

Saint Patrick's Church

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Weekday Masses: 8:00 a.m.

Saturday Vigil: 6:00 p.m.

Sundays: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Confession: Saturdays at 5:00 p.m. – 5:30p.m.

Introduction

If we confess, like Peter, that Jesus is Messiah and Lord, there should be evidence of this. He should be Lord of our speech and actions. When we walk closely with Jesus as His disciples, we will begin to look more like Him. Trusting Jesus as Lord, let us ask for God's grace to follow Him all the days of our lives.

Mass Intentions

Sat. 22nd 6:00 p.m. ✠ Manuel & Maria José Pacheco

✠ Leonor Pacheco

✠ Maya Doppelreiter

Sun. 23rd 9:00 a.m. ✠ Joseph Reis & Parents

✠ Gil & Maria Luisa Pereira Raposo &
Daughter Suzann

✠ Harry & Shirley Fox

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Mon. 24th 8:00 a.m.

Tue. 25th 8:00 a.m.

Wed. 26th 8:00 a.m. ✠ Eugene Cabral

Thu. 27th 8:00 a.m.

Fri. 28th 8:00 a.m. ✠ Joseph, Theresa & Fatima R. Madeiros

✠ Laureano & Jeffrey Castro

Sat. 29th 6:00 p.m. ✠ José Rebelo

Sun. 30th 9:00 a.m. ✠ José & Maria Botelho

✠ Daniel DeFrias

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's

Weekly Stewardship Thought

Saint Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship – we cannot give God anything as He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too are called to be generous. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity, and through our generosity, we may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

Stewardship of Treasure

Offerings Last Weekend: \$3,309.00

Offerings to Date: \$124,790.50

Target Offerings (Week 33): \$125,400.00

Poor Box Last Weekend: \$389.00

Portuguese Mass

Following the summer break, the 9:00 a.m. Portuguese Masses celebrated in St. Theresa's Cathedral will resume on **Saturday, August 29**, and the 7:00 p.m. Portuguese Masses celebrated in St. Patrick's Church will resume on **Wednesday, September 9**.

Update from the Deacon

Deacon Matthew will be taking time to focus on his family over the next few months which will limit his involvement here at St. Patrick's. Your prayers and support are appreciated!

Pastoral Reflection

"Are You Interested in Winning, or the Truth?"

Not all theological discussions are a search for truth. Some people enter the conversation with their minds already made up. Instead of listening, they are preparing their objection. Instead of seeking to understand, they are focusing on defending their position. A fruitful theological dialogue requires an open mind, humble heart, respect for Scripture, history, and reason, and a willingness to follow the truth wherever it leads. Bias closes the ears before the conversation begins. As Catholics, we should never imitate that attitude. We are called to explain our faith with clarity, patience, and charity – not to win arguments, but to win souls.

Prayer List

Almighty God, giver of life and health, we ask you to send forth your blessings of comfort and strength to those who are sick and suffering, and their caregivers, in particular:



Manuel Gonçalves

Denise Somerville

Debbie Sampson

Carol Melanson

Liz Weaver

Bill Tatem

Dylan Peart

Trish Walsh

Carole Scraders

Shirley Love

Carol Maitland

Ken MacNeil

Sylvan Lindo

Maryanne Anderson

Final Movie Thursday

The last Summer Lunch & Movie event will take place on **Thursday, August 27 at 12:00 p.m. in St. Theresa's Hall**. Lunch will be served first, followed by "The Bucket List." This heartwarming 2007 film stars Jack Nicholson and Morgan Freeman as cancer-ward roommates who compose a bucket list and head off on an around-the-world adventure. The run time is 97 minutes and it is rated PG-13.

Reminder: Office Closed

Please be reminded the Rectory office is now closed, and will **re-open on Wednesday, September 2**. Please email or leave a voicemail for any requests to be actioned upon re-opening, or call Fr. Vivien at 777-0368 for urgent matters.

Smile for the Day!



The Bishop's Corner – Monks and Inventions

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

Monastic life has long been a fertile ground for creativity and innovation. Through their hands, monks cultivated the earth and crafted ideas and tools that shaped the world. Here are five things we owe to the ingenuity of monastic communities:

- 1. Champagne.** That celebratory sparkle in your glass owes its refinement to Dom Pérignon, a Benedictine monk who devoted himself to perfecting winemaking. Using careful methods to control fermentation and blend grapes, he transformed wine into a bubbling marvel that captured the effervescence of celebration itself.
- 2. Clocks.** In their devotion to the rhythm of prayer, monks became pioneers in measuring time. The mechanical clock was first developed in monasteries, not for secular purposes, but to ring bells that marked the hours for prayer and work. Over time, these early inventions evolved into the intricate timekeeping devices that regulate modern life.
- 3. Distilled alcohol.** Distillation may have ancient origins, but it was in monastic infirmaries and kitchens that the process was refined into an art. Monks experimented with combining herbs and alcohol to create elixirs for medicinal purposes. Over time, their concoctions, became celebrated beverages, showing how the work of healing could also bring delight.
- 4. Modern genetics.** The quiet work of Gregor Mendel, an Augustinian friar (admittedly, not exactly a monk), transformed our understanding of biology. His experiments with pea plants revealed the laws of heredity, laying the foundations for modern genetics. Mendel's work, rooted in a contemplative life of study and observation, demonstrates the profound discoveries that can emerge from a single monastery garden.
- 5. Pretzels.** A simple snack with profound symbolism, the pretzel was first crafted by monks as a reward for children learning their prayers. Its shape, with arms crossed in prayer, reflected the piety of its origins, while the three holes symbolized the Holy Trinity.

Have a restful weekend and a good week!

Bishop Wes



Portuguese Lyrics for Sunday Masses at 9:00 a.m.

Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)

Santo, Santo, Santo é o Senhor, Deus do Universo.
Cheios estão os céus e a terra,
Da Tua glória, Hossana!
Hossana, Hossana, Hossana nos céus. (2x)

Bendito o que vem em nome do Senhor.
Hossana nas alturas, Hossana!
Hossana, Hossana, Hossana nos céus. (2x)

Misterio da Fé (Mystery of Faith)

Anunciamos, Senhor, a Vossa Morte, proclamamos a Vossa Ressurreição: Vinde, Senhor Jesus.

Cordeiro de Deus (Lamb of God)

Cordeiro de Deus, que tirais o pecado do mundo.
Tende piedade de nós!

Cordeiro de Deus, que tirais o pecado do mundo.
Tende piedade de nós!

Cordeiro de Deus, que tirais o pecado do mundo.
Dai-nos a paz, dai-nos a paz, dai-nos a vossa paz!

Next Weekend's Ministry Schedule

29th & 30th August 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

6:00 p.m.
Communion Ministers M.DaCosta, A.Bento & **VOLUNTEER**
Lector(s) A. Lutkin
Song Leader J. Mathias
Mass Server(s) A. Lutkin
Hospitality Ministers M. Sinclair & C. Sinclair
Gift Bearers R. & M. Simas
Flowers Ministry: Connie Frias

9:00 a.m.
E.Kelly, C.Frias & **VOLUNTEER**
J. Blee & M. dos Anjos Araujo
R. Lopes
R. Carreon
M.P. Silva & L. Thompson
T. Medeiros & Family

11:30 a.m.
K.Garcia & **VOLUNTEERS**
K. Onen
J. Cassidy
C. Easton & V. Easton
G. Michel & **VOLUNTEER**
J. & L. Amaral