

ST. PATRICK PARISH, FALLOWFIELD



We are a vibrant and engaged faith community committed to building up one another in Christ. We are nourished by the sacraments, and our shared service to one another and the wider community.



FIRST READING

Isaiah 60.1-6

SECOND READING

Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

GOSPEL

Matthew 2.1-12

Psalms 72

LORD, EVERY NATION
ON EARTH WILL
ADORE YOU.

Gospel Reflection

The journey of the Magi is a powerful testament to faith, perseverance, and revelation. These wise men, guided by a star, left the comfort of their homeland in search of a King they did not know but believed to be greater than any earthly ruler. Their journey was not merely geographical but spiritual, reflecting the universal call to seek Christ.

The Magi's story reveals that God's invitation transcends borders, cultures, and expectations. Their arrival in Jerusalem and encounter with Herod highlights the contrast between those who seek power for selfish gain and those who humbly seek the truth. Herod's fear and deceit stand in

stark opposition to the Magi's joy and reverence.

Upon finding the Christ Child, the Magi offer gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, symbolizing Christ's kingship, divinity, and sacrifice. These gifts remind us to offer the best of ourselves to God, recognizing His sovereignty in our lives. Their act of worship invites us to reflect: Are we bringing our treasures—to honor Christ?

As we reflect on this Gospel, let us ask ourselves: Are we attentive to the signs God places in our lives? Are we willing to follow the star, even when the journey is uncertain?

January 5th
The Epiphany of the Lord

Manifestation, Salvation

Epiphany means manifestation. The feast of the Epiphany celebrates Christ being revealed to the whole world. Originally observed as a feast of the Nativity in the Eastern Church and celebrated on January 6, it was later adopted in Rome in the sixth century. Epiphany now crowns the Christmas season. The journey of the Magi from the East to honor Jesus symbolizes the first fruits of the Gentiles, affirming God's universal plan for salvation that embraces all nations and peoples. Their adoration is a sign of the unfolding Christian faith..

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Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	• † All Souls Intention
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	• Jhomara Elizabeth Santos Otazo and family (Intentions of) by Alan and Ann Gordon
Sunday	11:00 a.m.	• People of the Parish
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	• † All Souls Intention
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	• † Jack, Doris and Tim Coogan by the Family
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	• † All Souls Intention
Friday	9:00 a.m.	

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m. in the sacristy or by appointment



Seek and worship Christ, the true King and Light.

Did you know?

January 7th is Christmas Day in Eastern Traditions

In the Eastern Orthodox Church and some Eastern Catholic traditions, Christmas Day is celebrated on January 7th. This date corresponds to December 25th on the Julian calendar, which is still used liturgically by many Eastern Churches, as it runs 13 days behind the Gregorian calendar followed in the West. For these communities, January 7th marks the joyous celebration of Christ's Nativity, emphasizing His incarnation as the Light of the World and the fulfillment of God's promise of salvation.

The liturgical focus includes the Divine Liturgy and the proclamation of the Gospel narrative of Christ's birth. In some cultures, the festivities extend over multiple days, blending liturgical observance with traditional customs. While Western Christians have moved toward the conclusion of the Christmas season, the Eastern Church's observance on January 7th serves as a reminder of the diverse ways the mystery of Christ's birth is celebrated across the Christian world, highlighting the unity of faith amidst different traditions.

News & Events

New Year's Eve Dance Thursdays, Jan 23rd to March 23

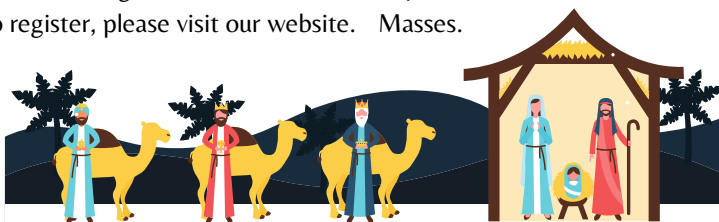


Join us for a 10-week journey into the heart of the Eucharist with the LECTIO: Eucharist video series, presented by acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre. This engaging study explores the biblical foundations of the Eucharist, highlighting its significance as foreshadowed in the Old Testament, revealed in the Gospels, and upheld by Apostolic teaching. For information on how to register, please visit our website.

Sacramental Preparation Wednesday, Jan 29, 7:00 p.m.



Registration for First Holy Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation in 2025 is now open and will close on January 17. A parent information and sacramental preparation meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Monsignor Baxter Parish Hall. Join us to learn about the program and important dates for the celebration Masses.



News & Announcements

2025: A Jubilee Year of Grace and Renewal

The Church joyfully proclaims 2025 as a Jubilee Year, a special time of grace, reconciliation, and renewal. A Jubilee, rooted in the biblical tradition, occurs every 25 years and offers an invitation for the faithful to deepen their relationship with God, seek forgiveness, and embrace a fresh start. The theme of the 2025 Jubilee is Pilgrims of Hope, reminding us of our journey toward Christ and our call to bring His hope to the world. Jubilee Years are marked by acts of charity and justice as we work to bring God's love to the world.

January 4th
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Faith, Education, Service

The first native-born American to be canonized. Elizabeth was a wife, mother, and educator who founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, establishing the first Catholic school system in the United States. We honor her example of devotion and dedication to Christ's mission.

January 7th
St. Raymond of Penyafort

Justice, Knowledge, Service

A Dominican priest and scholar known for his work in canon law and his deep commitment to the Church. He served as a theologian and confessor to King James I of Aragon and was appointed by Pope Gregory IX to compile and systematize Church law. His life continues to inspire those who seek to serve God through intellectual and spiritual pursuits.

Bringing Hope to Orphans in the Dominican Republic



A reminder to our parishioners: If you would still like to support the mission of students from Franco-Ouest French Catholic High School, there is still time to contribute. These students are travelling to the Dominican Republic to assist a Catholic orphanage, and are working toward their goal of raising \$10,000. Your generosity has been deeply appreciated, and they extend heartfelt thanks for the support received so far. To donate or learn more, please contact the parish office.

Support our Parish Through Bridlewood Home Hardware



Did you know that your purchases at Bridlewood Home Hardware (Michael Cowpland at Eagleson) can benefit St. Patrick Parish? Simply mention you're from St. Patrick Parish at checkout, and a percentage of the pretax sales will be donated back to the church. Thank you for supporting this initiative!



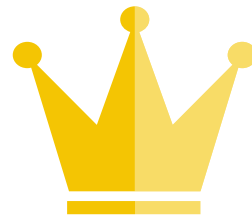
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Parish Community Activities Committee

In 2024, our parish has taken an exciting step forward by forming a new committee aimed at enhancing our parish life and fostering greater collaboration. The Parish Community Activities Committee (PCAC), which brings together representatives from key parish groups, including the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Women's League, the Legion of Mary, the Social Committee, and the Parish Office. This committee marks the first time these groups will work together in a unified effort, collaborating toward our common goals.

We look forward to the exciting changes this collaboration will bring, strengthening our bonds and enriching the life of our church. Stay tuned for more updates as we embark on this new chapter of shared ministry and service.



New Donation Envelopes Available

2025 donation envelopes are now available for pickup at the front of the church.

Children's Liturgy Resumes Next Week

Children's Liturgy resumes from Christmas break on January 12th at the 9 a.m. Mass.

Empty Host Containers

Throughout the year, we go through a significant number of hosts, reflecting our vibrant and active community. As a result, we have accumulated many empty host containers, which are now available at the front of the church for anyone who would like to take and repurpose one.

Join our team

9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Choirs



The 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Music Ministries are looking to expand their respective choirs. If you are

interested in joining, visit our website for details.

Sacramental Prep Team



We are forming a Sacramental Preparation Team to help prepare children and their parents for the sacraments. If you are interested in

joining, visit our website for details.

Children's Liturgy



The Children's Liturgy ministry is inviting anyone who feels called to share the joy of the Gospel with

children. If you are interested, visit our website for details.

Pastoral Care Registration



Through home visits, hospital outreach, and phone calls, our team brings comfort, encouragement, and a belonging to those

we serve. If you or someone you know would like to receive pastoral care, we invite you to register.

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Parish Life

- The Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church.
- The Legion of Mary meets Wednesday mornings in the McGivney Lounge (after the 9:00 a.m. Mass).
- The Catholic Women's League meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Monsignor Baxter Hall.
- The Knights of Columbus meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Monsignor Baxter Parish Hall.
- Children's Liturgy, for ages 4 through 9, is offered during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

Get Involved



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