

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

July 7th & 8th, 2018
Fourteenth 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.

Don't forget that the Bible Study led by Deacon
Seminarian Cassidy meets every Thursday at

6pm at St Patrick. You are invited to come join
the study. Learn the Bible. Learn the faith.

All three readings this week deal the human
quality of confidence.

The first lines on the first reading are spoken
by the prophet Ezekiel, "as the Lord spoke to
me, the spirit entered me and set me on my
feet." When he says 'set me on my feet,' he
means that the Spirit got him up and 'on the
ball,' made him strong and focused on moving
ahead with a plan. Before he was feeling weak
and unmotivated, but as his association with
God grew, he became strong and determined.
He gained confidence.

One of the great blessings of living a life in
relation with God is the confidence that comes
as a result.

Confidence is a quality that can be
misunderstood. Confidence does not come
from the places where most seemingly get it.
Most people think you get more confidence
when you get more money, or you get a
haircut, or you are promoted at work, or you
run the fastest or lift the most. These give a
false confidence. It is a confidence that is easily
taken away, because there is always an
element of fear of losing the money, losing the
appearance, losing the job, or losing the
number one status.

True confidence comes from living in relation
to God. The person who lives in relation to God
knows God is in control, and this makes them
feel confident.

But it is very easy to step off the platform of
confidence that comes from living in relation

to God and onto the platforms of false
confidence that come from status or authority
or possessions. As such, God does something
to help remind the people who have godly
confidence of its true source. He gives each
and every person a "thorn in the flesh...an
angel of Satan to beat me," as St Paul
describes in the second reading.

What is this thing St Paul refers to? It is a
weakness. Everyone has a weakness. And
when a person experiences their weakness, in
spite of walking in godly confidence, they draw
back and nearer to God.

It's a cycle. Run to God. Grow in confidence.
Feel weakness. Run to God. Grow in
confidence. Etc.

Christ was the most confident person you'd
ever meet. But He also seemed simple and to
some even seemed weak. That's why his family
was surprised in the Gospel when they heard
him preaching, because He seemed so
confident and powerful, yet they also
experienced Him in moments when He
seemed to them as weak. It is amazing to think
that in His humanity; the confidence of Christ
was built up to prepare Him for His Passion.

And saints are regular people who've been
through the cycle of God, confidence,
weakness, God, many, many times. But
through it they became very confident,
confident enough to walk towards hardship,
suffering and even death. And that type of
confidence inspires others to follow and the
Church grows, and grows, and grows.

Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

Deacon Cassidy Bible Study: Thursday evening bible study at St. Patrick will not meet next week July 12th but will resume on the 19th at 6pm.

For the Children: Interested in a at home scripture study to do with your children this summer? We have a great & fun 9 week hand-out for you. Please take one home today. They will be available on front table in the social hall after mass. Please see Donna Baird with any questions that you may have

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Trip to Basilica - If you are interested in taking a bus trip to the Basilica, **please check out the flyer on the bulletin board in the church basement.** This trip is being organized by the Catholic Golden Age - Our Lady of Peace Chapter and the cost is \$55. Reservation & payment due by July 24.

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.**

Cyber: Cybercrime is hitting dioceses nationwide. If or when you receive an email that shows the parish's pastor or priest as the sender requesting you to purchase a gift card, rest assured it is a scam. Parishioners can & should contact the parish to verify the legitimacy of any suspicious request received through email. All cybercrime should be reported to the FBI at <https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>. It is up to the victim of cyber-crimes to file complaints.

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
6/30/18 - 7/1/18**

Not available at the time of
this writing.

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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.