

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

December 24th & 25th

CHRISTMAS



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

Holy Hour - St. Patrick: After mass on
the 3rd Sunday of each month

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Christmas Message from the Pastor

Today, the whole world celebrates Christmas, *the word of God made flesh and dwelt among men*, which we see his glory as the son of the Father (cf. Jn. 1:14). The shepherds (ordinary people) were the first to see the child Jesus in the manger with Mary and Joseph (Lk. 2:16) at Bethlehem, which in Hebrew (Beit Lehem) means House of Bread, and the shepherds saw Jesus, **(the bread from heaven as proclaimed by Jesus himself sometime in his ministry when he said; "I am the bread of life that came down from heaven..." Jn. 6:51)**, lying in the manger covered with swaddling clothes. This is what we see at Nativity Scenes at Churches and in our homes, as the gift of *love* from God the Father to humanity, to dwell in their hearts. Hence Christmas is simply a *celebration of love*.

We have also been made gifts to each other as family and friends out of love, as we participate in this wonderful but mysterious event at Christmas. As we materially make merry with family, friends and loved ones in attending Christmas parties (which we haven't done for a while due to covid), let us not forget as well the true meaning and understanding of God's love manifested in His son, who in turn shares his love with us. The best Christmas we can have is to also share what we have materially (food, drinks, clothing, money etc.) with those who don't have any, as well as sharing our joys with those who may be in sorrow due to frustrations in life. On this note, I wish you all a Blessed Christmas.
Fr. Maxwell

Mass Schedule for Christmas

**Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24:
4:00 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight**

Christmas Day Sunday, 12/25 @ 10:45 a.m.

Confessions - 10:00 a.m. at St. Peter

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Saturday, 12/31 & Sunday 1/1 -
Normal Schedule**

News & Announcements:

Christmas Flowers in Memory / Honor of:

Bob & Jill Wright, Adam Wright,
Catherine Wright, George Wright, Glen Rick,
Evelyn Rick, Gant Family,
and Barbara & James Altieri



Office Closed for Holidays:

The office will be closed Monday 12/26 through 1/2/2023. We will reopen on Tuesday January 3rd, 2023

Saint Patrick's Job Opening:

We are still looking for a **maintenance worker** to help maintain our beautiful church here at Saint Patrick. It's a part time position with flexible hours. We would prefer to hire a parishioner from this parish, someone who loves this church and wants to take care of it (and make a few bucks in the meantime). Please email us if you are interested at office@saintpatrickchurchhill.org.

Thanks! Fr. Maxwell

Annual Envelope for Commonwealth

Catholic Charities Each Christmas Season, you can use your envelope for CCC. Catholic Charities is always responding to those most in need, providing groceries to families without food, ensuring mothers and their babies have a safe place to live, and beyond. CCC now needs your help in supporting these critical ministries. Please use your CCC Collection envelope or make your donations through E-Giving. Thank you!

Church Cleaning Ministry: It is that time of the year again to sign up for the Church Cleaning Ministry. This is a ministry for a team or couple to volunteer to help keep the church cleaned for services. It involves only about one hour each week any time after weekend services that fits your schedule. The job is light dusting and sweeping, checking the holy water & votive candles and general cleaning up. Please see signup sheet in the basement near the kitchen. Thank you.

COLLECTION ENVELOPES 2023: Attention parishioners, we are ordering offering envelopes for 2023. Let us know if you are not interested in receiving a set of envelopes this year. Remember an easy way to make your donations without having to remember to write a check. Use e-giving, it is easy, secure and convenient.

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If someone is dying or has died & You would like to talk to a Priest, please call.

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