

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

November 25-26, 2017
Solemnity of Christ the King

Mass times:

Saturday at 5:30pm
Sunday at 10:45am

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Confession:

Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment.

Rosary:

Sunday at 10:10am



EVENTS DURING ADVENT

COMMUNITY PENANCE SERVICE

DECEMBER 5 6:30 PM
**this will be at St. John

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
DECEMBER 8 7:00 PM

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
DECEMBER 17 at 4pm

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS
DECEMBER 24 at 6:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
DECEMBER 25 at 10:45 AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY VIGIL
DECEMBER 31 at 5:00 PM



CHURCH SUPPORT AS OF 11/19/17

Weekly

Actual \$2,584.00
Budgeted \$4,221.00
Difference (\$1,637.00)

Year to Date

Actual \$70,757.00
Budgeted \$84,420.00
Difference (\$13,663.00)

MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR:

Happy Feast day of Christ the King, King of the Universe!!!

I love that title. It is so triumphalistic, which I love. He is the only one who is worthy of that title. Jesus Christ is the only one worthy of being called King of the Universe because that is what he truly is. He is the King of everything. As the scripture says, 'every knee shall bend in heaven, on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.' I like to think that it's good we kneel at Mass because we are just keeping our knee joints loose for the great day we kneel to our King in Heaven.

Here in America we are not used to thinking about having a king. We are a democracy where we elect people to represent us. The population basically chooses the direction of things. But for most of human history, this was not the case. During the majority of human history, people who governed and ruled by a monarch, by a king.

You probably recall the Old Testament readings about how the Jews, who were once governed by a number of Judges, decided that they wanted to be like the other surrounding nations and be led by a king. The prophet Samuel warned them about this and said it wouldn't turn out well for them because any person they appoint as king is going to be corrupted by the overwhelming power and authority. And the prophet was right.

And that's why we today, when we think of governing structures, why we hate the idea of having a king. We think about the king of England (George III) who we as a nation rebelled against in the American Revolution. Or we think about a bad king from ancient Egypt or a bad king or ruler in Asia. So we don't like the idea of having just one person who can say anything and order anything and is absolutely above reproach. We don't like the idea of having one person in charge who has absolutely no one over them to keep an eye on them. We like democracy because we can vote out who we don't like.

But democracy is slow and full of bureaucracy. It has many problems. Many people do not even vote. And then when they vote they are ill informed or don't themselves know what is best for the country. And corruption and the corruptive influence of power is still fully alive in those elected...it's just that there are term limits and so they can be voted out...which is a good.

A monarchy is really the way to go. It is efficient. There's no debating. Things get done and they get done fast. The only problem is that, unless you have a true saint, who has perfect integrity, perfect intelligence, perfect wisdom and perfect discernment for justice, it's going to be a big problem.

The good news for the day is that not just our country, or other countries, or the whole planet earth...the good news is that the entire universe, every star, galaxy and solar system is ruled by one king, one monarch. He makes every decision as to the ultimate course of all events. There is nothing beyond his privy and nothing is too challenging for him to handle. He is perfectly above reproach. He is perfectly just in absolutely every decision. He is incorruptible and is perfectly wise. He is aware of all extenuating circumstances. His name is Jesus Christ. He is the king of the Universe. This is a great comfort to us. - Fr Rossi

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Appalachian Giving Tree: The Knights of Columbus is collecting Christmas gifts for Appalachian families living in the poorest part of Virginia where the need is great. We will be collecting gifts for four families this year. Please consider taking a tag off the tree that will be in the vestibule the next 3 Sundays and wrapped gift with tag attached **must be returned no later than 12-3-17**. Any questions please contact Eddie & Donna Baird at 804.346.9476 or at donnahbaird@yahoo.com.

Santa Breakfast: Mark your calendars the SPC Santa Breakfast is set for Sunday December 10th after the 10:45 mass.

St. Patrick Christmas Concert Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 17th, at 4:00 pm. Join us for an afternoon of music celebrating the upcoming birth of the Savior. Lector's are still needed as we incorporate the story of Jesus' birth in to the program. Please contact Angie Pometto at apometto@gmail.com

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars **the next Sharing Sunday which will be December 3rd**. Please bring non-perishable food items.

Communal Penance Service: Mark your calendar for our Communal Penance Service, Tuesday, December 5th, 2017 at 6:30 PM at St John's.

SENIOR Trip - Illuminate Light Show at Meadow Event Park- Tuesday Dec 12 - Leaving the church at 6:30 PM. Contact Heather Coleman to confirm your space.

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

Communion Meditation Song

Christ Is Risen

Refrain

*Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave*

Let no one caught in sin
Remain inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely You've bled for us

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none, but heaven's will
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign
Forever let Your church proclaim

BRIDGE

O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
The glory of God has defeated the night
Singing O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
Our God is not dead
He's alive He's alive

SPC Emergency #: 804-402-1221 - If someone is dying or has died & you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.

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 contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton.

Baptisms: Baptisms are held the first Sunday during mass each month. Baptism class is required prior to Baptizing your first child. **The next class will be held on 1/7/18 at 1pm in the parish hall.** If you are interested in attending a class & scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner.