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. 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 or stop into the Parish Office for a personal Welcome. 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
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.
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Made For Greatness

By Leah Darrow

Leah Darrow was a fashion model in New York City and a reality TV contestant on America's Next Top Model. She now travels the world sharing her unique experiences in the beauty industry. Leah now speaks to tens of thousands of people each year, audiences as diverse as a United Nations panel, the World Trade Center in Manila, Phillippines, pro-life events, and local parishes. In this presentation, learn how the pursuit of pop culture's definition of love and happiness led to a moment of mercy and conversion in Leah's life.

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The Mystery of the Eucharist

What is it that is so special about the Eucharist? Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life. Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist, from its origins in Sacred Scripture, to its profound role in the life of the Church and her members. It is the crescendo of the entire story of salvation.

Saint Peter

Saint Peter tells the epic story about the key event in European and world history: the spread of Christianity throughout the Roman Empire, focusing on the leader of that new religion. St. Peter is played by the renowned Egyptian actor, Omar Sharif (Lawrence of Arabia, Doctor Zhivago). The film illustrates the strong reaction of Romans and Jews from a political and religious standpoint, and it also deals with the immense obstacles Christianity encountered in the early stages of its development.

As a dedicated follower of Christ, Peter spreads the message of the Gospel across the land, often staying only one step ahead of those determined to persecute him. As the tension between Christians and Romans grows, blood runs in the streets. Peter and Paul meet and together they form a strong friendship in preaching about Christ.

While fleeing persecution in the Eternal City, Peter sees Jesus walking toward him saying, "Peter, I am coming to Rome, to be crucified again." Peter realizes he must follow Christ to the end, and returns to Rome to be crucified like his master.
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