

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

December 11th & 12th
2021

Third Sunday of
Advent

Mass Times:

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

Join us after 10:45 mass
for refreshments and
fellowship



Holy Hour ~ St. Patrick
Hosted at SPC
on the 2nd Wednesday
of each month
with 6pm Holy Hour
and 7pm Mass.

Message from the Administrator's Desk:

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast which is always celebrated by the Americas falls on 12th December and goes back to the 16th Century.

*Juan Diego was a 51-year-old widower who lived in a small village near Mexico City. One Saturday morning on December 9, 1531, he was on his way walking by a hill called **Tepeyac** to attend mass in honor of our Lady, when he saw a radiant cloud appearing, and within it a young native American maiden was dressed like an Aztec princess who spoke to him in his own native language and sent him to the bishop of Mexico City, a Franciscan, to build a chapel in the place where the lady appeared. This is what she said to Diego; "My dearest son, I am the eternal Virgin Mary Mother of the true God, Author of Life, Creator of all and Lord of the Heavens and of the Earth...and it is my desire that a church be built here in this place for me, where, as your most merciful Mother and that of all your people, may show my loving clemency and the compassion that I bear to those who love and seek me."*

The bishop eventually asked Diego to have the Lady give him a sign. At the same time, Diego's uncle became seriously ill. The Lady assured him that his uncle would recover and provided roses for Juan to carry to the

bishop in his cape or tilma. When Juan Diego opened his tilma in the bishop's presence, the roses fell to the ground and the bishop sank to his knees. On Juan Diego's tilma appeared an image of Mary, exactly as she had appeared at the hill of Tepeyac, it was December 12.

Mary's appearance to Juan Diego is a powerful reminder that Mary and the God who sent her, accept all peoples. Since then, it has become a very important Feast celebrated on the 12th day of December by the church especially in the Americas.

This is why the Hispanic Community in the St. John Church is Climaxing the celebration today with a procession of the image of the Our Lady of Guadalupe, before and after Mass so as to ask for abundant blessings and protection from the Lord.

Let us all join in the celebration, Happy Feast. - Fr. Maxwell.

News & Announcements:

Christmas Concert

Join us this Sunday **December 12th** at **3:30pm** in the sanctuary of St. John's Catholic Church for our annual Christmas Concert.

All are invited to attend!
Please bring a donation of non-perishable foods, personal hygiene goods, or new baby items. We hope to see you there!

News & Announcements

Continued:

Christmas Time

In the spirit of Christmas and giving we will be collecting comfy and warm socks for residents of the St. Francis Home. There are about 90 residents at St. Francis Home – men and women (about 50/50 split). There will be a collection basket in the church hall to leave donations. We will be collecting now through December 19th. Thank you.

Sharing Sunday:

Thank you for taking part in Sharing Sunday this Sunday.

Mark your calendars
the next Sharing Sunday is
January 2nd.

Remember to bring your non-perishable items. Remember those items as well that are easy for the homeless population to heat and eat! Also, there is a need for bottled water. There is a table in the parish hall for collection.

Annual 2nd Collection for Commonwealth Catholic Charities

Each Christmas Season, parishes across the Diocese of Richmond host a 2nd collection for the benefit of Catholic Charities. Despite the ongoing challenges and growing community need resulting from the pandemic, CCC has never wavered from serving our most vulnerable neighbors. Whether that is responding to the Afghan refugee crisis, providing groceries to families without food, ensuring mothers and their babies have a safe place to live, and beyond – CCC is there to help. CCC now needs your help in supporting these critical ministries through the Christmas Second Collection.

MASS SCHEDULE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) *Holy Day of Obligation*

CHRISTMAS EVE
Thursday, December 24:
4:00 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY
Saturday, December 25: 10:45 a.m.
No 5:30 p.m. Mass

**HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, &
JOSEPH**
Sunday, December 26 at 10:45 a.m.

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Not a Holy Day of Obligation
Saturday, January 1: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, January 2: 10:45 a.m.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

12/4- 12/5

Weekly

Actual	\$5,956.59
Budget	<u>\$3,750.00</u>
	(\$2,206.59)

Year to date

Actual	\$84,057.97
Budget	<u>\$86,250.00</u>
	(2,192.03)

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

MASS ATTENDANCE:

Saturday 12/4: 30
Sunday 12/5: 140



St. Patrick Catholic Church
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Thank you for your
Generosity.

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