



Sunday, January 24, 2021
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
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The Shamrock

*"And Jesus said to them,
'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'
And immediately they left their nets and followed him."*

Mark 1:17-18; NRV, Catholic Edition



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Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Mass Times and Devotions

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Adoration

Wednesday and Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rosary

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. Prayed in Church before Mass.

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Baptism

Call to register parents and godparents for the required seminar and to schedule date and time. For more information, visit www.stpatrickbr.org/Baptism

Reconciliation

Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

Marriage

Couples should contact the parish office at least six months prior to their desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office.

Funeral Planning

Please call the parish office prior to scheduling with the funeral home.

Call the parish office to place individuals on the prayer list in the bulletin or the parish prayer line. Names will remain listed in the bulletin for approximately 2-3 months unless otherwise notified.

Stewardship of Finance

January 3, 2021

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| Identified | 22,967.35 |
| Unidentified | \$632.00 |
| Building Fund | \$3,294.00 |
| Other | \$20.00 |
| TOTAL | 26,913.35 |

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generous support!*



*is the grateful response of a Christian disciple
who recognizes and receives God's gifts
and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.*

The Mission of St. Patrick Church

Conscious of God's presence, the family of St. Patrick Parish
strives to create a community of oneness in God's love.

Called, we follow Jesus,

Empowered by the Spirit, we dedicate ourselves to living Christ's Message:
Love of God, shown forth in love of neighbor.

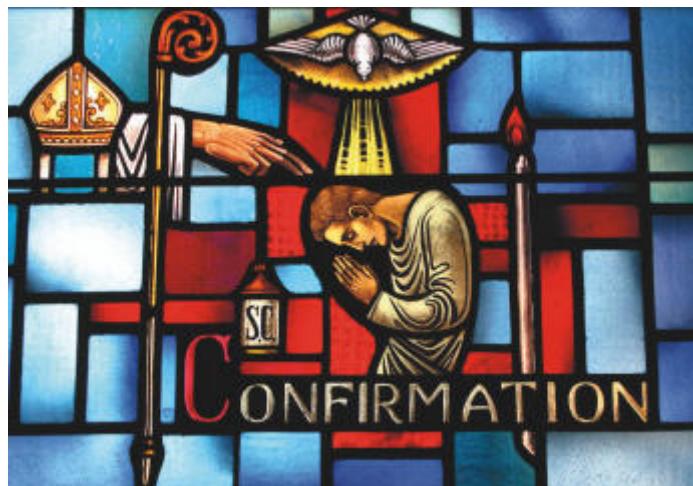
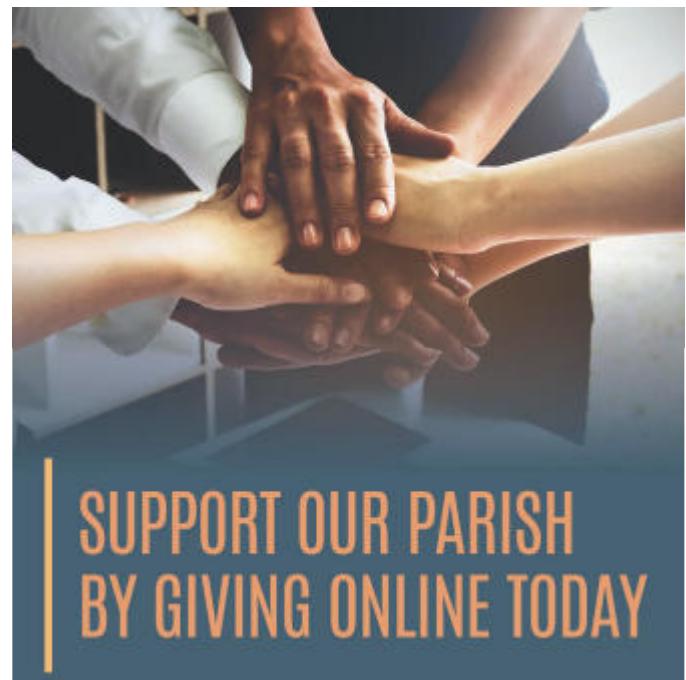
Stewardship Update

Don't forget that we will not be sending out the usual Stewardship of Treasure packet this year out of utmost caution during these uncertain COVID times and limited staffing.

However, you will receive your Contribution Statement for 2020 by the end of January.

Please don't hesitate to call us at the parish office (753-5750) if you have any questions. We will be glad to help you to set up an automatic draft or make changes to your existing draft.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of St. Patrick Church.



Seating for Confirmation Will Be Quite Limited

Bishop Michael Duca is scheduled to be here for our parish celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, January 30, during the 4 p.m. Mass.

Please note that the two main sections of pews facing the altar will be reserved for the confirmands, their sponsors and parents.

While we are not taking reservations for Mass, we must adhere to our seating capacity during these COVID times. That means that seating will be very limited. Please consider attending Mass at another time that weekend.

"Remember that your compassion, O Lord,

and your love are from of old.

In your kindness remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord. Psalm 25



Jesus Offers An Open Invitation: "Come after me"

by Pamela Folsom

One day, while driving to the church where I worked out in the country, I passed a hitchhiker who was carrying a large sack on his back. The bag seemed heavy, judging from the arch in his back. I was younger then and a lot more daring, so I pulled over to the side of the road and told the man that I was only going a few miles up the road, but I would be happy to give him and his sack a ride at least that far. I had a van at the time, so I helped the man load the over-sized bag in the back. I figured that the contents of that bag of clanging metal and other things would be a great conversation starter, so I asked the question. "What are you carrying in that bag?" He started to name the things—the steering wheel from his first truck, some metal plates and cups from his grandma, a sword and sheath he picked up at a flea market, various pieces of Army surplus, a deck of cards and all kinds of nothing. He had no food, no clothes, no blanket, just things that, for some reason, he held on to. He was just passing through the area not really certain where he was going. He had no plans. Finally, I asked why he held on to that big sack, and he said it was all he had to remember his family and better times.

Once at the church, I called a parishioner who was also a sheriff's deputy and asked him to drive the man to the next town and help him out. As I told my rider goodbye, he said his name was Glenn. The parishioner bought him a sandwich, took him to get some clothes, and put him up in a motel for the night.

The next day, the doorbell rang at the office and the deputy greeted me. "I have someone here who would like to see you," he said. The two were in the office before I realized it was Glenn. He was clean, shaven, had a fresh haircut and was dressed in navy work clothes, complete with a new pair of work boots. The deputy helped him to get a job cleaning barges on the river. I asked what he planned to do with his bag when he went to work and he told me he had already gotten rid of it. From his pocket he took only two small items—a shiny silver thimble that once belonged to his mom and his dad's black rosary beads. "This is all I need," he said.

I'm not sure what happened to Glenn over those two days. Maybe he just needed to talk things out. Maybe the deputy said something to him that he needed desperately to hear. Maybe he just needed to feel accepted. The deputy introduced Glenn to the church congregation that next Sunday morning and the visitor wept with joy. This week's Gospel happened to be the same Gospel that Glenn heard that day, "Come, follow me."

In his first Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul writes: "I tell you brothers and sisters, the time is running out. For the world in its present form is passing away." In this week's Gospel, Jesus says: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel." Each one of us has experienced unbelievable change in the past year. When we welcomed in 2020, we could never have imagined all that we would face even until now.

When we look honestly at our lives, we will see that we are all weighed down by heavy burdens, odd things that we're holding on to. We tend to cling to things from our unhappy way of life. We choose not to look at the possibilities for a new, happier, deeper and authentic way of life offered to us by the Gospel message. Just as he did his first followers, Jesus calls us today, "Come after me." We can choose to respond at any time, just as Glenn did.



New Discussion Groups Forming For Lent

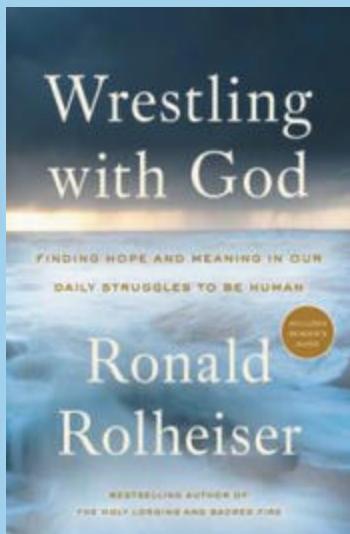
This Lent our parish will study the book "Wrestling with God: Finding Hope and Meaning In Our Daily Struggles to Be Human," written by Father Ron Rolheiser, OMI, whom many will recognize from his regular articles in *The Catholic Commentator*.

In "Wrestling with God," Fr. Ron provides an inspiring message of hope and perseverance for all who struggle with their faith during tumultuous times. He offers a steady and inspiring voice to help us understand our faith in a world where nothing seems solid or permanent.

Our sessions will be held beginning the week of February 22, the week after Ash Wednesday, and finishing the week of March 22, the week before Holy Week, for a total of five sessions. Sessions will be held via Zoom and participants can choose from three time slots: Tuesday mornings at 10:30, Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Sessions last an hour.

The book sells for \$17. We can order the book for you for pick up at the office or you can order and have it sent directly to your home. The discussion guide will be available for pick up or can be sent electronically.

If interested, please call Pam Folsom at the parish office (753-5750) to indicate the time you plan to attend, whether you want her to order your book, and how you would like to receive the discussion guide. The deadline for ordering the book is Monday, February 1.



**Happy Birthday to
Deacon Pete
on January 28!**



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

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| SUN 1/24 | Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20 |
| MON 1/25 | Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18 |
| TUE 1/26 | 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35 |
| WED 1/27 | Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20 |
| THR 1/28 | Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25 |
| FRI 1/29 | Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34 |
| SAT 1/30 | Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41 |
| SUN 1/31 | Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28 |

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24, 2021

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| Sunday: | 3 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Monday: | The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle |
| Tuesday: | Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops |
| Wednesday: | St. Angela Merici, Virgin |
| Thursday: | St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church |
| Saturday: | BVM |
| Sunday: | 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week |

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light.

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO YOUR CHURCH

Please consider remembering St. Patrick Church with a planned gift in your last will and testament. You might also encourage your family to ask friends and family to make a donation to St. Patrick in lieu of flowers at the time of your death. A memorial gift to St. Patrick Church is a wonderful way to acknowledge the lives of those who considered this parish their beloved spiritual home. Call the parish office for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 23, 2021

4:00 p.m.: Wilma T. Cronan, James Michael Cronan, Larry Joseph Cronan, Judy Clements, Stephanie Simoneaux, Terry Edwards, Glenn Gaudet, Genevieve Klobucar

Sunday, January 24, 2021

7:30 a.m.: Chung Le, Melissa Buller Behrnes, Mary Guarino

9:30 a.m.: Simonette Grisaro, Jackie Hazey, Margaret Hirezi, Anthony Scaramuzza, Wallace Young

11:30 a.m.: For the people of St. Patrick

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

6:00 p.m.: Margaret Ray, Lee Dupuis, Bud Higgins and the intention of Katherine Higgins

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

8:00 a.m.: Kha Le, Joseph J. Rohal

Thursday, January 28, 2021

8:00 a.m. - Thomas Parsons and the intention of Deacon Pete Walsh

Friday, January 29, 2021

8:00 a.m. - Arthur Lamm and the intention of Amber Van Vickle

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

S. Medica, A. Pichon, Jr., J. Root, K. Johnson,
A. Roy, G. Mackey, L. Polite, L. Barbarin,
B. Coghlan, J. Wray, M. Tichota, C. Prendergast,
M.B. Langlois, O. Godeaux, S. Rikhoff, M. Varner,
T. Joiner, T. Smith, Sr., C. Mokry, R. Geissler,
G. Auzenne, V. Mayeux, P. Romano, T. Shiver,
J. Sughero



Pope Francis on Kindness:

Often nowadays we find neither the time nor the energy to stop and be kind to others, to say "excuse me", "pardon me", "thank you". Yet every now and then, miraculously, a kind person appears and is willing to set everything else aside in order to show interest, to give the gift of a smile, to speak a word of encouragement, to listen amid general indifference. If we make a daily effort to do exactly this, we can create a healthy social atmosphere in which misunderstandings can be overcome and conflict fore stalled. Kindness ought to be cultivated.

Fratelli Tutti

Encyclical Letter of the Holy Father Francis



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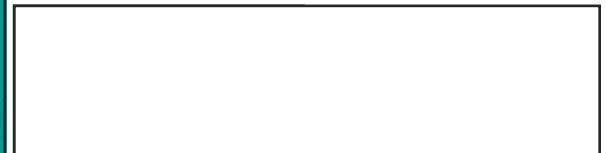
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