

# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 2023



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

Stations of the Cross - Thursdays  
at Noon during Lent.

Saturday Evening Mass  
During the Festival -

Mass on Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>  
will be held at 7pm.

## Message from our Pastor

Dear people of God, apart from the blessed Virgin Mary, the universal church undoubtedly owes a special gratitude and reverence to St. Joseph her husband, whose solemnity falls on March 19 every year, but has been moved liturgically to Monday March 20 this year.

What lessons can we learn from Joseph's life?

- he was simply the legal earthly father figure of Jesus, righteous and faithful, who showed incredible trust in God even when it didn't make sense at all to him.
- he had a kind and gentle approach to issues (cf Mt. 1:18-19)
- he was an ordinary man who God relied on to do great things
- he was a trustworthy guardian, provider and protector to the holy family (cf. Mt. 2:13-14;19-21)
- he listened in silence to God's word and acted upon it obediently all the time. Therefore, his actions spoke louder than his words.
- his life teaches what it means to be compassionate and caring to others.
- again, he teaches us that contemplative and active life must be blended and harmonized in service to others.
- he is declared the patron, model and inspirer to fathers, families, the universal family of God, the church, and all workers especially carpenters.

As the church commemorates him today, let us ask him to intercede for all our needs, since Jesus the Lord will never refuse the man who took the place of His Father in heaven, and bore the name of father by fulfilling his fatherly role creditably on earth to raise him as his own child as a carpenter's son.

Praised be Jesus Christ - Fr. Maxwell

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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 go to our website at [saintpatrickchurchhill.org](http://saintpatrickchurchhill.org) and click the e giving link*



# News & Announcements

## Help Needed- St. Patrick's Irish Festival Bake Sale

The St. Patrick's Bake Sale is looking for donations of both time and tasty treats. All baked good donations can be dropped off in the basement of the church after Wednesday, March 22nd.

Please have donations prepackaged/single servings, any allergens listed and ready for sale. If you are interested in volunteering for a time slot at the table, contact Monica Van Arsdale at [monica.vanarsdale@gmail.com](mailto:monica.vanarsdale@gmail.com) or call at 804-402-3140. Thank you for your support!

**IRISH FESTIVAL VOLUNTERING:** Please sign up after mass on our signup sheets or contact our volunteer coordinator at **Jennifer M at [Irishfestival@yahoo.com](mailto: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!**

**THE HILL TOPPER 5K** Church Hill's very own race, The Hilltopper 5K will be on Sunday, 3/25 at 9 a.m.. Last year The Rotary Club of Church Hill was able to donate over \$7000.00 to local charities & this year we want to do more! Each runner will receive a ticket for a beverage at the Irish Festival, so come for the run, stay for the fun. For more race info, please go to this link: [The Hill Topper 5k \(runsignup.com\)](http://The Hill Topper 5k (runsignup.com)). Hope to see you there!

## **WANTED TOOLS FOR CLUSTER COMMUNITY GARDEN**

Do you have "retired garden tools" taking up space and collecting dust? If so, our Cluster Community Garden ministry would love to have them & put them to use. We are accepting hand tools, hoes, rakes, shovel (all sizes), watering cans & the like. You may bring them to St. Johns and put in the Conference Room (1st room to the left as you enter the west side of the church) or basement of St. Patrick. Also, some parishioners have asked about giving monetary donations to help support our garden's construction. Please put your donation of cash or check into an envelope marked on the outside: **FOR CLUSTER COMMUNITY GARDEN** and include it in the weekend collection. We thank you for your most generous help in "cultivating" our new cluster ministry!!!

**Easter Flowers:** Easter flower envelopes are available in the vestibule as well. Please grab on to memorialize and honor loved ones. They can be dropped in the collection basket.

## Annual Diocesan Appeal 2023 –

**Sharing His Love with Others:** Sight is easy to take for granted. For the Pharisees in today's Gospel, the possibility that they might be missing something, despite having sight, authority, and education bothers them: "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" (John 9:40) When we walk through a house, we automatically look for the light switch if it's dark. It's difficult to do anything in the dark. "We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day," Jesus said in John 9:4. "Night is coming when no one can work." The works of God cry out to be accomplished, including the ministries supported by our Annual Diocesan Appeal. We must not delay. Christ is here. He is the daylight only by which we can work. We need him, and we need you. We ask him to guide our efforts throughout the Appeal.

Please support our Appeal. We ask him to enlighten your discernment of how to do so. He will not let you walk in darkness when doing the works of God. He will be your light. God bless you abundantly for your gifts and prayers for our Appeal!



## WEEKLY COLLECTION – March 11 & 12 2023

<u>Weekly</u>	
Actual	\$3,294.55
Budget	<u>\$4,139.00</u> (\$844.45)
<u>Year to date</u>	
Actual	\$127,567.19
Budget	<u>\$153,143.00</u> (\$25,575.81)

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

**MASS ATTENDANCE: 3/11: 15 3/12: 120**

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**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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