

Saint Patrick Catholic Church



January 5th & 6th, 2019
Feast of the Epiphany

Mass times:

Saturday at 5:30pm & Sunday
at 10:45am

**Nursery is available during 10:45
mass.**

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Confession: Saturday at
4:30 pm or by appointment.



Message from our Pastor:

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. In the Gospel we hear about the 3 wise men (magi) searching for this king who they have heard would be arriving.

There is a quality of the wise men that very admirable. And it is a quality that is lacking today.

Their admirable quality is the unwavering search for answers. They are motivated above all by a desire to know truth and this desire has led them to Christ.

What is interesting about them is that they already have plenty. After all they are 'kings.' They certainly have a lot going for them. In fact, if they are kings they probably have 'everything a man could ask for' ...to put it in modern language.

That said, they don't sit back and kick their feet up. They are still 'hungry.' They still have desire in them to search for something more. They still seek something more significant, something that might give them more, more answers, more meaning - more.

The wise men represent every human person.

Every human person seeks deeper meaning and has a desire to know the answers to significant human question such as what is the meaning of life, why is

there something rather than nothing, how did we get here, what does the future have in store, what happens after we die, why is there suffering. All people for all ages have wondered the answers to these questions.

The admirable quality of the wise men is that they don't let things get in the way or distract them from seeking answers to these questions. In fact, the ability to ponder these questions is what separates us from all other life forms. Humans are the only ones who ask these questions. And the wise men ask them with unwavering determination.

Do people now-a-days ask the answers to these questions? Or are they content with just being kings?

If you have been shown the light of faith, then you know the answers to these bigger questions. You know that all roads towards answers lead to the road the wise men took. All roads leading to answers lead to Christ.

The important thing for humans, to maintain their humanity (what makes them distinctly human) is for them to continue to seek the answers to those questions. If they do, they will eventually be led to God, who became flesh (who incarnated), and there they will have their answer. He is the Truth and all who are wise seek Him. -Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

Volunteer Opportunity: Please consider volunteering about 1 hour each week for a month to assist us in keeping St. Patrick Church clean for liturgy services. It is very easy to learn and a lot of fun. Just fill in a month in the sign-up form located downstairs in a red folder on the first left side window sill. Any questions contact me at johnjlore@gmail.com or 513-7173. Thank you, John Lo Re

Thank you: Thank you to all who participate in the Kroger program for St. Patrick to receive benefits. We have received another check in the amount of \$63.57. Remember you have to renew your membership for this program each year. And all new members St. Patrick number is **89764**. Thank you again for shopping at Kroger.

Offertory Envelopes: The 2019 sets of offering envelopes with your name in alphabetical order are and you wish to use envelopes, please call the office and they will gladly furnish you a set.

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars now for the next Sharing Sunday which is **February 3rd**. Remember your non-perishable food items. Table in basement for drop off.

Poinsettias: The poinsettias (14 total) will be up for adoption after Sunday mass on 1/6/18. Please see Enza McCauley after mass.

Baptisms - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. Upcoming class dates are 1/6,3/31,7/7, and 10/6. If you are interested in attending a class or scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Please note you may attend class prior to the birth of your baby.

Diocesan News: Following the listening sessions held throughout the diocese in October, Bishop Knestout renewed his commitment to leading the Diocese with transparency, faith and direct action. A webpage has been created to help the faithful stay informed of the diocese's response to the present crisis in the Church. A video interview with Bishop as he answers the faithful's most frequently asked questions, a timeline of actions taken within the diocese to address the crisis, and resources to learn how Bishop Knestout is answering the call for accountability is available at www.richmonddiocese.org/dioceseresponse.

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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.