



# St Patrick Co-Cathedral

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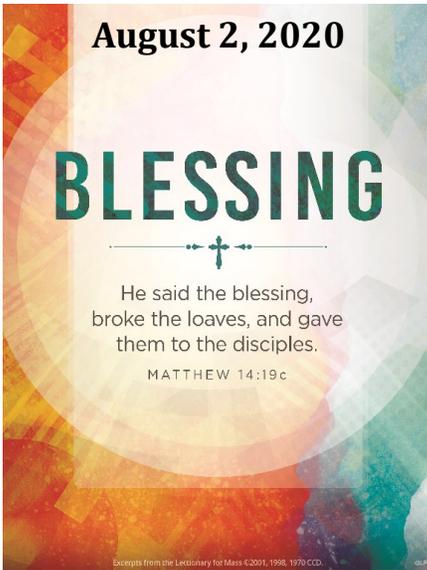
**At this time our office is open, but we ask you to please not visit. Office closed Friday July 3. Please continue to visit our website [www.stpatrickcocathedral.org](http://www.stpatrickcocathedral.org) for updates. Reconciliation will be held in Father's office Saturday 3-4pm**

## MASS TIMES

**Saturday at 5:00pm**

**Sunday at 10:30am**

**Wednesday at 12:10pm**



### The Eucharist: Catholic Beliefs and Practices

*The third in a series of teachings on the Eucharist*

While the obligation to attend Mass on Holy Days and Sundays is presently suspended due to Covid-19, obligation and Eucharist are not words for many Catholics that should be connected. For many, opportunity would be a much better word to use for Eucharist. With the concern that many have about contracting Covid-19 and attendance at Mass, it has become a disease that has had a significant impact on the faith and the way in which Catholics can worship. *Livestream* viewing of Masses have provided some relief, but these cannot even come close to what it means to be physically present at Mass and to receive Holy Communion.



Through the Eucharist, Christ unites Himself with us in an intimate communion and raises us to the nature for which God has created us. The Fathers of the Church as well as later theologians, reflecting on New Testament Scriptures offered a startling affirmation: "Who Christ is by nature, we become by adoption." The term used to describe this is *divinization*. Recall the prayer that the priest says during the preparation of the gifts: "May we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity." This does not mean that we somehow become divine. It means that, as we surrender ourselves fully to life in Christ, we are transformed ever more into the image and likeness of God through the gifts of the sanctifying grace. Through grace, we are given a share in the inner life of God. While it is accurate to affirm that Baptism opens the door to life in Christ, Christ instituted the Eucharist to be the ongoing heavenly nourishment of our spiritual life in Him. Baptism begins our life in Christ, Eucharist sustains and feeds our life in Christ. As we receive the Eucharist in faith, we grow in grace. Through our fruitful reception of the Lord in Holy Communion we become more Christlike.

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### Our Mission Statement

Historic St. Patrick is a diverse, welcoming Catholic community committed to gathering as a sacramental family sharing our faith and ministry and Christian service.

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# Readings and Reflections 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time



**First Reading:** Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. (Is 55:3a)

**Reflect:** Near the end of Israel's captivity in Babylon (597-538 BC), the prophet Isaiah spoke of the Lord's desire to be unimaginably generous and life-giving to his people. How has the Lord been generous in gifts to you and your family?

**Psalm:** The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs. (Ps 145)

**Second Reading:** For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:38-39)

**Reflect:** In his letter to the Christians in Rome, Paul speaks of God's inseparable bond of love for us through Jesus Christ. In what ways does this sense of God's love for us help you in times of stress and anxiety?

**Gospel:** Taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds. They all ate and were satisfied. (Mt 14:19-20a)

**Reflect:** In the immediate aftermath of the news of the death of John the Baptist, Matthew reports that Jesus, "moved with pity," cured those who were sick in the crowds and fed the entire crowd of 5,000. How do you react toward others for whom you feel "pity"?

## BIRTHDAYS

**Aug. 3-9**

Charlene Grass	3
Patricia Snyder	3
Barbara Turcotte	3
Dana Edwards	4
Aiden Close	6
Steven Tostenrud	6
Cindy Barta	7
Omar Chertzad	7
Ragan Cosgrove	7
Anthony Klein	7
Mark Tribe	7
Hailey Barta	8
Elizabeth Hansen	8
Jo Ann Stewart	8
Margaret Cunningham	9
Evelyn Gardner	9
Mary Lane	9
Nicole Mandala	9



As many of you are aware, last October St. Vincent de Paul started our weekend brunches. One of the faithful groups that serve is the Sisters of Charity and Associates. This partnership has continued to bear fruit beyond what any of us could imagine. It is with pleasure we introduce Mary Gilluly as our new case manager. As Mary says, she loves being down at SVdP and serving our friends in a concrete way especially through our meal program. It provided her with a great opportunity to meet and listen to our friends' needs and concerns. Primarily she works with the Charity office and our resource worker, as well as the staff in the payee office. Some of her duties include building a resume for a job search, finding proper housing, encouraging individuals as they seek out treatment options, and the list goes on. If you or anyone you know could benefit from Mary's assistance or to find out more contact her, [mary@svdpm.org](mailto:mary@svdpm.org) or call 252-1855. Welcome Mary!



## Mass Intentions & Readings August 3-9



Monday, August 3		No Mass		Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 [68b]/Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday, August 4		No Mass		Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday, August 5	12:10	✠ G.A.X. Martin	Lucia	Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday, August 6		No Mass		Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Friday, August 7		No Mass		Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39, 41/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday, August 8	5:00			Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt 17:14-20
Sunday, August 9	10:30	St Patrick Parishioners		1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33