

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>  
Thirty Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time



## Mass Times:

Saturdays at 5:30pm

Sundays at 10:45am

Join us after 10:45 mass for  
refreshments & fellowship.

## Holy Hour - St. Patrick:

After mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of each month

## From the Pastor's Desk:

A couple of days ago the church commemorated the feast of all the Saints. Let us try to see who a saint is and how a person is made and declared a saint in the church. Generally, it is/was applied to all Christian believers (Eph. 1:1; Col. 1:2) but became more narrowly applied to people who were venerated after their death by the members of their local church or Christians where they lived, being familiar with their good deeds or having an exceptional degree of holiness or likeness or closeness to God.

Officially one is recognized as Saint by the Church (**by the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints in the Vatican**) through the process of beatification (becoming Blessed) and canonization (becoming Saint) as pre-eminent for holiness. This is done through long investigation and discernment to protect the faithful from taking as a model anyone not worthy of veneration. In other words, the blessed is beatified and later promoted to be a saint by canonization going through some steps as follows:

1) After the death of *apparently a holy catholic*, an investigation takes place (on diocesan level)

2) Nothing in the life of the individual is ruled out if in future canonization, a cause is introduced in Rome where special commission starts gathering or looking for evidence.

3) When it is determined after careful analysis, including whatever can be presented against him or her by using "devil's-advocate" method, he or she is declared **servant of God** and can be called **venerable**. Since they are not yet beatified, they are not yet to be venerated by the faithful, though one can ask them to intercede for him or her.

4) The next step is beatification based on ascertaining life manifesting heroic love of God and neighbor including *heroic virtues, meritorious good works* and confirmation by God himself in the form of *at least one miracle* to be proven beyond all possible natural explanation

5) Canonization then follows further supernatural manifestations of a miraculous nature

6) The Holy mass is then celebrated in which the saint is officially unveiled and proclaimed by the Holy father to be venerated and to be celebrated in his/her memory on the day of his/her death, the saint's "birthday" into heaven. The catechism of the church affirms:

*By canonizing some of the faithful, by solemnly proclaiming that they practiced heroic virtue and lived in fidelity to God's grace, the church recognizes the power of the spirit of holiness within her and sustains the hope of believers by proposing the saints to them as models and intercessors (CCC 828) - Father Maxwell*

## News & Announcements:

### Bible Study

The Thursday Bible Study will be starting an Advent Study by Bishop Barron on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. All are welcome to come. Call Jane Murphy at 804-441-4075 to reserve a book. We also have a prize! Father Maxwell will have a mass every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at noon at St. Patrick. Please come join us!

### Boxes of Joy

Remember to bring your filled boxes of joy back the weekends of **November 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**. Along with check for \$9.00 (check can be made out to the K of C #6936. If you have any questions, please contact any Knight of Columbus or a member or your parish council.



St. Patrick Catholic Church  
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### WEEKLY COLLECTION – October 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> 2022

|        | <u>Weekly</u>       |
|--------|---------------------|
| Actual | \$2,751.55          |
| Budget | <u>\$4,139.00</u>   |
|        | (\$1,387.45)        |
|        | <u>Year to date</u> |
| Actual | \$59,539.32         |
| Budget | <u>\$74,502.00</u>  |
|        | (\$14,962.68)       |

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

**MASS ATTENDANCE: 10/22: 26 10/29: 109**



**SPC Emergency # 804-402-1221:**  
If someone is dying or has died & You would like to talk to a Priest, please call.

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