

# **Saint Patrick Catholic Church**

## **March 19-20, 2016**

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

**Confession:** Saturday at 4:30pm

**Rosary:** Sunday at 10:10am

**Nursery:** Available at 10:45 mass downstairs.

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### **Today's Music:**

Psalm 22:

"My God, my God why have you abandoned me?"

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### **Message from our Pastor:**

*Hello Dear faithful.*

*I hope you are getting ready for the glorious feast day to come. It is the day of our salvation.*

*I encourage you to be involved and participate in the Triduum as much as possible. Holy Thursday Mass is at 7pm, Good Friday Service is at 7pm and the Easter Vigil is at 8pm.*

*I also wanted to let you know of a very important undertaking here in our cluster parishes and ask for your help. As you may know, there is a significant homeless population here in the city that is cared for, in part, through a lunch program at St Peter. Each week, volunteers at St Peter (who come from parishes across the city) help to feed hundreds of homeless and poor.*

*Unfortunately, there are two major events that are beginning to affect or will affect our homeless population here in the city. Firstly, the Salvation Army, who has for years consistently provided both breakfast and dinner each day of the week has within the past two weeks closed. You may have seen the articles in the newspaper. Due to a lack of volunteers, among other things, they have terminated their breakfast and dinner feeding outreach to the city's poor. This has and will continue to limit the homeless of the city to find a good meal and proper outreach.*

*Secondly, as you may know, Monroe Park will be closing in May for approximately 18 months to undergo renovations. While this will make the park more beautiful and attractive, the city's homeless, who often have meals provided to them in the park by various local churches and communities, will again, suffer due to this event.*

*In response to this, and in discussions with other local communities, we have decided to expand our lunch program at St Peter to include a dinner program as well. This is an entirely new endeavor.*

*What this will mean is that, at least preliminarily, we will offer dinner once per week (each Wednesday) in the lower social hall/kitchen area to those who need a meal. We expect around 100 folks per week.*

**HERE IS WHERE YOU COME IN** – *I would like a group from St Peter to provide dinner for one of the Wednesdays each month, I would like a group from St Patrick to provide dinner for one of the Wednesdays each month, and I would like a group from St John to provide dinner for one of the Wednesdays each month. The remaining Wednesday per month will be covered by other Christian communities in the area who were formerly assisting the Salvation Army. In each case, the group will provide the meal at St Peter, which will be the location for the dinner each week.*

*Do you think we can do this? Are you willing to help?*

*I need one leader volunteer from each parish and then a group of people to assist that leader with the dinner. It is a commitment of one Wednesday per month, each month (12 Wednesdays per year). Dinner will be approximately 5pm-6pm. Even if you work, you can maybe get out of work a few hours early once per month to help.*

*Please pray about helping with this. This is a new endeavor so it is up to us and the openness of our hearts as to whether it accomplishes what God wants to accomplish.*

*If you would like to volunteer to be the parish **leader** (one or two from each of our parishes...Peter, John, and Patrick), please email me.*

*God Bless you. -Fr. Rossi*

**Year to date budgeted:** \$161,111.00

**Year to date actual income:** \$121,751.32

**Current loss:** \$39,359.68

**March 12-13 attendance:** 34/180

## **Community Life - Michelle Dawson**

**Easter Egg Hunt:** The Murphy family will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 26 at 11:30 a.m. at their home at 6422 Forest Hill Avenue. A hot dog lunch will be served before the eggs are found. Lots of fun for all ages – just R.S.V.P. (267-1935) so we know how many are coming. Rain date will be Sunday (Easter) at 3 p.m.

**Message from Father Wiggins:** The Easter Triduum: We begin the Triduum celebration with the Holy Thursday Eucharist. The Scripture accounts we hear of the Last Supper address the heart of our faith. We believe the Eucharist is the Body and Blood of Christ and that Jesus told us this and commanded us to eat and drink in remembrance of him. We are also called to engage in service of our neighbor, following Jesus's example of washing the disciples' feet.

On Good Friday, we journey with the Lord, the innocent servant of God, who sins upon himself as he walks the path to Calvary. At the end, Jesus says, "It is finished." "it is over." It means, "it is accomplished" or "It is perfected." He has completed the task he was given. He hands over his Spirit.

We end on that most sacred night when we gather at the Easter Vigil to rejoice in the Good News of Christ's Resurrection. All of Lent has led to this pivotal night of the entire liturgical year; even Advent and Christmas prepared us for this night. Everything we celebrated for the next fifty days until Pentecost results from our belief that Jesus is risen from the dead. As we gather in darkness, during this holy night we begin our celebration with the proclamation that "Christ is our Light". Our catechumens and candidate will lead the way. This night is very special for them. Kelsey Nuckols and Justin Baiber will be baptized and Adrianna Carpenter will be receive in the Catholic church. I want to congratulate them in their faith journey as they become new members of St. Patrick's.

**Easter Vigil:** The Easter Vigil is a great celebration for the community and it catechumens and candidates. The Vigil is a very long celebration about God's love for his people. It last about 3 hours, which all Eight readings including the Gospel. I would strongly discourage families bringing infants or toddlers and small children to this celebration. It is to long for them.

## **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.

**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.

**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](mailto:fmpjr2009@aol.com) or Ryland Paxton: [paxtonrl8229@mbc.edu](mailto: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 April 10. 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

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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.