

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

July 6th & 7th, 2019
Fourteenth
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 I want to teach about a way that the Old Testament talks about the Catholic Church. Maybe you are thinking that the Old Testament doesn't have anything to say about the Catholic Church, but that is not correct. Even though the Old Testament talks about stuff before the coming of Christ, it nevertheless gives us insights about the Catholic Church. It gives us truths about the Catholic Church, And I am going to show you how to discover those truths.

This is a method long taught to us by saints and spiritual fathers of the Church on how to interpret what is written in the Old Testament. Let's use the first reading today as an example.

The first reading this weekend has very poetic and embellished language to describe Jerusalem. Jerusalem was the dwelling place of God. But ever since Christ came and founded the Church and sent the Holy Spirit, the dwelling place of God became the Church, the Catholic Church. Thus, the fathers and saints in early times after the coming of Christ discovered a beautiful way to understand the Catholic Church by considering what the Old Testament had to say about Jerusalem. So when the Old Testament talks about 'Jerusalem,' you can think of it spiritually as speaking about the Catholic Church. The first reading, for example, when it's talking about 'Jerusalem,' you can go back and replace that word with Catholic Church and you will get a whole new meaning of the Scripture reading.

Thus you get phrases such as "Rejoice with the Catholic Church and be glad because of her, all you who love her; exult, exult with her, all you who were mourning over her!" You also get God saying "I will spread prosperity over the Catholic Church like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent." Finally you get, "as nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms and fondled in her lap, as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; in the Catholic Church you shall find your comfort."

Wow what a difference!!! What new meaning the Old Testament has!!! I just replaced the word Jerusalem with Catholic Church. It's a way to spiritually see how God was talking about the founding of the Catholic Church when in the Old Testament the writers were thinking about the great city of Jerusalem. That is why we call the Catholic Church the 'New Jerusalem.' It is the new dwelling place of God.

Fr Rossi

News and Announcements:

Seeking Volunteer:

"I am looking for a volunteer to coordinate our new shower outreach to the poor at St Peter. You do not have to be a St Peter parishioner. I am looking for a coordinator. We are going to be beginning our shower outreach soon (we recently completed our showers downstairs at St Peter) and I need someone to volunteer to be our head coordinator of our program. We will start slow (time commitment being a few hours per week total...approximately 3). Please pray about if God is asking you to do this for Him. There is someone God wants to do this. Is it you? Please email me if you are interested or have any questions. - Fr Rossi"

Kroger Community Rewards

Program: We have received another check from Kroger in the amount of \$91.37. Receiving a charitable donation from Kroger is so easy it only depends on each of us registering St. Patrick to our Kroger Plus Cards & then shopping with the Plus Card. Please visit www.kroger.com/communityrewards and follow the prompts. If you prefer, you can call 800-576-4377 select option 3 to get your Kroger Plus enrolled. Explain you want to register St. Patrick Catholic Church. The organization number for St. Patrick is **89764**. Thank you so much for taking your time and enrolling your card. Remember each one who signs up will make a difference.

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

EthicsPoint Launch: Bishop Barry C. Knestout announces the implementation of a hotline that will be used to report concerns of suspected financial, administrative or human resource misconduct within the Diocese of Richmond. The hotline will be handled by an independent, third-party reporting system, EthicsPoint, to ensure accountability and transparency with reporting procedures. The use of such a hotline is another safeguard to protect the resources entrusted to us by the people of our diocese. Reports can be made online or by phone. Employees, volunteers, clergy, parishioners and any other individual wishing to report can do so anonymously, if they wish. The toll-free number is 844-739-3210 and is offered in multiple languages. To submit a report online, please visit the diocesan website, www.richmonddiocese.org, and select "EthicsPoint." The hotline number is not a 911 or emergency service number. Individuals should not use this number to report information that is of an immediate threat to life or property. Additionally, EthicsPoint is **NOT** intended to receive information about sexual abuse allegations. Abuse allegations should be reported immediately to local law enforcement and the Attorney General's Clergy Abuse Hotline at 1-833-454-9064. Additional information including a video message and letter from Bishop Knestout, a list of frequently asked questions and other resources regarding EthicsPoint can be found by visiting the diocesan website.

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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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.