

Saint Patrick

Catholic Church

January 28-29, 2017

Fourth 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:

I love Saint Francis. I have always had a love for him. I feel like there are certain common things in our background and that he understands me when I talk to him in prayer.

This is the great thing about saints. There are tons of them from all different backgrounds so that chances are, there is one who we can really really relate to because they dealt with a lot of things we have dealt with in our own lives. If you haven't found your saint yet you really need to do some reading, I know there is one who has a background just like yours.

Anyway, one thing I love about Saint Francis is how intense he was. I can be a little intense at times. That's just me...you take the good with the bad.

One story I like about St Francis is that when he was on his death bed, after having left everything to follow God, gave up what could have been a very comfortable and wealthy life, and started a religious order that had thousands of followers, while he was on his death bed, he turned to his brother Franciscans who were standing around him and said, "I am ready to die, take me off this bed and throw me on the floor like the retch that I am."

Wow! No doubt some think he is crazy. But I think he is intense and zealous.

St Francis was overcome by the thing the first and second readings this week are all about, humility.

Maybe you'd say he was a little too overcome...but I love it.

St Francis, of all people, could be tempted to think, 'boy I did a lot of work for God during my life, I can't wait to get the reward in heaven that I have earned.'

But he didn't. Even as he lay on his deathbed, sick and dying, he recognized in himself that he is nothing.

"Consider you calling...not many of you were wise by human standards...not many were powerful...not many were of noble birth...rather God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God." Second reading...2 Corinthians...

Even the greatest of the great are only great because God has made him (or her) that way.

It can be tempting to forget this sometimes. And when we forget this, then we become too attached to the outcome of things and become too controlling. There is freedom in humility.

Francis had humility. He had great freedom and ultimately joy.

To be great and do amazing things for God, to allow God to work powerfully through us, and then to always and continually recognize that God has done it, and that we in and of ourselves are a "retch" and deserve "the floor" is humility. And it gives us great freedom and ultimately joy.

It is only because God is so gracious and kind to us, that instead of giving us what we deserve, He seeks to give us what is beyond what we could even think to imagine for ourselves or even think to ask for, Heaven. - Fr Rossi

SAC Increased Offertory Program:

The past couple Sundays, 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.

News & Announcements:

Valentine's Day & an Outreach Opportunity: On Valentine's Day the parish will be visiting & 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: Please join us after 10:45 mass in the basement for Irish Festival meeting! The festival will be celebrated March 25 & 26th. We need volunteers to help us throw the oldest street festival in the City. For more information, you can contact Stokes McCune at stokesmccune@aol.com.

Knights of Columbus: The Knights of Columbus meet at St. Patrick's every other month. If you would like to join us or learn more about our organization, please contact Eddie Baird at 804-986-2898.

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.

Church Support as of 1/22/17

Weekly

Actual	\$2,327.89
Budgeted	<u>\$4,107.00</u>
Difference	(\$1,779.11)

Year to Date

Actual	\$113,568.31
Budgeted	<u>\$123,273.00</u>
Difference	(\$9,704.69)

Attendance for 1/21 & 22, 2017: ____/193

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: paxtonr18229@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.