

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

July 8 & 9th, 2023

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Times:

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

Holy Hour: After mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month

Sharing Sunday –

Our next Sharing Sunday will be August 6th

Message from Our Pastor

In our first reading this weekend, we hear from the prophet Zechariah, it is a prominent passage that we hear each year during the holy Season of Lent, principally on Palm Sunday. It serves as a useful “tool,” as I like to say, for understanding the, sometimes confusing, texts of Sacred Scripture. So very often, Our Lord likes to offer us “hard sayings” that can be difficult to incorporate into daily living, due to the fact that that our lives, the daily activities that fill our days, are mixed with both graces, and the sin that distracts.

To “combat” the confusion that disrupts our intentions to “live well,” Our Lord provides “hard sayings” to get us to reconsider our “daily operations.” He provides time to “rethink” what we are about, what we should do to conduct ourselves in a way that might be in accord with a time of grace.

In the “prophecy,” commonly known as the “first reading” we hear of the prominent image of the Lord riding into the city on the colt – the people singing “Hosanna” – a descriptive image of what would become the liturgical procession that makes up the first day of Holy Week and opens us up to the Passion Reading of Palm Sunday.

The Lord rides into the Holy City, in a regal, yet simple way.

How do you ride into the significant moments of your life? Receiving the Lord into the core of your life, how might you conduct yourselves amongst your daily duties?

What we hear very clearly from the Lord is an invitation to enter into the “messiness” of life

with heads held high because we willingly “receive” from the Lord the gift of our “exalted” status as sons and daughters – entering in “riding” and not “walking,” while “entering” on a “colt” and not a “horse,” meaning – entering in simply so that we might “see” the needs of others and being men and women able to have the affective maturity of sons and daughters who are attentive to the needs of others.

This week, can you be attentive to the invitation to “hold your head high” in the midst of difficulties and simultaneously be open to the weakness of others, striving to find a way to lift others up? - Fr. Capuano



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News & Announcements

Religious Education for 2023/2024

It's time to register your children for Religious Education for 2023/2024. Classes are for students from kindergarten through high school.

If your child is preparing for **First Reconciliation/First Eucharist or Confirmation**, full participation in St. Patrick's Religious Education is required including attendance at all scheduled classes and as well as weekly mass.

Classes will be held from 9:30 to 10:30 on Sunday mornings before 10:45 mass. Please contact Donna at donnabaird@yahoo.com or speak with her after Sunday mass. If you are interested in teaching, please contact Donna as well. Looking forward to another great year!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a journey for Welcoming Adult newcomers (inquires) into the Roman Catholic Church. RCIA is for adults who, after having their hearts opened to conversion and faith by the Holy Spirit, seek to become fully initiated members of the Catholic Church. The RCIA process assists them in becoming full, conscious, active, and ongoing participants in a life with Christ and His Church. RCIA welcomes those who are not baptized, those who are baptized in another Christian tradition and those who are baptized Catholic but never received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. An RCIA class will be starting at SPC on September 10th. Anyone interested is welcome to join the class. Adults wishing to learn more should contact Fred Powell or Ryland Paxton before September 10th.

LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER TO SERVE

AT MASS: We need altar servers to serve mass. Please consider volunteering. Training and instruction will be provided. If you are interested in serving or would like to know more about contact Eddie Baird.

Looking to register at St. Patrick

Forms can be found in the vestibule of the parish as well as on our parish website. Come be a part of a small community with a large heart!



WEEKLY COLLECTION –

July 1st & 2nd, 2023

	<u>Weekly</u>
Actual	\$4,097.55
Budget	<u>\$3,747.00</u>
	\$350.00
	<u>Year to date</u>
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Budget	<u>\$3,747.00</u>
	\$350.00

Note: Actual totals include weekly collection and E-giving

MASS ATTENDANCE: 7/1: 25 7/2: 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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