Saint Patrick Catholic Church

July 27 - 28, 2019

Seventeenth
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:

Today in the first reading we heard about Abraham begging God not to destroy Sodom. God was about to destroy Sodom because it was a very immoral city, but Abraham begging God not to destroy it. God decided not to destroy it...for a time. Unfortunately, if you keep reading the book of Genesis, God eventually does destroy Sodom (and Gomorrah) because they are very immoral and sinful towns.

How are we to understand this? Did God destroy these towns because they were immoral and sinful? And more importantly for us today, will God destroy a town (or city or country) today because it is immoral and sin?

To understand this, consider the effects of sin. Sin and sinful behavior (immorality) is always destructive. There may be a moment when sin feels good and fun, but that is just the initial lie that is inherent in sin. That initial thrill is what gets people hooked. And then once they are hooked, the destructive consequences of sin and immorality behavior begin to become more apparent. Sin is always always always destructive. Sinful choices and immoral behavior, no matter what they feel like at the time, always lead to greater chaos in our lives and in the world in general.

So, think of a whole town or city or country that sins a lot, where immorality behavior is the norm, and virtuous and moderate people are few and far between. Think of a place where morality is even mocked (sounds familiar). Well this town is on a path for destruction. They are continually making choices that bring greater chaos into their lives. And when a whole majority of the people are doing this, that town or city or country is headed for destruction. Sin always leads to destruction and chaos. This is true if there is sin in your personal life, if there is sin in your family or your neighborhood or community.

Thus, it behooves you to root out sin and hate it wherever it is. Sin destroys your chances of happiness. It destroys the chance of happiness of the ones you love. So, speak loudly against sin and evil and immoral behavior. Because just like it did in Sodom and Gomorrah, sin will destroy everything if left unchecked.

Fr Rossi

News and

Announcements:

NEXT SUNDAY

is Sharing Sunday:

Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is August 4th.

Remember your non-perishable food items. <u>Table in basement for drop off.</u>

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.

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.

Catholic Graduate students, WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!

Are you looking for us?? Graduate school can be very challenging especially if you're committed to your faith and feel like you're the only one in your program. The Catholic Graduate Student Organization (CGSO) aims to link Catholic graduate students from all parts of VCU/MCV together for mutual support and fellowship. If you would like more information, please contact Mario Dance at medance@vcu.edu or 804-314-1681.

<u>Baptisms</u> - 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 14th, 2019

Weekly

Actual \$1,843.00
Budgeted \$3,748.00
Difference \$1,905.00

Year to Date

Actual \$6,558.39

Budgeted \$11,243.00

Difference -\$4,684.61