

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

January 28th & 29th 2023
Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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

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

Remember ~
Next Sharing Sunday is
February 5th.

Message from our Pastor

In the coming days, march for life in the city of Richmond to show the inviolability and sacredness of life will be observed on February 1, followed by the Feast of the presentation of our Lord on February 2, exactly forty days after Christmas day, to mark the first appearance of Jesus in the temple, a ritual according to the law of Moses: "*every first-born male shall be consecrated to the Lord.....*", hence a sacrifice of a pair of turtle doves or two young pigeons (Lk. 2:22-24) were offered on his behalf to the Lord by the parents.

This feast is now celebrated with a candlelight procession as candles are blessed before mass for all the faithful in a procession to the church. The practice of blessing and distributing candles in a procession was earlier inaugurated by pope Sergius in the 8th century and has continued to today as part of the celebration giving its proper name **Candlemass** (Candle mass).

It again symbolizes Christ as the light of the world (Jn. 8:12), and we his followers also become light if we receive it from him by being burned and consumed in the burning, and for pope Paul VI it is "a spark of fire, a ray of love and an inevitable immolation celebrated over the pure straight candle pouring forth its gift of light exhausting itself in silent sacrifice."

Let us therefore observe this important feast with its symbolism in our lives as lights shining in the midst of others (Mt. 5:16).

Praised be Jesus Christ.
-Fr. Maxwell

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Church ~
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Thank you for your Generosity.



Saint Patrick depends upon your generosity. These walls, built by generations past, now need you to nurture them. Give what you can. No amount is too small. E-Giving makes it easy.

Irish 🍀 Festival 2023
It is that time of year again!

Irish Festival Planning time.
Planning meetings have begun!
We hope to see you all there!
Your taking part in the planning
and volunteering for the festival
is what makes it a success.

See you Sunday after mass!

News & Announcements:

IRISH FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERING: Calling all volunteers! Please sign up after mass on our signup sheets or contact our volunteer coordinator **Jennifer M at Irishfestival@yahoo.com**. It is important to sign up to volunteer, so we have an accurate account of where we need people!
Thank you for your time!

Irish Festival Bake Sale – We have plenty of very talented bakers who have for years baked for our bake sale (all money made goes to SPC) however we need someone to head up the effort and be in charge – it could even be two people. Is this you? If you are interested, please let us know at the planning meeting or contact Jennifer at **Irishfestival@yahoo.com**.

Knight of Columbus News & Announcements
The cold weather seems to have finally caught up with us and the need continues for warm weather clothing for needy children as well as the homeless. During the month of January, the Knights of Columbus running "Coats for Kids + Plus" We are looking for donations of children's coats which will be used for needy children in the Richmond area. Additionally, we are looking for adult hats, gloves, scarves and sleeping bags which will be used at our St. Peter's ministry for the homeless. A donation box is in the back of St. Patrick's churches. Please consider donating new or gently used items to help those in need.

2022 TAX LETTERS – These will be mailed this past week! If you have changed your address, please let us know. Should you have any questions please call the office.

THANK YOU - Thanks to all of you that shop at Kroger. We have received a check for \$75.04. If you are not registered our # for St. Patrick is YV856. Thanks for shopping Kroger.

WEEKLY COLLECTION – January 21st & 22nd 2023

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$2,526.55
Budget	<u>\$4,139.00</u> (\$1,612.45)
	<u>Year to date</u>
Actual	\$103,708.34
Budget	<u>\$124,170.00</u> (\$20,461.66)

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

MASS ATTENDANCE:
1/21: 29 1/22: 151

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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