

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

January 20-21, 2017
Third Sunday of 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.



COMMUNION MEDITATION SONG

“10,000 Reasons”

Refrain:

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name. Sing like never before O
my soul. I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore



Message from our Pastor:

As a Christian, our perspective should always be to view things in terms of eternity. In other words, when we think about things in our life, we should always consider them with an eye toward the thought of living forever. It will change the way we act.

Each of the readings today shows folks who change the way they think and act once they are reminded of eternity. The people of Nineveh repent and totally change their ways when they are told of the eternal consequences of their actions in the first reading. In the second reading, St Paul says it's time for those who have wives to act as not having them, for those who are weeping to not weep, those who are buying as not owning, those who are using the world as not using it fully. What he is saying is that the way you acted with your wife, the things that made you weep, the things that made you rejoice, the worries you had about buying stuff and the things you overall generally did in the world - it's all different now. Once the revelation of what God has done in Christ is revealed, everything changes, and the things we thought were once important are not important, and vice versa, the things we once thought were insignificant we realize are in fact very important. That is why in light of eternity it is reasonable for Peter, Andrew, James and John to all leave their former way of life to follow Christ as told in the Gospel. They had good careers. Why leave all that opportunity? Why leave all that money? Why leave all that future comfort and success for a life of struggle and, for three of them, early painful death? Because in view of eternity, it is totally worth it. It's a great deal – sacrifice a little now, have a huge eternal return awaiting them.

It is the same for us. Christians get too worldly when they focus too much on the immediate. It is more important for a Christian to pray than do almost anything else. But when we are only focused on the immediate, we put it at the bottom of the priority list. Alternatively, the more we think about eternity, the more likely we are to raise it up the priority list. Young people, young adults usually (but not always) get into trouble more because when we are young we don't think about eternity. One of the blessings of old age is that after we have had a couple serious illnesses and our bodies start to slow down, we are sort of forced to think a little more about eternity, which usually leads us to straighten up our lives a bit and not commit quite as much sins. That's why when you need some good advice on something, always try to find an older person because they have better perspective and are less impulsive than the young.

See things in terms of eternity. Then things you thought were a big deal are suddenly not (getting cut off in traffic, raising gas prices, small disagreements with others) and the things that didn't seem like a big deal (making sure you go to Mass EVERY WEEK, praying every day, giving more of your money away) start to take greater significance.

Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

"Women, Wine, and the Word" The busyness of the holidays is over and St Patrick's "Women, Wine, and the Word" gatherings continue Friday 2-2-18 from 6.30-8.30pm in the St Patrick social hall and promises to be an evening of great discussion & fellowship. All ladies are invited to join, please invite your friends & family as well and bring a light dinner dish to share. Please let Donna Baird know if you plan to attend at 804.888.3470 or at donnahbaird@yahoo.com

Irish Festival: There will be an Irish Festival meeting after Sunday mass in the basement. Please join us if you can.

Box Tops for Education: Keep saving up those "Box Tops for Education"! The Knights of Columbus are collecting these for All Saints Catholic School. In our social hall there is a small box where you can drop the labels off. Please keep doing or consider starting. It is such a small thing that can make a huge difference at a school. For each label the school gets 10 cents. This money can be used for supplies as well as playground equipment! Thanks!

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars **the next Sharing Sunday which will be February 4th.** Please bring non-perishable food items.

Church Envelopes are Ready for Pick up: They are ready to be picked up in the vestibule. If you can't find your set, please contact the office so we can update your information & mail them to you.

Volunteer: Please consider volunteering one hour each week for a month to help keep St. Patrick Church clean for Saturday/Sunday Masses. It is easy to learn and fun to do. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Church Foyer. Please call me, John Lo Re 804-513-7173 with any questions..

Men: Are You Ready to Accept the Challenge?

Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protection of families, service to others and to defend our values. For over one hundred years, Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families. Eligible Catholic men can now join the Knights of Columbus online in a simple, streamlined process. As a member, you join a worldwide community of nearly two million men, including tens of thousands here in Virginia, who stand together. Men have a duty to lead, protect, serve and defend. The world needs more committed, unified Catholic men to answer the call. Will you answer? Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus, Council 6936.

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 4/15/18 at 1pm in the parish hall.** If you are interested in attending a class & scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner.

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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.

Church Support as of 1/14/18

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