# Cathedral Church of St. Patrick's

# August 2020

#### Service Times

Due to Covid-19 all services in the church will be limited to social distancing and communion in one kind until further notice. 10:00 AM service on Sunday will still be live streamed on Facebook till end of year.

## Sunday Services

8:00 AM Mass – Live 10:00 AM Mass – Live & Streamed 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Healing Service and Fellowship August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### Wednesday Services 6:00 PM Mass

Friday Services No Services during the summer



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## Father Michael's Musings for August

It is darkest before the dawn. That's a saying we all remember from our youth. As we start the month with a Hurricane targeting our home shore, and with the lingering effects of the Covid crisis and social justice movement, it can seem that our times are indeed dark. The impending election and its politics of division and ugliness will sap much of the dim light our culture could have offered in relief. Finally, the pressures we face in our personal lives, our relationships, our finances and our health, threaten to extinguish the light altogether.

Of course, the antidote to that darkness is to light a candle, to turn on a light. Now, where are those matches? How do I get to the light switch in the dark without tripping over the cat, or the stool, and breaking my leg? Why didn't I get fresh batteries for the flashlight? The answer to all those questions is that we are not very reliable in dealing with the darkness when we are dependent on ourselves alone. We make mistakes. We are impatient. We get weary. We get anxious. We feel helpless to the point of despair. That is how the devil attacks us, laying siege, applying pressure from every angle, withering our determination to find the light that will give us relief.

Jesus promised that He would never allow us so great a temptation that he would not also provide the means to escape. The love that God the Father has for us, realized in the offering of His only Son for our Redemption, is the Light that pierces the darkness. Finding that light depends on preparation and routine. We put the candles and matches in the bedside drawer. We turn on the lamp before we wander the room looking for the main switch. We buy batteries for our flashlight every June when hurricane season starts. To fight spiritual darkness, we also have to prepare and stay faithful to our routine. The Church, with the beauty of its liturgy and the abundance of grace in the Eucharist, is the remedy as the darkness closes in. It can never get so dark that we near despair, when we are regularly enlightened and warmed by the sacraments.

The miraculous epiphany that comes with that sacramental life is that we ourselves become the lamp when we are lit by the sacraments. The kindness, patience, charity and sacrifice Jesus inspire in us, and that the Holy Spirit empowers in us, light not only our lives, but the lives of everyone that we touch. That is how we battle against the darkness. We will be faithful to the sacraments, our prayers and personal holiness, and we will enlighten not only our own lives, but the whole world. In this time of darkness, let's be faithful to daily prayer and the Eucharist weekly. Be with us on Sunday if you can, and let us know if you can't, so that we can bring the sacraments and our prayers to you.

God bless you all.

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