

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

May 26-27, 2018
Solemnity of the Holy Trinity

Mass times:

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

Nursery: Available at 10:45 mass

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Confession:

Saturday at 4:30 pm or by appointment.



Message from our Pastor:

Today is the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity.

The doctrine of the Holy Trinity is the central doctrine of our faith. It is primary of all doctrines because it is about God Himself, the inner nature and workings of Him. From out of His being flows all other truths and teachings.

For the pastor message I want to say a comment regarding the second reading. In the second reading, St Paul says that we should not fall back into fear because we did not receive a spirit of slavery, but that we received a Spirit of adoption through which will call out Abba, Father.

What Paul is saying is that we should, as adopted children, relate to God in personal and affectionate terms. Not in fear.

I think many people today who have problems with religion or with God, do not know this. I think many of

them still think they are supposed to relate to God in fear and so they just stay away.

Why? Why do people relate to God in fear?

I can think of a couple reasons.

First, because they had dads when they were growing up who they were afraid of. Don't get me wrong, you should have a certain respect for the authority of your dad and know that what he says at the end of the day is what is going to happen. But you should not be afraid that he is out to get you.

So I think some people have this baggage and it makes it hard for them to relate to God as a Father in heaven to whom they can say with affection, Abba, Father.

The second reason people fear God and stay away from him, rather than relate to him with affection is because of sin they have committed. All sin is disobedience to God. Every time we sin we say no to God. In every instance of our lives God shows us the way to truth and holiness and obedience and our decision is always whether we want to follow.

Well what happens is the more we sin and say no to God, the more we resent God...the more we want to rebel against him and we start to even think He does not have our best interest at hand. Remember the Garden of Eden? The snake made Adam and Eve think God did not want their best so he introduced resentment in their hearts to God.

So it is with many people. It is hard for them to see God and relate to Him with affections because they see all His ways as "slavery."

That's why Paul is reminding them "Hey you, don't forget, this is not a relationship of slavery but of adopted sonship or daughterhood." That's what he is saying. He knows that we need to be continually reminded of this as it is likely that the people he was talking to then are likely people now...likely to sin and need reminding that a relationship with God has no room for that.

- Fr Rossi



News & Announcements:

Song Sheets: You will see a change when it comes to song sheets. We have a supplement for the next three months that has lyrics for any songs we'll be singing that aren't in our hymnals. Please leave those behind at the end of mass so that they can be used for future masses.

Card in Social Hall: Deacon John Babb who spent his summer with us during his Pastoral Year will be ordained in to priesthood on 6/2 @ 10:30 at the Cathedral. Please stop in downstairs and sign the card from our parish

Senior Trip: The seniors will be taking a garden walk at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens on **Tuesday Jun 5, 2018**. We will depart the church at 9:15 and return approximately 2:30-3pm. Enjoy the Gardens & lunch at the Café on your own. If you can join us, please contact Heather Coleman to reserve a seat no later than Tuesday 5/29/18 at heatherscoleman@yahoo.com or 310-9538.

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars.....the next Sharing **Sunday is June 3rd**. Please bring non-perishable food items. A table will be in the basement for collection.

2018 RVA Latino Festival: The 10th annual RVA Latino Festival will be held June 8 and 9 at Sacred Heart Church, 1400 Perry St. in Richmond's Manchester neighborhood. The street festival celebrates the vibrant Latin culture of many of the parish families from Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Cuba and other Central and South American countries. We will be serving authentic cuisine such as tostadas, carnitas, tamales and tacos. Entertainment features live bands – Flores Peteneras and Jose and Grupo Ilusion – and dancing throughout the festival. Students of the Sacred Heart Ballet will also perform in the afternoon. Children and youth will have bounce houses, face painting, a volleyball tournament and more. Admission is free but we are asking attendees to bring a non-perishable food item for our parish food pantry.

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. **Two more classes will be held during 2018**. The dates are as follows: 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.



Church Support as of 5/20/18

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$3,292.00
Budgeted	<u>\$4,221.00</u>
Difference	-\$929.00

	<u>Year to Date</u>
Actual	\$171,744.00
Budgeted	<u>\$198,387.00</u>
Difference	(\$26,643.00)

Attendance for 5/19/18 = 31 and 5/20/18 = 164