

Saint Patrick Catholic Church



July 21st & 22nd, 2018
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

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:

Good day all.

Today's readings are all about being a good shepherd. "Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture, says the Lord...you have not cared for them." This from the first readings. Similarly, Jesus in the Gospel looks around and is saddened at all the people who were like "sheep without a shepherd." Now remember, he is saying this knowing full well that there are plenty of pharisees and Sadducees around but they are failing in their duty.

Jesus' rebuke of those with authority is especially strong. The standard at which He holds them it high. Thus he elsewhere warns them, that if they teach and lead the young followers astray, it would be 'better for them to have a great millstone around their neck and be thrown into the sea.'

He doesn't mince words.

Those in authority will be held to a high standard. Those God has given authority in the world and in the Church, he will demand more from.

That is why at every single Mass we pray for the pope, the bishops and the clergy. That is why we also pray at every Mass for all civil leaders.

Unfortunately, the tendency among many people is jealousy to those in authority, "why should they have that authority?" In the same way that people can covet their neighbors

goods (hence the commandment 'do not covet your neighbors goods'), people can also covet their neighbor's authority. People can covet the authority and responsibility other people have. There is a time and a place for criticism of those in authority, but this can sometimes come from a desire for control...wanting the authority or the role for one's self.

A good way to avoid this tendency and temptation, that of coveting authority and responsibility, is to remember the words of the scriptures this weekend and the high standard of judgment that God reserves for those in authority. When we consider the severe punishment for those in authority who do not do a good job at their task (i.e. having a millstone around their neck and being thrown into the sea), it has the effect of calming our desire for authority and control.

It is a heroic thing men and women do when they attempt to step into shepherding roles. Men do it when they strive to be priests. Women do it when they are asked to lead in religious communities. And not only in religious life, but men and women also shepherd when they have children and raise families.

Pray for those in authority. They will be in great need of God's mercy on the day of judgment.

Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

Religious Education 2018/2019: It's time to enroll children grades kindergarten through Confirmation in St. Patrick Religious Education Program. **Children must be enrolled by 9/2 in order to ensure the purchase of the correct educational material.** Classes will begin on Sunday, 9/9, from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM. We will have class the first three Sundays each month. Please see Donna Baird about registration & if you have questions, contact her at 804-888-3470 or [donna**h**baird@yahoo.com](mailto:donnahbaird@yahoo.com).

The Knights of Columbus: Just a reminder that the K of C at our parish are continuing their efforts with the Box Tops for Education to benefit All Saints Catholic School. Please collect those on certain name brands & bring to church with you. Their will be a small box on the counter in the basement to drop off. For each box top/label they will get 10 cents to be able to purchase much needed items for the school.

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.**

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars now for the next Sharing Sunday which is **August 5th**. Remember your non-perishable food items. A Sharing Sunday table will be in the basement for collection.

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. **One more class will be held during 2018.** The next date is 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.**



Church Support as of 7/14/18

Weekly

<i>Actual</i>	\$2,187.75
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$3,981.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	-\$1,793.25

Year to Date

<i>Actual</i>	\$8,536.43
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$11,973.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	(-\$3,436.57)

Attendance for
7/14/18 = 35 and 7/15/18 = 162

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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.

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.