

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

February 13-14, 2016

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass times: Saturday: 5:30pm

Sunday: 10:45am

Confession: Saturday at 4:30pm

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Nursery: is available at our Sunday 10:45am mass every week downstairs in the social hall.

Message from our Pastor:

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!!! One time I was preaching at a Catholic high school Mass on Valentine's day and I just happened to mention something to the effect, 'yeah...Valentine's days isn't that big of a focus for a priest'...and I don't think I ever heard those kids laugh harder! They thought it was the funniest thing.

The fact of the matter is that Valentine's Day is not that big of a deal in the life of a priest because for a priest, every day is Valentine's Day.

Valentine's Day is sort of a goofy holiday, when people give each other chocolate hearts that say things like 'be mine.' On that level, yes, not a big deal...although I used to love those little candy hearts.

But on the level of love, true love, it is a very big deal.

One thing we always have to keep in our mind: love is not a feeling, it is not an emotion, it is not a passion: love is a choice. LOVE = SACRIFICE.

There are so many movies that portray love as boy meets girl, the 'fall' for each other and live happily ever after with no troubles, worries, fights, arguments or concerns.

THAT NEVER, EVER, EVER, EVER, EVER, EVER, EVER HAPPENS!!!

Even Mary and Joseph, who were the best couple ever, had a rough go of it, with problems and trials. Storybook

love does not exist, because it is make-believe. And storybook love is not true love.

You can fall in a hole, especially if you are walking and texting and not looking where you are going...but you cannot 'fall' in love. You can be swept away by emotions and passions, but those are as fleeting as a good meal...and tend to dissipate just as quickly.

Love is a choice. Love is a rational decision of the mind and will that weighs the options and decides to do something or not do something because it makes the most sense (in spite of a degree of challenge/sacrifice/cross that comes with it).

The endless pursuit of 'falling' in love has led many people down a road that only made them less happy.

For a Christian, every day is Valentine's Day because every day is about loving. But not the feeling of love (which is better described as infatuation...I was infatuated when I was in 8th grade with a girl in my class...she dumped me). Every day, for a Christian, is about sacrifice, giving our lives away to God. We sacrifice our lives for God and thus demonstrate that we love God. If you are a Christian then you have been shot not with cupid's arrow, but Christ's.

So this Valentine's day, don't forget to write your love letter to God. Peace and LOVE!!! - Fr. Rossi

Nursery: is available at our Sunday 10:45am mass every week downstairs in the social hall.

Rosary: Please join in saying the rosary each Sunday at 10:10am. There is also a need for more rosary leaders if interested. Contact Kathy Butner.

Confessions: Are offered each Saturday at 4:30pm in the confessional located at the front of the Church to the left...just come on in.

Community Life - Michelle Dawson

Irish Festival: We will have meetings every Sunday after 10:45 mass. Join us! If you want to sign up to volunteer for festival sign-up sheets are down in the basement after mass.

Church Cleaning: We had a great response for people to clean the church for 2016. However there is still a need for July. If you can help please get in touch with John Lo Re at johnjlore@gmail.com or 804-513-7173.

Faith Formation - Kathy Buttner

Bible Study: Meets on Thursdays at 10:30 am in the Social Hall downstairs.

Stations of the Cross: Will be led by the Bible Study group throughout lent at St. Patrick on Thursdays at noon. Please join us.

40 Days for Life: During Lent a group of St. Patrick parishioners will be saying the rosary & prayers in front of the abortion clinic at the corner of N. Boulevard & Grove Ave. each Thursday at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to join in. Our hope is to change minds and save lives by just being present for an hour a week! Call Jane Murphy if interested - 267-1935

Outreach & Social Ministry - Heather Coleman

MCV Hospital Ministry: At the present time Fr. Rossi, Fr. Daniel and I are the involved in providing and ministering the sacraments at MCV. We started this ministry back in August-September of 2015. Each of us split up the week and have "On call days" to serve the Catholic Community at MCV. About 75% of the patients are communion calls. All of the priests would like to expand this ministry to our parishes. **If you are an Extra-Ordinary Eucharistic minister and would like to become a part of this ministry at MCV, Please contact Fr. Frank Wiggins, at 1-804-737-8028, or email me at padreop@verizon.net.** |

Children's Religious Education - Donna Baird

Children's religious education classes are held the first three Sundays of each month in the classroom located in the social hall from 9:45 AM to 10:30 AM. If you have questions, contact Donna Baird donnahbaird@yahoo.com or at 804.888.3470

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): The 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@mbc.edu.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held the first Sunday of the month during Mass. Baptism class for new parents is held the second Sunday every other month at 1 p.m. in the parish hall. The next class is February 14. Contact Kathy Buttner if you are interested in attending the class and for scheduling your child's Baptism. Baptism information is on our website under the Sacraments tab. If you have additional questions, please contact the office.

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.