

From The Desk of Fr. Patrick

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The recent celebrations at our parish have been moments of great joy, gratitude, and faith for the entire community of Saint Patrick Church. I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Saint Patrick's Day Party Committee for the tremendous work they did in organizing such a beautiful and joyful celebration. Their dedication, creativity, and hard work made the event truly colorful and memorable. Because of their efforts—and the generosity of so many parishioners who donated and supported the event, the celebration was amazing. Saint Patrick continues to intercede for our parish, and we are grateful to be part of this faith community as we journey together through our earthly lives. I am already confident that next year's celebration will be just as wonderful, if not even more so. I invite everyone to begin thinking now about how you might support the next Saint Patrick celebration.

Our gratitude also extends to Bishop Timothy O'Malley, who graciously came to bless our beautiful Saint Joseph Garden. This garden is now a sacred place of prayer and reflection for our parish community. I encourage everyone to find time to visit the garden, to pray quietly, and to seek peace in the presence of Saint Joseph, the faithful guardian and foster father of our Lord Jesus Christ. The garden stands as a sign of faith and devotion, and I am especially grateful to the generous family who donated this beautiful gift to the parish. Although they wish to remain anonymous, their generosity will bless many people who come to this sacred space seeking prayer and consolation.

Events like these remind us that a parish is not simply a building; it is a living community of faith. Every person who volunteers, donates, organizes, or participates helps strengthen the life of the parish. I warmly invite more parishioners to become involved in the many activities and ministries of our community. Each of us has gifts to share, and together we can continue building a vibrant parish that reflects the love of Christ.

The Gospel story of the raising of Lazarus in the Gospel of John reminds us of the power of faith and the glory of God revealed in our lives. When Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life," He reminded us that God is always bringing new life even in moments that seem difficult or uncertain. In the same way, our parish continues to grow and flourish through the faith and generosity of its members.

As we celebrate these blessings, I invite each of us to reflect prayerfully on an important question: *What impact/legacy will I leave at Saint Patrick Church when I leave this world?* Every act of kindness, every prayer, every gift of service becomes part of the legacy we leave behind. May Saint Patrick continue to intercede for our parish, may Saint Joseph watch over our families, and may God bless each of you for the many ways you support and strengthen our parish community.

-Fr. Patrick