

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

April 13th – 14th, 2019
Palm Sunday

Mass times:

Saturdays at 5:30pm & Sundays at 10:45am

Nursery is available during 10:45 mass.

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Confession during Lent will be made available 30 minutes prior to and after mass.



Holy Week

Holy Thursday 4/18 at 7pm

Good Friday 4/19 at 7pm

Saturday Vigil 4/20 at 8pm

Easter Sunday 4/21 at 10:45am

Message from our Pastor:

Today is Palm Sunday, also sometimes called Passion Sunday. Today we read the Passion of Christ.

As an aside, I encourage everyone to watch the movie "The Passion of Christ" if you want to have some real imagery in your heart and mind to pray over this week. I hope you spend some extra time in pray this Holy Week contemplating what God did for us when He sent His Son to suffer and die on a cross for our sins.

St Teresa of Avila says the fastest way to grow in holiness is for us to contemplate the passion, the suffering and crucifixion of Christ. When we contemplate the extent to which Christ suffered - during his agony in the garden, during the scourging, as they hammered a crown of thorns into His head, as He carried the cross all the way to Golgotha, and as the nailed Him to a cross and hung Him to die - our hearts of stone are softened and we realize more and more the extent to which God will go to save us from eternal separation from Him.

"We had all gone astray" the bible says. That means everyone was destined for eternal separation from God. No one was worthy of Heaven and the beatific vision, that is, seeing God. In fact, before Christ came if you saw God you died.

Christ is our reconciliation. He reconciles us in our sin to God the Father in His perfection. He fills in the gap. His blood pays the price. His death atones, makes payment for our sins. Every penny must be paid. And Christ paid the debt for you and for everyone (priests too).

Are you moved by this? Are you moved by His Passion? What are you willing to sacrifice to God to show how much you love Him and appreciate what He has done for you?

Our actions show our love and devotion to God. Our prayer life shows if we want to have a relationship with Him. Our Sunday Mass attendance shows our obedience to His command to honor the sabbath and our desire to receive His most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist. Our obedience to His teachings as given us by the Catholic Church shows our humility and desire to please Him just as we would our earthly fathers who give an order and know better than ourselves what is best for us. Our suffering that we endure as we sacrifice for those we love shows our understanding of what it means to be His disciple.

Christ talked a lot about love and sacrifice. But He proved He meant it when He was crucified on the cross. It's the same with us. Talk is cheap. Suffering and sacrifice is real and proves our faith.

Are you moved? Are you willing to sacrifice for God? If so, how much? What is the thing in your life where God is asking you to sacrifice? What is the cross God wants you to embrace and carry rather than run from or complain? It will only be for a time. It won't last forever.

But there is a great gift awaiting those who do. There is a treasure beyond measure for those who are willing to be called 'faithful follower,' those who follow the example of Christ in how they embrace suffering and sacrifice for the Kingdom of God, just like He did. - Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

Join us for a Special Palm Sunday: Tre Ore - The Seven Last Words of Christ by Bishop Robert Barron on Sunday April 14th from 12:30-3pm in the Parish Hall. For more information contact Kathy Buttner.

Easter Visit to St. Francis Home: Join St. Patrick's Social Ministry for an Easter visit to the residents of St. Francis Home on Saturday, 4/20/19 at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at: St. Francis home at 65 W. Clopton Street Richmond, VA 23225. Treats will be provided to distribute to the residents however please consider bringing homemade or traditional Easter cards for the residents. This is a great opportunity to start the celebration of Easter with your family RSVPs & questions should be directed to Eddie & Donna Baird.

Divine Mercy Sunday: Sunday April 28th in the St. Patrick Parish Hall. Will start at 1:15pm with a welcome & a movie (Divine Mercy 101). Confessions will be available at 2:30 and at pm will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet. A reception is to follow. For additional information contact Kathy Buttner.

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is May 5th. Remember your non-perishable food items. **Table in basement for drop off.**

On Tuesday, April 16, we will have Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour starting at 6:30 p.m. As we end Lent and go into the Easter Triduum spend some time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Matthew 26:40: Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. *"Couldn't you keep watch with me for one hour?"*

LAST CHANCE - dear all, as you know we have been encouraging everyone to make a good confession before Easter. Your last chance will be at 12 noon at St Peter on Good Friday. There is no daily Mass at St Peter on Good Friday as the service is at 7pm but we will have confession as noon. LAST CHANCE!!!! - Fr Rossi

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 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.

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If someone is dying or has died & you would like to talk with a priest, please call the emergency number at any time.



Church Support as of 4/7/19

Weekly

Actual \$4,486.40

Budgeted \$3,981.00

Difference - \$505.40

Year to Date

Actual \$118,586.86

Budgeted \$159,240.00

Difference -\$40,653.14