

Saint Patrick Catholic Church



July 14th & 15th, 2018
Fifteenth 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:

I hope everyone is having a good summer and getting some time to rest and vacation.

One item that often comes up during summer is a slight decrease in Mass attendance. This is because summer is when most folks take family vacations and leave town. We also have a few more visitors than normal.

It is important to remember that the obligation to attend Mass every Sunday does not diminish due to vacation. It is the responsibility of every Catholic to find a parish near where they are traveling and be sure to attend Mass while on vacation. A few things in this regard.

First, the 10 Commandments, including the commandment to honor the sabbath are to be followed all the times. You wouldn't think it ok to covet your neighbor's goods just because you are on vacation, or think it ok to steal just because you are on vacation, or to lie or commit adultery, or murder...so why do people think it ok to skip Mass and thus not honor the sabbath just because they are on vacation?

Second, for a person who is so blessed as to be able to go on vacation, they have much for which they should give thanks to God. God has given extra blessings to a person who has the ability to go on vacation...there are tons of people who cannot afford such things. In return, there should be an increased desire to thank God and worship Him at Mass rather than a diminished one.

Third, what about if where you are going doesn't offer Mass? For example, let's say you

go on a cruise and there is no Mass available. In this case you should go on another cruise or make sure you get back by Sunday. There are cruises that offer Mass (they bring a priest for just such a thing) or that are back by Sunday. It is simply a matter of making the effort. If a person can spend all the time coordinating a vacation, regarding which there are many aspects, they can certainly make it a priority to find a Mass. There is no good reason not to make arrangements to attend Mass.

Fourth and finally, what if you are visiting family and the family you are visiting is not Catholic, or is a fallen-away Catholic? Should you make it awkward by leaving them for part of the morning on Sunday to attend Mass? The answer is absolutely you should. This situation is a perfect time to demonstrate faith. You should go to Mass and invite them to attend. Just simply invite them. Be courteous and invite them. If they do not want to go you can go on your own. It may at least get them to rethink their own behavior. But your relationship with God is more important than your relationship with those family members. It is more important than your relationship with anyone on the earth, even your spouse or your children.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and all the blessings God has given to us during these days. If you make it a priority to attend Mass even during your vacation, I promise you will feel better during your vacation and you will even feel happier when you have to come home.

-Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

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.

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.**

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 7/1/18 & 7/8/18

	<u>Weekly</u>
<i>Actual</i>	\$6,348.65
<i>Budgeted</i>	<u>\$7,962.00</u>
<i>Difference</i>	-\$1,613.35

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**Attendance for
6/30/18 = 18 and 7/1/18 = 152**

**Attendance for
7/7/18 = 32 and 7/8/18 = 152**

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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.