

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

December 4th & 5th 2021

Second 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.

However, this month

December 8th

Adoration will be at 5:30

followed by mass at 6:30

since it will be the

Solemnity of the

Immaculate Conception.

(Note time change)

Message from the Administrator's Desk:

Coming Wednesday, 8th of
December, is the Solemn Feast
of the **Immaculate Conception
of Mary**, a holyday of Obligation
of the church.

It is a feast of the universal
church always celebrated in
ADVENT and proclaimed by Pope
Pius IX in 1854 with a papal
encyclical **INEFFABILIS DEUS**,
referring to the conception of
Mary in the womb of St. Anna
her mother, devoid of any
original sin inherited by
humanity due to the sin of
disobedience of our first parents,
Adam and Eve, in the garden of
Eden. Thus, the pope's Dogma of
declaration is as follows:

"The most blessed virgin Mary in
the first instant of her
conception, by a singular grace
and privilege granted by
almighty God, in view of the
merits of Jesus Christ, the savior
of the human race, was
preserved free from all stain of
Original sin."

In other words, Mary's
Immaculate Conception
enhances Jesus' redemptive
work, since in her, Jesus's work
was so powerful to prevent her
from original sin which affected
all human race. Again, being
addressed full of grace by the
angel Gabriel (Lk. 1:28), means

she received all the special divine
help necessary for her task
ahead. Correspondingly she
replied: "Behold I am the
Handmaid of the Lord be it done
to me according to your word"
(Lk. 1:38), and the word became
flesh and dwelt in her.

Finally, Mary's intimate
association with the incarnation
called for the involvement of
God in her life, hence she was
free of sin from the first moment
of her existence. This is what is
termed the Great Privilege of
Mary. Several years later the
Blessed Mother appeared to St.
Bernadette at Lourdes stating, "I
am the Immaculate Conception."
The blessed Mother will be very
glad if you don't miss mass on
this very day to honor her.

Happy Feast Day.

Fr. Maxwell

News & Announcements:

Christmas Concert

Our annual Christmas Concert
will be held on **December 12th**
at **3:30pm (new time)** in the
sanctuary of St. John's Catholic
Church. All are invited to attend!
Please bring a donation of non-
perishable foods, personal
hygiene goods, or new baby
items. Questions? Please email
Katie at
musicministerkate@gmail.com.
We hope to see you there!

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.

Knights of Columbus News:

The Knights would like to remind all the men of the parish that membership in the Knights is a great way to experience fellowship and practice charity. Any interested parishioners and their families are welcome to join us for the Christmas party on Dec. 11th.

Reach out to Charles Opalak - charles.opalak@vcuhealth.org,
Eddie Baird - donnahbaird@yahoo.com or
Josh Lowry - lowryj62@gmail.com
with questions.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

11/27-11/27

Weekly

Actual	\$2,739.81
Budget	<u>\$3,750.00</u>
	(\$1,010.19)

Year to date

Actual	\$78,101.38
Budget	<u>\$82,500.00</u>
	(\$4,398.62)

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

MASS ATTENDANCE:

Saturday 11/27: 27

Sunday 11/28: 119



St. Patrick Catholic Church
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Thank you for your
Generosity.



Mailing address:

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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

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