

# SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 9-10, 2017

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Confession:** Saturday: 4:30 pm or  
by appointment.

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

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

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**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 Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton.

**Baptisms:** Baptisms are held at mass the first Sunday of the month. Baptism class is required prior to Baptizing your first child. **The next class will be held on 11/5/17 at 1pm in the parish hall.** If you are interested in attending a class & scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner.

**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.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

*Last week we celebrated Labor Day, a national holiday founded to support labor across the nation and is celebrated as a day of rest from labor.*

*It is great to have a day off! But now we are back to the grind. School is back in session. Summer vacations are done.*

*Don't be sad. It's not so bad.*

*Labor is a gift from God. Work is a gift from God. It is not punishment for sin. Work is a good.*

*"But what about Adam and Eve? Didn't they have to toil after the fall? Before the fall weren't they free from labor in the garden?"*

*No! Read carefully. The result of their sin was that they would labor in toil ("in toil" is the punishment for their sin).*

*Before the fall they still worked. They just didn't do it by the "sweat of their brow". In other words, before the fall they liked their work and it wasn't "toilsome."*

*Work is part of paradise. Activity is part of heaven.*

*Work helps us to feel a sense of accomplishment. It gives us self-worth. People who do not work have little chance at happiness in this life. That is why it is always better to teach a man to fish than to just give them fish. Better to help someone get a job than just give them handouts.*

*In fact, we only appreciate rest, vacation and relaxation if it is juxtaposed against some effort, exertion, labor.*

*And yes, sometimes it's hard and has some "toil" involved. But even with the toil it is better than the alternative of being always bored, uncreative, goal-less, and ultimately unhappy.*

*Thank God for the ability to work.*

-Fr. Rossi

## CHURCH SUPPORT AS OF 8/27/17

### Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$1,984.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$2,237.00)

### Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$26,791.08
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$37,989.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$11,197.92)

**Attendance for August 26 = 55 August 27 = 155**

## NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Religious Education:** For all children signed up for religious education for this year on Sunday September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:30am there will be a meet and greet for children along with their parents. We will go over what your children will be learning as well as setting expectations for the year.

### Special Collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas:

We will be taking a collection on 9/10/17 for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. The special collection will support the humanitarian efforts of the Catholic Charities USA and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted Catholic dioceses. Cash is always accepted however if you want to write a check make in out to St. Patrick Church with a notation in the memo Catholic Charities USA/Texas. Then we will send one check to them. You can also donate directly to catholiccharitiesusa.org.

**Bible Study:** Please join the St. Patrick Bible Study that will be starting up again on September 7. The group meets every week at 10:30 am downstairs in the church hall. This is a great group who are interested in learning more about the Bible story and our faith. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Buttner.

**Church Cleaning:** Seeking a team to cover the month of December. Please consider contacting John Lore at 804-513-7173 or johnjlore@gmail.com with any questions about it and to volunteer.

**Attention men of all ages.** The Legion of St. Michael, a local Catholic men's group invites you to join us as we begin a new study on Islam. The series will start on Sat Sept 23rd at 8am at the home of one of the men in Chester. We will be studying the book "Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus: A Devout Muslim Encounters Christianity". If you would like to join us or have questions about the group please contact [legionofstmichael@gmail.com](mailto:legionofstmichael@gmail.com) or call 804-314-1681.

**Walk for Life:** Again I am walking for life on Saturday 9/23/17. The walk is sponsor by The Pregnancy Center of the Tri-Cities. I will again walk for 2 miles. Last year, St. John's, St. Patrick's and St. Peter's were very generous in sponsoring me for the amount of 2,000.00 dollars. I hope and pray that you will as generous this year as you have been in the past. Next week there will be someone at each mass that will collect your gift towards this project. Checks are accepted and can be made out to The Pregnancy Support Center of the Tri-Cities. Thanks, for your generosity. - Fr. Wiggins

**Sharing Sunday:** Mark your calendars for **the next Sharing Sunday which will be October 1st.** Please bring non-perishable food items. We donate those to our local food bank.

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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.

**Bulletin:** All bulletin submissions must be emailed to Michelle Dawson the Tuesday prior by noon.