

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

January 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

2023

Epiphany



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

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

Remember Next  
Sharing Sunday is  
February 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Message from our Pastor

On the same day the year 2022 came to an end, the church received the sad news of the passing away of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI at the age of 95, who had retired for almost ten years now.

The church has lost such a fantastic a priest, university professor, a cardinal and an outstanding theological expert, an effective teacher and defender of the basics of the catholic faith using every medium at his disposal to catechize the faithful on foundational beliefs and practices of Christianity, when he later became the chief shepherd (the Roman Pontiff) of the Universal church of many Catholics worldwide.

Just as Jesus was a gift of his Father to humanity, which is symbolized by the precious gifts offered to him by the three wise men from the far East, as celebrated on the feast of Epiphany, Pope Benedict XVI, was also a gift to the church who literally applied simple gospel values to social issues such as the protection of human life, the environment and economics, and as such did the work of Christ on earth perfectly well.

As the church continues to mourn him, may he be welcome into eternal glory in heaven and be countered now among the priests in the life of the Lord's Kingdom with the reward of eternal happiness. Amen. Happy Epiphany to you all.  
- Fr. Maxwell.

St. Patrick Catholic  
Church - Scan & Give.  
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.***

## News & Announcements:

**Thank you:** Many thanks to all those involved in ministries, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, sacristans, funeral and music ministers. To those that volunteer to clean the church, wash the altar linens, decorate and beautify the church for all the seasons inside and outside, count our offerings each week and all other "little" jobs for St. Patrick. To all the committed catechists who made the classes so wonderful for our kids. Thank you to the Cluster Pastoral Council and all the volunteers who worked hard for the Installation Mass of our Pastor Fr. Maxwell. Bishop Knestout was very impressed with our community. All these projects could not have been done without all of you. May we be granted the strength and will to do more in 2023. - Fr. Max and Fr. Nick.  
**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@saintparickchurchhill.org](mailto:office@saintparickchurchhill.org). Thanks! Fr. Maxwell

### **CLUSTER COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work!  
- Thomas Edison

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant!  
- Robert Louis Stevenson

Our Pastoral Council unanimously approved last month the creation of a Community Garden which will be located on the land behind the social hall of St. John's Catholic Church.

We envision planting not only seeds of various organic vegetables for St. Peter's pantry, but also seeds growing our cluster into a community, where all are invited: novice, experienced, youth, and elders, church attending or occasional visitor! When you work together, you get to know each other in joy, harmony, appreciate the miracle of all life, with Holy Communion extending even beyond the Eucharist! Everyone is invited to participate in cultivating this vacant ground into a vibrant cluster community! Our potential can be as far reaching as our dreams!

**STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION TO COME!**

**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 sign up 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.



**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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