

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

May 18th & 19th, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Easter



Mass times:

Saturdays at 5:30pm
& Sundays 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:

I was recently reading through the Baltimore Catechism (that's what priest's do in their spare time) and I came across one of the most well-known teachings of our faith. Most of you older folks have this passage memorized. And you are blessed that you do, I'll explain why.

The passage is the famous one regarding "What is the Meaning of Life?" (what is our purpose...why are we here...why are we made) And it says your purpose in life, why you were made, is to "know Him (God), to love Him, and to serve Him in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next."

So simple. So sweet. So perfect.

If you have that drilled into your head you are blessed. If you put it into practice by reminding yourself of it when you are confused about your purpose in life, you are doubly blessed.

And if you live by it every day, contemplating it and trying to be better at fulfilling it as a mandate for life, then you are well on your way to sainthood. And furthermore, I bet you are a happy person.

I have never met an unhappy or lost person who understood this above dictate. Sure anyone can hit a rough patch in life, ups and downs, struggles and the like, but for a person who knows what their purpose in life is and strives to fulfill it (the purpose noted above in all its simplicity) they are always blessed with a certain indestructible contentment and direction.

More than ever I read about how people these days (especially young people) are sadder than ever. They are even taking their lives at alarming rates. Life gets better and better every day as far as comforts, advancements in science, advancements in entertainment, and the like. But amazingly there is an ever-increasing rate of suicide in our country. How can that be? Furthermore, as people become more and more 'released' from what they thought were the shackles of tradition, rules, guidelines and discipline – the stuff that is always said to be limiting or stopping one's ability to be happy - they seem to be less and less fulfilled in life (no one who is happy and fulfilled in life ends their life prematurely).

There is a quote from the new catechism written by St John Paul II that expands upon what was taught in the Baltimore Catechism.

"The desire for God is written in the human heart, because man is created by God and for God; and God never ceases to draw man to himself. Only in God will he find the truth and happiness he never stops searching for." #27

I love these quotes. They are so simple and clear and what is stated in them is the key to happiness on earth (and even for eternity).

What it says is that because you are made by God, and because you are made for God, then you can and only will be happy when seeking and finding Him. You will never ever stop searching for happiness even if someone gave you every single thing you could put on a wish list. It will not fill the void. There is only one thing that will fill the void, you must dedicate yourself to seeking and finding Him. It is a commitment that lasts a lifetime, that takes the best and most of your being, and requires you to sacrifice other stuff in life in order to be able to do it. But all you have to do is remember that whatever the thing is that you have to let go of in order to seek God more God is something that does not have the potential to make you happy anyway. It cannot get to the deep-down desire which is infinite inside you. Only God can get there.

There is so much wisdom for the world in these few quotes from the Catechism. There are so many answers to be found therein for those who are looking for them. They just have to look in the right place.

- Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

Memorial Day Flowers: We are having a special collection for Memorial Day Altar flowers. If you would like to donate in memory or in honor of a special Veteran, there are envelopes in the pews. Please put these in the collection basket. The names will be published in the Memorial Day weekend bulletin.

Congratulations to **Riley Ann Bergin** and **Ella Maeve Duffy** who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday. Special thanks their teacher **Donna Baird** who prepared them for this special day. Also, thanks to those who helped with the reception afterwards to celebrate. Was a very special day.

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their Annual Kovar Collection for children and adults with intellectual disabilities next Sunday 5-19-19. Please consider a donation to this worthwhile cause.

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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Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars the next **Sharing Sunday is June 2nd**. Remember your non-perishable food items. **Table in basement for drop off.**



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