

# Saint Patrick

## Catholic Church

January 21-22, 2017

Third 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

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### SOC Increased Offertory Program:

Last Sunday, parishioners returned Offertory Increase Commitment Cards. To those of you that made your commitment, thank you for your generosity and dedication to St Patrick. We are asking for a 20% increase in giving. If you have not yet responded to the request from Father Rossi, you will find in church a Commitment Card and a confidential remittance envelope for your use. Simply indicate your intended increase and include your new, increased offertory in the basket today. **We would like to receive a commitment card back from everyone, even if after prayerful consideration you cannot make a commitment.** So please fill out a card and put in the collection basket or give to an usher or mail to the parish office. Thank you and may you be blessed in your generosity to God and His Church.

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

### Message from our Pastor:

Good day all!!! I hope you had a great week.

The rectory is DONE!!! Praise the LORD!!!

It looks beautiful. It has been a long time coming. Thank you to everyone for your help during that awful day and for your support during this past 6 months.

We should be moving back in during the next week or so. Then we need to buy a few mattresses and such that were destroyed. We should be (hopefully) settled back in the rectory by the end of the month.

Praise the LORD!!!!!!

For my pastor message this week, I want to point out something in the second reading that was a temptation way back in the day and is still a temptation now.

In the second reading, Paul had to sort of correct the thinking of the Corinthians because they were becoming too fixated on certain people rather than on Jesus Christ himself.

They, like us now, all have a tendency to put people on a pedestal. We put successful people on pedestals because of their accomplishments, we put actors or movie stars on pedestals because of their fame or attractiveness, we put politicians on pedestals because of their authority, and we even put priests on pedestals because of their role as shepherds of the community.

Certainly all people should be respected. But we should always be careful to remember that at the end of the day, all people and just that, people. And as people, they (we) all have faults and shortcomings and weaknesses, etc. There is no person who we should attribute the title of 'greatness' in the way that we attribute it to the one and only person who was truly great, Jesus Christ.

We might admire qualities in people, and this is good in so far as it spurs us on to be better people. But all people are just people. All people are weak. All people are sinners.

This is the case with priests and people in Church as well. The scriptures says that at the end of the day, the reason we come to Church is because of the one who was crucified for us. It is He whom we seek to please by our work in the Church, it is He who we follow in the Church, and it is He who gives us the right answer when we have to make decisions about the Church. We always have to be careful in Church that He is the one we primarily work for.

It seems obvious, but we continually miss the mark on it because we struggle with the same temptations and tendencies as the people in scripture from the second reading today.

The best part is, when we do things first and foremost for Christ, He gives us a great peace and happiness knowing we did our best and we did it for Him (when we do things for other reasons, it will not give us that same interior contentment). And the peace Christ gives is even regardless of the outcome. And therein lies a great feeling of freedom and a conscience at rest.

We always need more laborers in our parishes. But we especially need laborers who are inspired in their work first and foremost because of the love they feel for God.

Have a great week everyone!

Fr Rossi

## News & Announcements:

**Lighthouse Ministries CDs and Booklets:** Have you noticed in the church entrance, we are now offering CDs and Booklets on various Catholic topics? The CDs are great for listening to when you are driving. We hope you will check them out. We are asking for a small donation to cover the cost. If you have any suggestions, please contact Kathy Buttner.

**Valentine's Day & an Outreach Opportunity:** This St. Valentine's Day the parish will be visiting and presenting candy to the residents at the St. Francis home. We are asking families to consider making and signing cards at home as a family that can be presented to the residents with valentine treats. What a great way to get your family involved in this parish ministry and to get creative in making much appreciated cards for the residents. There will be a marked basket in the church hall to leave the cards.

Please contact Eddie Baird at donnahbaird@yahoo.com or Heather Coleman at heatherscoleman@yahoo.com if you have any questions or would like to join us visiting the home on Valentine's

**Irish Festival Time:** Our first Irish Festival meeting will be this Sunday 1/22 after the 10:45 mass in the basement. The festival will be celebrated March 25 & 26<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to help up throw the oldest street festival in the City. Please join us following mass and for more information you can contact Stokes McCune at stokesmccune@aol.com.

**Young Adults:** Mark your calendar the next Theology on Tap will be on February 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 – 7:30pm at Bottoms Up Pizza on Dock Street. The speaker is Emmanuel Carreno. More info to come later about topic.

**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 3/5/17. 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.



## Church Support as of 1/15/17

### **Weekly**

<i>Actual</i>	\$4,047.12
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$4,107.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$59.88)

### **Year to Date**

<i>Actual</i>	\$111,240.42
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$119,166.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$7,925.58)

**Attendance for 1/14 & 15/2017:** 19/220