

Saint Patrick Church, Kankakee
~ A Viatorian Parish ~

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
June 28, 2020



Glorious the Grace

Glorious the grace that refuses to wait until we deserve or earn it.

Glorious the grace that refuses to be rejected
and that remains always available, always inviting.

Glorious the grace that refuses to be confined
to places of privilege, of dignity, of civility, or of decency.

Glorious the grace that reaches where law cannot go.

Glorious the grace that embraces the comfortable and the untouchable.

Glorious the grace that is equally at home in palaces and in shacks.

Glorious the grace that is undiminished and undeterred
by the variety of need, by the diversity of the needy,
or by the myriad languages in which its message must be spoken.

Jesus, Grace-Giver, we stand in awe of you
and the grace which you offer to all,
whoever we may be. Amen.

(John van de Laar)

We can read Saint Paul's words as an excellent expression of our relationship with God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. These words are good and proper ways of thinking and speaking of how God approaches and relates to us. These words of Saint Paul today, from his Letter to the Romans, focus on the reality of *who* we are and *what we are called to be* because of our union with Christ through Baptism.

Saint Paul reminds us of both a *fact* and a *course of action for our lives* that flows from that fact. We are baptized into Christ (the *fact*) so that we can pour out our lives for others as he did (*our calling, our course of action*). We become one-with-Christ so that we (personally and with our beloved sisters and brothers in Christ) will receive and accept the challenge *to be like Christ* in our world.

Saint Paul's words are without doubt both inspirational and aspirational: we are to become the core members of Christ by Baptism. That sacrament initiates our intimate relationship with Christ, with God the Father, and with the Holy Spirit. We become "something absolutely new," Saint Paul says.

How does that happen? Baptism incorporates us into Christ himself: his life, death, and resurrection. Yes, we are one with Christ in the foundational relationship with God through Baptism, but even *more is implied*. The community of faith into which we are called is referred to as "the Body of Christ," a powerful *fact* as well as a *profound challenge* to each and every one of us! Once again, there is more in these words than initially meets the eye. The relationship with our God does not set us above others. Rather, it is meant to unite us with others. We imitate Christ by simply being who we are (members of the Body of Christ) and humbly offering ourselves in service to God and to others.

Lord, gracious God, thank you for the privilege of inviting us into your realm through Baptism. Help us to be the Body of Christ as you invite us. Speak your words of encouragement and challenge as we negotiate our life of faith, hope, and love. Especially in these days of the Coronavirus Pandemic, keep us safe so that we can continue to receive your gifts of love and to offer the care and the challenge that Christ works in and through us.

(*Father Thomas Shanahan, S.J.*)

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, June 30, 7:15 A.M.
Robert Roy

Thursday, July 2, 7:15 A.M.
Special intentions of
Mark and Paula Hodak

Saturday, July 4, 4:00 P.M.
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Patrick and Timmy Simmons
Tom Billadeau

Sunday, July 5, 7:00 A.M.
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dick Courtney

Sunday, July 5, 10:00 A.M.
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Joanne Dressler
Frank Trost

PARISH RE-OPENING NEWS

By the time that you are reading this weekend's issue of the Parish Bulletin, it is hoped that every parish family will have received a "Welcome Back to Saint Patrick Church" letter announcing that weekday Masses (to be celebrated at 7:15 A.M. on Tuesday and Thursday) will resume on June 30th and that weekend Masses (at their traditional times) will resume on Saturday, July the 4th, and Sunday, July the 5th. What better way could there be to celebrate the Independence Day Weekend?

In that three-page letter, details are given about Masses to be celebrated. Those wishing to attend Mass on Tuesday and Thursday morning do not need reservations. Those planning to attend Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses will need reservations. Simply stated, Mass Reservations can be made, beginning after 9:00 A.M. on Monday morning, by accessing our on-line Mass Reservations site at [St. Patrick Catholic Church - Kankakee Registration Form](https://bit.ly/StPatrickChurch) (<https://bit.ly/StPatrickChurch>) or our telephone site at 815-932-6716, Ext. 999.



St. Patrick Catholic Church - Kankakee Registration Form

Sign up for upcoming events at St. Patrick Catholic Church
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If your family did not receive a "Welcome Back" letter from us via the United States Postal Service, it could be because we do not have your correct mailing address in our files. If that is the case, please be sure to call the Parish Office during the coming week so that we can make the appropriate changes.

Father John

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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily 7:15 a.m.
 Saturday..... 7:15 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday..... 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Appointments..... Please call to schedule appointments.
 Reconciliation Saturdays 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.
 and by appointment.
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