

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

April 3rd & 4th 2021

Easter



Mass Times:

Saturdays at 5:30pm

&

Sundays at 10:45am



Message from our Pastor:

Happy Easter everyone!!!

I pray this Holy week, this experience of the Lord's Last Supper, His Passion and His Resurrection has been a great grace to your spiritual life.

It has been a tough year for many. I remember last year celebrating the Easter Triduum on camera with no people present last year. I am grateful things have come so far along and we can have people present.

Ultimately, I am grateful for the hope Christ gives us. Suffering, tragedy, struggle, sickness, and death have the tendency to strip us down from all the false, fake, and unstable things that we all have a tendency to cling to.

Everyone has their thing that they are tempted to put their hope in.

We can put our hope in our bank accounts. In these instances, it can be a blessing to lose a job or when the stock market tanks, because it not so gently forces us to look to the thing that provides real security and hope, Christ.

We can put our hope in other people. But then unfortunately and always, people let us

down, they don't meet our expectations, or they get sick and are no longer the people we used to depend on. This also is sad but can also be a blessing in disguise...or better said, God can make the tragedy a blessing, by not so gently forcing us to release our dependence on other people and place our hope squarely where it belongs, in Christ.

We can put our hope in ourselves. We may be super talented, capable people who can achieve nearly anything we work towards.

Maybe are we quite successful. But everyone, and I mean everyone has a limit, and sometimes the more motivated we are the more we hit our limit like a car going 100mph into a brick wall. Ouch. They bigger they are, the harder they fall. But even here, the fall will ultimately be ok...because we have to fall off the unstable strength of our own motivation in order to begin to rebuild with our hope in He who is unshakable, Christ.

Whatever we have suffered this past year, don't be sad about it. See it as a blessing, a not so gentle forcing us to place our trust in Him who will never let us down. Christ conquered the worst thing humanity has ever faced, death. He defeated it, and all suffering and sadness, and opened up for us eternal happiness with God in Heaven.

- Fr Rossi

Holy Week Schedule The Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday
April 1st at 7pm

Good Friday
April 2nd at 7pm

Easter Vigil
April 3rd at 8pm.

Easter Sunday
April 4th at 9 and 10:45am

News & Announcements:

Outreach for St. Francis Home

A special thank you to all who participated in donating Hams for St. Francis Home. We donated over 250 lbs of hams and bought cheesecake as dessert for their dinner. They were very appreciative of our efforts. Thank you!

Sharing Sunday!

Sharing Sunday is this Sunday April 4th. You do not have to wait till Sunday to drop donations off. Please bring them to any of the Holy Week masses. The basement will be open for donation drop off.



Annual Appeal:

Please remember to give alms this Lent. That feeling that we feel, the feeling of insecurity, especially about finances, can be overcome through almsgiving. When we give, we directly confront our fear of not having enough and are led into a place of greater freedom in our spirits. God wants us to trust and depend on Him. And we show our trust in Him when, despite our worry and concern of financial things, we give. A great way to give is to support the Annual Appeal. It supports seminarians, retired priests, university chaplains and especially the poor in the diocese. When we give, we immediately realize there are a lot of folks worse off than us, and we immediately appreciate much more the things that we have, things that God has given us. To give you can go to

<https://richmondcatholicfoundation.org/appeal/>

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