

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

January 4 - 5, 2019  
Epiphany



## 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 we hear about the three wise men discovering Christ in the manger. You could say, they had an 'epiphany.' They had an experience that changed their lives forever. They had always sought wisdom and knowledge and now they found and were profoundly moved by an infant lying in a manger. Obviously, this was not any infant, but they recognized Him for who He was, the Savior of the World.*

*We hear that after paying homage and giving gifts they went back to their own countries.*

*We do not know much about what happened with them after that. Did they go back to life as usual when they got back home? Did the stresses of being 'wise men' come slamming back in their face the moment they walked back in the door? Did they quickly go back to bad habits they swore they would quit after having such an amazing encounter with the Son of God? Did they stop doing good resolutions they intended to faithfully practice subsequent to meeting Him?*

*We do not know. There are some accounts that these faithful men remained faithful, even to the point of martyrdom for their faith. But we do not know for sure.*

*I will say that - like everyone else who has had a religious experience, an 'epiphany,' or some type of special event that really gave them a new and better perspective - they were certainly tempted to waste and squander the gift of that experience by falling back into 'things as usual.'*

*Have you had a religious experience? Have you had a life-changing or life-shifting event in your life? Sometimes it happens in prayer or at Mass or during a sacrament, sometimes it happens in conjunction with a sickness or the death of someone we love. How did it change you? And more importantly, are you still living as if the event occurred? Or have you fallen back into your old self, things as usual, and therein wasted the gift of that extra perspective you were given.*

*Don't waste your epiphanies.*

*- Fr Rossi*

## News & Announcements:

**Epiphany:** Please join us in the social hall to celebrate the Epiphany after Sunday mass.

**Thank you:** Thanks to all of you who participate in the Kroger Community Rewards Program for St. Patrick. We have received another check for \$95.45. Remember to renew your membership for this program each year. St. Patrick's # is 89764. If you aren't signed up for such an easy thing to do for us to benefit, please consider it.

**Please Donate:** SPC eighth grader & our Altar Server Murphey Tazza is collecting school supplies for Commonwealth Catholic Charities. Please consider bringing in some items to go to families that are in need. A Collection box will be in the vestibule through January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**2020 offering envelopes:** Envelopes are now ready for you to pick up. If you do not see a set with your name and you would like to use envelopes, please call the office; they will be happy to furnish you with a set. Please note that your number may not be the same as your current set.

**Baptisms** - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. Classes for 2020 are 1/6, 4/7, 7/7, 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.

**NEXT Sharing Sunday:**

Mark your calendars the next Sharing Sunday is **February 2nd**. Please give if you can these next coming months the need tends to rise! Drop non-perishable food items at the table in basement. Thank you.



**THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

To all who make our parish great, THANK YOU!!!! I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas & very happy and blessed New Year!

Especially I want to say a word of thanks to the so many people who make our parish great by their hard work and the sacrifices they make. There are so many people to thank: lectors, extraordinary ministers, servers, cantors, sacristans, musicians, fundraisers, financial contributors, social ministers, volunteers who help serve the poor and homeless, those who fight to defend life, catechists, ushers, and so many others. I know I am forgetting many. Also, a very very big thank you to the wonderful staff who work so tirelessly for our parishes. For the work of our priests, our deacon and all our staff who come to work and serve - these parishes run because of your great efforts and the gift of your talent. Your work often goes unnoticed, but God does see and is very pleased with your gifts! Thank you! 2020 is going to be a great year for the Kingdom of God!!! See you

then!

Fr Rossi