

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

October 23rd & 24th,

2021

Thirtieth

Sunday

in Ordinary Time



Mass Times:

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

Please join us for the
Rosary before
Sunday mass at 10am.

Join us after
10:45 mass for
refreshments and
fellowship

The Parochial Vicar's Point of View – The PVPV

Dear parishioners,

It has started to get a little cooler out there, especially in the evening! I even had to pull out my sweater for the first time this season for my evening walk around town. And that got me thinking – we put on layers of clothing to protect us from the cold. But when you look closely at clothing, even the best clothes we have, it is full of tiny little holes. But by layering those holey (not holy, I don't think!) clothes, the warmth stays in and the cold is repelled.

And that got me thinking about spiritual matters. Our soul is fed by all sorts of things to keep us warm from the inside. That might include picking up the Bible and reading the Word, that might be the love we share with our family members and friends, and that definitely includes the love of Christ that comes to us through the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist. All of that keeps us warm from the inside.

But despite that warmth, there seem to also be forces outside of us that just keep trying to sap us of that warmth. It might be the craziness we see on the news, it might be politics, it might include issues we see with the Church, and it definitely includes everything surrounding COVID. Then there are those more spiritual forces seeking to hit us with darkness and cold: temptations, anxieties, fears, despair, prejudices, hatreds, rage, etc. And it would be a disservice for me to not tell you that many if not all of those forces are truly the work of the devil and his minions. It is essential to have layers of spiritual protection that keep the warmth in and repel those chilling forces of darkness.

What might be some of those layers? First, we must stay grounded in the *now*. God, who is "I AM" is eternally in the present, and we stay connected to Him when we likewise avoid drifting into the past or the future and instead stay grounded in the present. But there are holes in that – sometimes we must concern ourselves with the past or future. What are some other layers? We must rely on our spiritual allies to envelope us in protection – praying for each other, praying to our guardian angel, praying to St. Michael the Archangel and to St. Joseph, and praying to the Blessed Virgin Mary. These prayers can take on various layers themselves by including a variety of devotions. Then there are the layers of protection offered by listening to good Christian music, watching videos on the lives of the Saints, or reading wholesome stories, literature, or other spiritual reading. And let me recommend one other layer of protection: Adoration! Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament surrounds you with His warm glow, a layer that is very holy and not too holey at all!

There are certainly other layers of protection that I could bring up, but I think we might best start with these. So as we enter fully into fall and then into winter, please make sure to bundle up and stay warm!

God bless you!

Fr. Nick Redmond
Parochial Vicar

News & Announcements:

Adult Bible Study

The adult bible study group (coed) has just started a new year and would love to welcome new members. We are beginning to study the books of Tobit, Judith, and Esther. Please join us on Thursday mornings downstairs at 10:30am. Any questions, contact Jane Murphy at 804-441-4075.

Kroger Rewards:

Are you a Kroger Shopper? You know the easiest way to give back to our community is to sign up for the Kroger Rewards Program. Our # is St. Patrick's 89764. We just received a check in the amount of \$80.45. Thanks to all of you who have signed up for us to receive this extra benefit.

Holy Hour - St. Patrick's Church Hill

Will be scheduled the 2nd Wednesday of each month with 6pm Holy Hour and 7pm Mass
***Please note, that this month, due to the priest convocation, St. Patrick's will have the Holy Hour and Mass on the 4th Wednesday, October 27, 2021.**

Sacristan & Lector Training

Training for lectors & sacristans will be held on Wednesday 10/27 at 5:00pm at St. Patrick.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. This weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday.

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands,

Pancake Breakfast

Plan to attend a fall pancake breakfast after 10:45 Mass on 10/31. Contact Eddie Baird if you'd like to help!

and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. You can find the envelopes for World Mission Sunday in your sets of envelopes, through E-giving, or on the table outside the worship area.

Sharing Sunday:

Mark your calendars our next Sharing Sunday is November 7th. There is a table in the parish hall for collection.



WEEKLY COLLECTION 10/16-17

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$3,565.55
Budget	\$3,750.00
	(\$184.45)
	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$55,366.57
Budget	\$60,000.00
	(\$4,633.43)

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

MASS ATTENDANCE:

Saturday 10/16: No Report
Sunday 10/17: 102



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If someone is dying or has died & you would like to talk with a priest, please call.