

**St. Patrick**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit.*

*Matthew 28:19*

# Shamrock News

## Easter 2018 Edition



Happy Easter! Christ Is Risen, He Truly is Risen, Alleluia! The center of our faith is the Resurrection Victory of Christ. As pastor of St. Patrick's Parish, I want to warmly welcome you as we celebrate Easter and invite you to welcome others to our blessed parish. In this way, we can be growing disciples who grow other disciples by loving the Lord and one another.

When Jesus rose from the dead, it was a victory over sin, death and Satan. We share in this victory thru faith in the Lord's power. St. Paul always said that he wanted to know Christ and experience the power that flows from his resurrection. This is our prayer also and because of our personal and life giving relationship with Christ, we are aware of how Christ leads us to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The birthday of the church is on Pentecost and before Jesus ascended into heaven, he said: "Don't leave Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high and then go to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel." In your daily prayer time, ask the Risen Lord to empower you with the Holy Spirit and fill your hearts with the Lord's love and all the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Our parish is known as a very warm, loving and welcoming parish with over 40 different ministries which are vibrant expressions of our faith. We welcome everyone to be a part of our parish family and center our lives on Our Risen Lord and express our faith in worship, loving service, living and sharing the Good News. As we try to be the best version of ourselves, may we live out and daily respond to the invitation of Jesus who said: "As the Father has loved me, so I also love you, live on in my love."





Welcome to all those visiting our Parish!

On behalf of our entire Parish Family of St. Patrick's I warmly welcome you. St. Patrick's parish is known as a warm, loving, and friendly parish. We feel so honored and blessed to have you join us.

All of us have a relationship that is the same. This relationship began with our Baptism. Since we all share in the life of Our Risen Lord and Savior, thus becoming brothers and sisters in Christ. The primary way we deepen our relationship with the Lord and each other is by coming together at Mass each weekend to pray, hear the Lord's living Word and share in the Eucharist. We then live out our faith day by day.

As we live our faith, here at St. Patrick's Parish our mission is simple.

*Our mission is to be growing disciples  
who grow other disciples  
by loving God and one another.*

*Thus, as the Catholic Community of St. Patrick, we respond to  
the mission the Risen Jesus gave in Matthew 28:16-20  
when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations."  
This is the greatest mission on earth and we joyfully respond  
trusting Our Lord when he also said:  
"Know that I am with you always."*

To learn more about our wonderful Parish, please visit **[www.StPatrickTampa.org](http://www.StPatrickTampa.org)** or stop into the Parish Office for a Welcome Folder. You may also connect with us through Facebook and Instagram for parish event information, inspiring reflections, interesting catholic resources, and more. We also invite you to join us for the Sacraments and come experience our welcoming parish family, deepening faith, and love of Christ.

Daily Mass: Monday - Saturday 8:30 AM  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM  
Sunday Mass Schedule: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, 6:00 PM  
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM







# St. Patrick Pentecost Celebration

## May 20, 2018 11am



Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord, one of the most important celebrations of our Church and the Liturgical Year. This celebration is a good reminder for all of us that there is more to come. The Lord died and was buried and on the third day he rose again; then what? The followers of Jesus were disappointed, sad, fearful and hiding; then he appeared and some believed but not all. For forty days the Lord made appearances to many others but his apostles were still disappointed, sad, fearful and hiding and then came the Promise – an Advocate, a Counselor, a Protector will come and they will be changed and will fear no more. They will speak with conviction and valor about The Good News of Salvation and of Jesus to all within hearing distance.

“On the feast day of Pentecost, when they were all in one place together, suddenly there came a noise like a strong driving wind and it filled the house where they were hiding. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.” (Acts 2:1-4). There were many people from many countries who had come to Jerusalem yet they all heard the apostles proclaim the glory of The Lord. A diversity of people hearing one message.

Pentecost Sunday celebrates this coming of the Holy Spirit over the entire Church. It is referred to by many as “the birthday of the Church.” St. Patrick Catholic Church takes special pride in celebrating Pentecost Sunday. We come together as a faith community on this day to celebrate our unity and acknowledge our diversity. We invite all our brothers and sisters to share part of their heritage with one another. We acknowledge our diversity by displaying the flags of the various countries represented by our faith community. We hold a special flag procession prior to our solemn celebration of the Holy Mass. Following Mass, we enjoy fellowship by sharing with one another part of our individual heritage. The sharing includes music, dance, art, artifacts, and food from a variety of countries particular to one’s heritage. We rejoice, we pray, and we sing together in celebrating each other and in praising and giving thanks to God for His goodness and the blessings He bestows on us.



## The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

With the start of Lent, the RCIA journey moved into the phase of Purification and Enlightenment. We have spent the past several weeks in prayer, learning the different devotions of faith. One session was spent with Fr. Stan giving a teaching about the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He gave very personal testimony of the Gifts in action. He then challenged those seeking confirmation to pray during the week and ask God which gift He wants them to ask for. The following week, the RCIA team prayed over each person individually. Fr. Stan asked each person what gift God wanted them to receive. The team laid hands on each person and prayed that the Holy Spirit give the gift which the person asked for. Fr. Stan stressed that God wants to give us so much more than we can ask for.

The members seeking the sacrament were moved to tears. It is quite emotional to experience the power, love, presence and gift of God. The RCIA team is truly humbled to be God's instrument.

We had other people present to witness the prayers. Their reflections were touching. One person said she experienced such love being present that it brought her to tears, tears of joy. Another person said he felt such peace, such a presence, he just wanted it to continue.



Fr. Stan and Joe Brown praying over Nanci



Fr. Stan and Joe Brown praying over Yira

If you want to know about becoming Catholic, or if your spouse is Catholic and you want to learn more about being a Catholic, or if as an adult you haven't received all the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation), please contact either Joe Brown or Fr. Stan Holland, TOR at (813) 839-5337. Contact us by email at [rcia@stpatricktampa.org](mailto:rcia@stpatricktampa.org).

**Want to know what it means to live a life empowered by the Holy Spirit? Come and see.**





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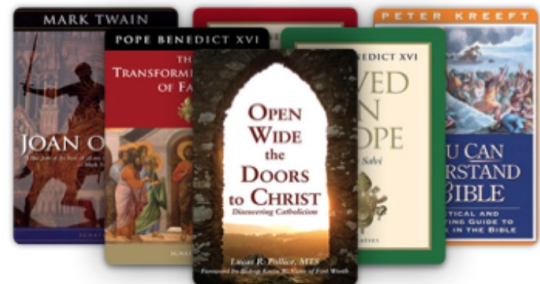
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DR. BRANT PITRE



### The Case for Jesus

#### The Biblical and Historical Evidence for Christ

Dr. Brant Pitre, Scripture scholar and bestselling author, uses biblical and historical evidence to bolster the “case for Jesus” by exposing the problems with the many false theories that have been introduced over the past hundred years, resulting in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christian Faith. He tackles head-on questions like: Were the four Gospels written anonymously? Did Jesus claim to be God? Did Jesus fulfill the Jewish prophecies of the Messiah? and many more.

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## Restless Heart

Filmed in Europe, this first full-length feature movie on Augustine uses a historic backdrop to tell the true story of one of the Church's most beloved and well-known saints. Its message of sin, conversion, and redemption is as timely today as it was in the fifth century. It is the story of a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass--and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth. It also chronicles the collapse of the Roman world and how Augustine laid the intellectual foundations of what would later become Europe. Alongside Augustine, the stories of two other great saints, Monica and Ambrose, are also portrayed.

## Called

God has created each of us uniquely to play a unique role in our time and our world. But how do we figure out what God is asking us to do? If he is calling us, why can't we hear him more clearly? What will we have to take on or give up if we follow his call?

These are the questions we'll explore together in Called: Discover Your Vocation. With firsthand accounts and insights from presenters who've lived out these questions, Called walks through the importance of vocation, how to discern vocation as more than just a job, considering the priesthood and consecrated life, and the deeper meaning of marriage.

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**St Patrick Catholic Church Tampa**

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### *Daily Morning Prayer*

Daily morning prayer is recited in the church, by the community, Monday through Saturday at 7:40 AM and followed by the Holy Rosary at 8:00 AM and Mass at 8:30 AM.

### *Daily Holy Rosary*

In the prayer of the Rosary, we are able to express ourselves in all forms of prayer: adoration, petition, intercession, thanksgiving, and praise. The prayer of the Rosary invites us to meditate on the life of Jesus, and pray as He did. His life models for us all forms of prayer. The Holy Rosary is recited Monday through Saturday at 8:00 AM in the church followed by Mass at 8:30 AM.

### *Eucharistic Adoration*

We have the opportunity and the privilege to adore, pray, and worship in the very presence of Christ Jesus in His Most Blessed Sacrament every Friday, beginning after the 8:30 AM Mass and ending with Benediction from 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM.

