

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

**November 5-6, 2016**

**32nd Sunday in 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:**

*Good day all! First a big thank you to all who helped with Caritas at St John. It was a wonderful time to serve God in the poor and we certainly obeyed His command. We could have used more volunteers, but I am especially grateful to those who put in the extra effort to cover the days and nights when we needed additional volunteers. You know who you are. And so does God!!! Good work and thank you!!!!*

*Now, I want to alert you to one of the most beautiful, powerful and prophetic scripture passages in the Bible. I absolutely love this account. It is from 2 Maccabees 7. It was the first reading this morning.*

*But the reading you heard was edited for brevity. And you missed all the good stuff. So get your Bible and read chapter 7 of 2 Maccabees. It's amazing.*

*It's about a mother with seven sons. They are being tortured by a pagan king to give up their religious beliefs. He is an awful and cruel king. This is what he does.*

*He takes the first one and tortures him in front of the other 6 brothers and the mom. He scalps him, cuts off his tongue, hands and feet while the rest of the brothers and mother watch. Then he burns him alive in front of them.*

*The rest of them, looking at this horrible act committed against their family member, encouraged each other to remain faithful saying "the Lord God is looking on and truly has compassion on us."*

*Then they brought in the second brother. They gave him an ultimatum to deny his religious beliefs. He refused and so they tore off his skin and hair. The others looked on and said to the pagan king "you accursed fiend, you are depriving us of the present life but the King of the universe will raise us up."*

*They grabbed the third brother and did likewise. He immediately stretched out his hands and said "It was from*

*Heaven that I received these; for the sake of his laws I disregard them; from him I hope to receive them again."*

*The king started to be amazed at their courage and spirit. Similarly number 4, 5 and 6 were tortured. Then it really gets intense.*

*They brought in number 7. The king was going nuts. He couldn't understand why these people wouldn't just simply deny their faith. To the 7<sup>th</sup>, he promised to make him rich and happy if he would just "abandon his ancestral customs." He even talked to the mother, who had just watched her 6 sons tortured and is now watching her last one have to make the choice. After much urging, the mom said she would talk with her son. The king thought she was going to talk her son into accepting the bribe. No chance. She leaned over to the son and said this: "Do not be afraid of this executioner, but be worthy of your brothers and accept death, so that in the time of mercy I may receive you again with your brothers."*

*Then it says, she had "scarcely finished speaking when the youth said: 'What is the delay? I will not obey the king's command. I obey the command of the law given to our ancestors'"*

*The last son said to the king, "you...will not escape the hands of God... you, by the judgment of God, shall receive just punishments for your arrogance."*

*The king put him to death. As well as the mother.*

*I am amazed at many things by this account. First and obviously, their courage and persevering faith. Would I be so courageous if someone were forcing me to deny the tenants of our faith...the belief in the Real Presence in the Eucharist, the Churches teaching on life, the Churches teaching on marriage, etc? I hope so...*

*Secondly, I am amazed even more by the mother. How intense a mother's love is for her children, yet she allows them and encourages them to suffer for what is right. She is a mom who sees the value in struggle, difficulty and suffering and doesn't seek at all costs to shelter her kids from it.*

*Suffering helps us merit Heaven. It's an amazing account. Much to be learned from reflecting upon it. — Fr. Rossi*

## **Community Life - Michelle Dawson**

**Veteran's Day Luncheon:** Please join us as we celebrate our Veteran's in the parish with a luncheon Sunday 11/13 after mass.

**Preparation for Advent/Christmas:** In preparation for the Season we will have a parish cleaning day on Saturday 11/12/16 @ 9am. We will need a lot of help! Lunch will be served. Please contact Donna or Eddie Baird.

**Thanksgiving:** In the spirit of Thanksgiving, please consider donating a turkey or ham to Saint Francis Home so that their residents may enjoy a Thanksgiving meal with their friends and loved ones. Donations can be dropped at St. Patrick Church the Sunday before Thanksgiving, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Christmas Time Tradition:** The Knights of Columbus will be setting up the traditional Christmas tree with tags shortly. This year, the last Sunday for collecting presents will be Dec 11th. The Knights will also be accepting checks made out to KoC Council 6936 or to the Christian Center Inc. Donations will go to buying a nice Christmas dinner for the families, and the remainder to year-round needs for the children.

**Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Altar Servers:** Please when it is your time to serve check in with the sacristan 15 minutes prior to mass.

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### **Church Support as of 10/30/2016:**

#### **Weekly**

<i>Actual</i>	\$2,540.00
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$4,107.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$1,1567.00)

#### **Year to Date**

<i>Actual</i>	\$60,282.04
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$73,989.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(\$13,706.96)

**Attendance for 10/29 & 30/2016:** 31 /149

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***"Holy Communion - this is a reminder that Holy Communion in the Catholic Church is reserved to actively practicing Catholics. If you are not Catholic or have been actively practicing your faith, then please refrain from receiving Communion. If you would like to learn how to be welcomed to full Communion we would love to help. All you need to do is contact a priest. Our contact info is in this bulletin."***

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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.

**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 11/13. 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.