on the buses is limited and will be by RESERVATION only.** A Registration fee may be required; however, the Registration fee will be returned when you take your seat on the bus. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a Parent, Guardian, or Approved Temporary Guardian with written permission. Charter bus is scheduled for the following locations:
Church of the Redeemer, 8275 Meadowbridge Road, Mechanicsville, bus arrives at 7:30 am for pick-up and departs by 8:00 am; contact Ed Gillikin, Sr at 804-737-7628 or EdGilli@msn.com. Bus Captain: Steve Gerloff.
Church of the Redeemer bus will also stop at the **Diocese of Richmond Pastoral Center**, 7800 Carousel Lane, Henrico, (just off of Parham and Shrader Roads) at 8:15 am for additional pick-up and a brief prayer service. Marchers must check-in at the pick-up location at least 30 minutes prior to the specific departure time and **must bring a lunch, soft drinks, cell phone, hat, gloves and suitable clothing for weather conditions.** Bus will normally return by 6:00 pm.

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Church Support as of 1/8/17

Weekly

Actual :

Budgeted:

Difference:

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Year to Date

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Attendance for 1/7-1/8/2017:

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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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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.