

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 2-3, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

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:

Happy Advent! Happy New Year! We as a Church we begin a new year this Sunday with the start of Advent. Advent has two meanings.

First, we use it as a time of preparation for the great coming of Christ as an infant to Mary and Joseph at Christmas. And when I say preparation, I am not just talking about or even primarily talking about decorations, gifts, Christmas cookies or colorful lights. It is amazing people will stand in line for hours outside of a store to save \$100 on a TV but don't have time to worship God for an hour on Sunday.

I am talking about spiritual preparation. Are our hearts ready to make a home for the infant who was born for us in a manger? Are our hearts clean, pure, swept and emptied of those things we do not want him to encounter? Experiencing Christmas on the outside is all about presents, colorful lights, and cookies. Experiencing Christmas on the inside is all about making a well decorated interior life to welcome our Great Guest who comes to us December 25th.

That is the first meaning of Advent, to prepare for Christmas.

The second meaning of Advent, which is often forgotten about, is to prepare for Christ's second coming. Did you know we still believe that? Yes. If you have ever read the Bible Jesus talks about it all the time. He is going to come again, down to earth, and definitively establish his rule for all to plainly witness.

But this time it's going to be a lot different from the first time he came. The first time he came he was small and weak as an infant. This time he will come in glory and all authority and power. The first time he came his entrance was quiet and only known to a few shepherds and the magi. This time ever single person will know of his arrival. It will be like a meteor shower in the sky.

Oh what a day it will be. The whole world will be changed in the twinkling of an eye. Everything that we were worried about that day or had planned is going to change...big time (almost everything).

Wow. He is coming. And Advent is time to think about that and get ready, get ready by reordering our lives and daily routine as if he is coming tomorrow, or this afternoon.

I wonder how your day might look if you knew he was coming this afternoon? Happy Advent. -Fr Rossi



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

SOLEMITY OF MARY VIGIL

DECEMBER 31 at 5:00 PM



CHURCH SUPPORT AS OF 11/19/17

Weekly

Actual \$4,460.00

Budgeted \$4,221.00

Difference \$239.00

Year to Date

Actual \$75,114.00

Budgeted \$88,641.00

Difference (\$13,527.00)

Attendance for November 25 = 21 / November 26th =171



Welcome to our newest member
baptized this Sunday
Madeline Sara Allen.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

St. Patrick Christmas Concert: All are invited to attend the annual Christmas Concert at St. Patrick on Sunday, December 17, at 4:00 pm. The concert will feature the combined choir from St. John, St. Patrick, and St. Peter; the children's Schola and St. Gregory Choir; as well as several soloists and ensembles. Along with music, the story of Christmas will be proclaimed. Come join us as we journey to the manger of Bethlehem with the kings, shepherds, angels, and, of course, Joseph and Mary. O Come, let us adore him! Jesus, who is Christ, the Lord!

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

Christmas at St. Francis Home: Join St Patrick Social Ministry visiting the residents of St Francis Home on Dec 16, 2017 at 10 am. The residents enjoy receiving Christmas cards if you would like to participate and bring either homemade or traditional Christmas cards to hand out. Social Ministry will provide treats to distribute. Contact Eddie Baird and let him know if you can attend or if you have questions.

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

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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COMMUNION MEDITATION SONG

"How He Loves"

He is jealous for me loves like a hurricane
I am a tree bending beneath
The weight of His wind and mercy
When all of a sudden I am unaware of
These afflictions eclipsed by glory
I realize just how beautiful You are
And how great Your affections are for me

Refrain:

Oh how He loves us so

Oh how He loves us

How He loves us so

He loves us. Oh how He loves us

Oh how He loves us. Oh how He loves

We are His portion and He is our prize
Drawn to redemption by the grace in His eyes
If grace is an ocean we're all sinking
So Heaven meets earth like An unforeseen kiss
And my heart turns violently inside of my chest
I don't have time to maintain these regrets
When I think about the way that



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.

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.

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