

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

May 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 2022

The Ascension  
of the Lord

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of  
each month with 6pm  
Holy Hour & 7pm  
Mass.

## Message from the Administrator's Desk:

### The meaning of Ascension of the Lord in the life of the Christian

A little boy once asked me when he saw the picture of Jesus being taken into the sky in the midst of his disciples, "*Father, where is Jesus going to in the sky without being carried by an airplane? Will he come back again? I answered him, he is going back to his father in heaven where he was before and will surely come back again one day. Then he said to me, please tell him to bring me some toys from heaven when he is coming back.*" Since then, he became excited asking if he had been back.

The theological term of Jesus going up or being taken into the beyond by a cloud after his last day physical presence with his disciples, is referred to as **Ascension of the Lord**, as presented in the Acts of the Apostles (1:9-10) and confirmed in Luke 24:51 & Mk. 16:19. This is traditionally celebrated forty days after his resurrection from the dead, and again brings to mind what happened in the Old Testament when after successfully completing their work on earth, Enoch and Elijah were taken up into heaven respectively (Gen. 5:24; 2Kgs. 2:1-10).

Interestingly, **a)** Galilee being the place where Jesus' public life began (Lk. 4:14-15) is the same place where his life also ended on earth (Acts. 1:9);

**b)** The mountain (Tabor) on which he was transfigured before his disciples (Mt. 17) is the same mountain he was lifted up to the Father in heaven. However, this departure gives:

i) an assurance of the coming of the Holy Spirit to rekindle and renew the disciples' faith in them so as to witness to the Kerygma

ii) a permanent presence in Jesus' word preached with love as the foundation, and the sacraments administered especially the sacrament of baptism as a necessary step to salvation and entry into the Kingdom.

The authority of Jesus thus surpasses all powers as he reigns supreme, and his Ascension brings hope to all Christians indicating their reward at the end of their lives on earth. -Fr. Maxwell



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## News &

### Announcements:

#### SAVE THE DATE

Join us as we celebrate **FR. FRANK WIGGINS'S** 36th Anniversary to the Priesthood and Retirement Party **FRIDAY, JUNE 17, 2022, AT 6PM** Here at St. John's Social Hall R.S.V.P, is requested to: 804-737-8028 by June 6th.

#### Thank you!

The East End Pregnancy Center extends a big thank you for all the many contributions you have made. **About 200 of the baby bottles, we used are unreturned. Empty or full please drop them off at your parish.**

#### Three Week Series on the Eucharist with Father Redmond

Fr. Redmond will be offering a 3-week series on the Eucharist on Tuesdays, May 31, June 7 and June 14, with the sessions starting at 6 pm, lasting until 7 or 7:30 pm each evening. Each session will look at a different aspect of the Eucharist. An email to Fr. Redmond - frnickredmond@stpeterchurch1834.org - will assist him in knowing about how many people to expect, but drop-ins are also welcome! The sessions will be located as follows: Tuesday, May 31, at St. John's Tuesday, June 7, at St. Patrick's Tuesday, June 14, at St. Peter's We plan on recording and/or live-streaming the sessions; however, in-person participation is preferred!

## Sick and Homebound

We want to make sure that ALL parishioners, including those who might be sick or homebound, are being cared for spiritually. If you are aware of any parishioners of St. Patrick's who are sick/homebound, even if it has been many years since they have been able to attend, please let us know so that we can make sure we reach out to them. Please email the Office at office@saintpatrickchurchhill.org



## WEEKLY COLLECTION

### May 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>

<u>Weekly</u>	
Actual	\$2,413.55
Budget	<u>\$3,750.00</u>
	(\$1336.45)

<u>Year to date</u>	
Actual	\$176,680.73
Budget	<u>\$176,250.00</u>
	\$430.73

**Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving**

#### MASS ATTENDANCE:

5/21: 25  
5/22: 88

#### Office Closed Monday 5/30

The Office for St. Patrick will be closed Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day

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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