

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

July 13 ~ 14, 2019

Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Mass Times:

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

Nursery is available during
10:45 mass.

Rosary:

Sunday at 10:10am

Confession:

Saturdays at 4:30 pm
or by appointment.

Message from our Pastor:

Moses says in the first reading "if only you would heed the voice of the Lord your God and keep his commandments and statutes that are written in this book."

If only...

I meet so many parents and grandparents, uncles and aunt, who have the same feeling in their heart toward their loved ones that Moses had toward his people.

'If only...if only you would be faithful to God.' 'If only you would have your kids baptized like you are supposed to.' 'If only you would go to Mass on Sunday like you are supposed to.' 'If only you would...'

There are so many parents and grandparents out there who feel like Moses did way back then. They feel like they have done everything they could to lead their children or grandchildren closer to God, into the Catholic religion, but for some reason they have fallen away. They do not go to Church. They have not had their kids (your grandkids) baptized. Etc. Etc. Etc.

It is a terrible heartache and it is just what Moses felt. Moses himself had done so much to try to bring his people to be faithful to God, but they just kept falling away.

Two pieces of advice for those with a heavy heart.

Firstly, continue to pray, pray, pray. Do not ever become discouraged to the point of sadness. God loves your kids even more than you do. And He is working to get through to them. He may have to hit them over the head a little bit, and that may be difficult for you to watch as sometimes it is messy how God gets through to a person, but He is very smart and will never give up trying to get through.

Secondly, continue to nag, nag, nag. You are not the friend of your kids or your grandkids. You are the parent/grandparent and you always will be. So tell them what they should be doing. Tell them what they need to be doing. Be direct. Be blunt. Tell them to think about the afterlife and what is really important in life. You may be, and are likely, the mouthpiece of God himself.

There may be some ups and downs along the way to the Promised Land for you and your family and there certainly were for Moses' people as well.

Fr Rossi

News and Announcements:

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is August 4th. Remember your non-perishable food items. Table in basement for drop off.

Adult volunteers are needed to make Religious Education a success at St. Patrick! Please consider giving of your time & talent to the children of our Parish. No experience is necessary. See Donna Baird for more information or you can contact her at 804-888-3470 or donnahbaird@yahoo.com. Classes will begin in the fall.

PARISH CLEANING DAY: Come out and help with parish cleaning day on **Saturday July 20th** from 9am till noon. We will focus mainly on the social hall and kitchen. Pizza will be served to all volunteers. Please let Eddie Baird know at 804.986.2898 if you can help. It's a great way to get involved & meet people!

SPC Social Outreach: Please bring bath towels and twin sheet sets for St. Francis Home as our outreach committee will be collecting them the next two Sundays. Donations can be left in the social hall.

Knights of Columbus: The K of C has begun a new fraternal year and invite all Catholic Men to be part of the World's largest Catholic Men's Fraternal Organization. For more information contact Past Grand Night Eddie Baird.

Baptisms - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. The next class is 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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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.

Church Support as of July 7th, 2019

Weekly

Actual	\$3,176.56
Budgeted	<u>\$3,748.00</u>
Difference	\$571.44

Year to Date

Actual	\$3,176.56
Budgeted	<u>\$3,748.00</u>
Difference	-\$571.44

Attendance:

7/6/19 = 22 7/7/19 = 124