

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

March 24-25, 2018

Palm Sunday

Mass times:

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

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Stations of the Cross:

Please join each Thursday at noon during Lent.

Confession:

Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment.



THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday. Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery. The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season, and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday March 26th, CHRISM MASS

At Cathedral of The Sacred Heart at 6:00 PM

Holy Thursday March 29th

7:00 PM - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday March 30th

7:00 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil Saturday March 31st

8:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday April 1st

Regular Mass time at 10:45am

INCENSE: Incense will be use Holy Thursday & Easter Vigil

Message from our Pastor:

Today we celebrate Passion Sunday. Today we heard read the Passion of Christ, the immeasurable suffering He voluntarily submitted to out of His love for the world.

If you think about the whole of the Gospels, it is notable that there are large times of Jesus' life when we have very little details given us. Consider his childhood and young adult years; very little is said about Him and very little specificity is given. But consider how much detail we are given in each of the 4 Gospels regarding the events that took place as part of His passion and suffering. Years and years of His life are summarized by a sentence, while here in the Passion, just a few days of his life are described with pages and pages of details.

There is a good reason for this.

So much specificity about Jesus' suffering is given because God wants it to be very clear the extent to which He is willing to suffer to save humanity.

One of the unfortunate effects of human sin is that it causes people dislike God or even hate God, to hate even the idea of God. It is just the way it works. It is unfortunate. But it is the natural effect of sin.

God is very aware of this and took preemptive measures to try and combat this.

One of those preemptive measures is Him giving us the Bible. In particular, God gave us the Gospel accounts of Jesus' life. And even more specifically, God gave us the 4 Passion accounts, one of which we heard read today. They are in great detail so that, despite the effect of sin which causes humanity to have a distaste for God, they may be forced to reconsider their position by being moved by the extensive suffering that God endured when He became a man in order to offer His life as atonement for humanity's sin, which is what is described in the Passion accounts.

How could what we heard today be taken any other way? God proves the extent to which He was willing to suffer for humanity when, while we were still sinners, He died for us.

The words you heard today at Mass describe the greatest love story ever told. It is the greatest act of love ever. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for another. – Father Rossi

Church Support as of 3/18/18

Weekly

Actual	\$3,210.00
Budgeted	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
Difference	\$1,011.00

Year to Date

Actual	\$140,768.00
Budgeted	<u>\$160,398.00</u>
Difference	(\$19,630.00)

Attendance for 3/17/18 = 24 and 3/18/18 = 156

News & Announcements:

EASTER VIGIL: We invite all parishioners and those who were initiated in the past into the Catholic Church to come and join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord at the Easter Vigil on Saturday March 31st, at 8:00 pm together at the Easter Vigil is a great way to celebrate your anniversary date into the church and to renew your own call to baptism.

RICE BOWL: Don't forget to bring your rice bowl Thursday March 29th.

EASTER EGG HUNT: at the Murphy's on March 31st at 11:00 am. All parishioners are invited. Hot dog lunch will be provided. Please call Jane to R.S.V.P. & for directions - 804-267-1935.

Nursery: There will be **no nursery** 3/25 (Irish Festival) and Easter Sunday 4/1.

Sacred Heart Center: Please help our children in the Religious Education Program with a special project they are doing for Lent. During Lent our kids are collecting stuffed animals in good & clean condition for the Sacred Heart Center here in Richmond. It is a Jesuit run center that helps families in need. When parents are meeting with staff in the center children are often with them. These toys are provided to the child to give them comfort in an unfamiliar place & give them something to play with while they wait. This surprise can brighten up that child's day. These stuffed animals can be left in the social hall (there will be a place for them to be left) or to Donna Baird or a child in the program.

Do it!!! We have extended confessions hours for all of Lent. 30 minutes before and after EVERY Saturday and Sunday Mass! Go! Go! Go! It will make you feel better and love God more! - Father Rossi

Sharing Sunday: Everyone the next Sharing Sunday is April 7th & 8th. Please bring non-perishable food items. A table will be in the basement for collection.

St. Patrick's Social Ministry: Join us in an Easter visit to St. Francis Home to visit residents on Saturday, 3/31/17 at 10:30 am. The residents love visitors from St. Patrick. Social Ministry will provide treats to distribute but consider bringing a homemade or traditional Easter card to present to residents. If you plan on joining us RSVPs and questions should be directed to Eddie & Donna Baird at donnahbaird@yahoo.com. We will meet at St. Francis Home at 65 W. Clopton Street, Richmond, VA 23225.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): An RCIA class will be starting at SPC. Anyone interested is welcome to join the class. Adults wishing to learn more should contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton

Baptisms - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. Three (3) more classes will be held during 2018. The dates are as follows: April 15; July 1; and October 7. If you are interested in attending a class and scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Please note you may attend class prior to the birth of your baby.

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 & you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.

Communion Meditation Song

"Take Up Our Cross"

Refrain

We take up our cross and follow Him
We lay down our lives that we might live
We carry the hope of Christ within
We take up our cross and follow Him

Behold the wood that bears our name
Behold the nails that hold our sin
The tree from which salvation blooms
The death by which we're born again

We embrace the sacrifice
And walk the path we cannot see
The burdens of this world made light
By blood and thorn we are redeemed

Bridge

Lift Him high, Lift Him high
Let His name be glorified
Lift Him high, Lift Him high
Let His name be glorified

Hosanna

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Lord we lift up your name, with hearts full
of praise. Be exalted, O Lord, my God.
Hosanna in the highest.

Glory, glory, glory to the king of kings.
Glory, glory, glory to the king of kings.