

## Saint Patrick's Church

A Year of the Sacraments  
Christ, Catechesis, Celebration

### A Parish Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, pierce my soul with your love so that I may always long for you alone, who are the bread of angels and the fulfillment of the soul's deepest desires. May my heart always hunger and feed upon you so that my soul may be filled with the sweetness of your presence. May my soul thirst for you, who are the source of life, wisdom, knowledge, light and all the riches of God our Father. May I always seek and find you, think upon you, speak to you and do all things for honor and glory of your holy name. Be always my only hope, my peace, my refuge and my help in whom my heart is rooted so that I may never be separated from you. Amen.

- Saint Bonaventure, 1221-1274, *Desire for Closer Union*.

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Saint Patrick, pray for us!



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### XIII. The Jesus Calendar

Catechism 1273: *Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, the person baptized is configured to Christ. Baptism seals the Christian with the indelible spiritual mark (character) of his belonging to Christ. No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation. Given once for all, Baptism cannot be repeated.*

As Catholics, we just cannot get enough of Jesus. Jesus is the way and the goal. Jesus is the means and the end. Our desire to believe in Jesus is clearly manifest in us living through the life of Jesus, through the Liturgical Year or the "Jesus Calendar." The hope is that as we go through his life again and again, we become more and more like Jesus.

The Year. Walking from Advent to the Christ the King, we journey from Jesus' first coming and look forward to his second coming. As we hear the Gospel proclaimed and the liturgical prayers every Sunday, may we find new ways to grow deeper in our faith. The Week. Even every week, we have an opportunity to relive the Paschal Mystery: keep every Friday penitential (e.g. abstain from eating meat, and/or fast), and celebrate the Resurrection on Sunday. The Day. Pray daily at 3 PM, the hour when Jesus died on the Cross.

The Colors. **Purple**, used in Advent and Lent, represents penitence and preparation. **Pink**, on Gaudete and Laetare Sundays, is for joy. White (or Gold), on Christmas and Easter, and on feast of saints, is for glory and purity. **Red**, on solemnities of the Holy Spirit and feast of martyrs, is for the Third Person of the Trinity and a reminder for sacrifice, the shedding of blood. And **green**, during the Ordinary Time, is for growth.

The Music. The Mass is meant to be sung. As we move from a memorial to feast to solemnities, we celebrate more important events in the life of Jesus and of the Church. In worship, we express this with more sung parts at Mass.

Other Symbols. Advent wreath, crèche, the wood of the Cross, Easter lilies and flowers, Paschal Candle and candles, Icons, etc. Each season has its specific symbol, and their use is to help us enter more deeply into the mystery we celebrate.

*Christ is the Way!*