

Dec. 27, 2015
The First Sunday after
Christmas Day



St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and Day School

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Our St. Patrick's Mission Statement:

"To love and obey God, to love each other and others and to let our light shine from this holy hill."

All are welcome to join us each and every Sunday morning for worship and to receive communion.

Rite I Worship Service: 8:00 AM

Rite II Worship Service: 10:15 with Choir & Sunday School

At St. Patrick's: Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Interim Rector

Fr. John Crean

Children's Ministry Director

Patty Buffaloe

Sr. Warden

Bob Wichmann

Youth Ministry Director

Robert Galletly

Jr. Warden

Ruthanne England

Financial Administrator

Kathryn Walters

Music Director

Dr. Eric Kinsley

Parish Administrator

Janet Enriquez

St. Patrick's Postulant

KC Robertson

Church office hours: Monday—Thurs from 9 AM to 3 PM

Please contact the Church Office for appointments w/Fr. John

For pastoral emergencies after hours, please contact

Fr. John on his cell at 626-372-5898

Altar Flowers
The Altar Flowers are Dedicated
to the Glory of God

John's Jottings

About Vigils and Feasts

When does the next day start? Sounds like a silly question, right? The answer you'd expect would be, "The next day doesn't start till tomorrow." But liturgically that's the wrong answer!

Some Episcopal churches have a Saturday evening Mass say at 5:00 p.m. That is not a Mass on Saturday. That service is considered a "Vigil Mass." It anticipates the Sunday liturgy, using all the same texts, but celebrates it the day before, usually at 5:00 p.m. or later.

That's why most churches used to have a Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve, as well as a number of evening Masses, as do we, at 5:00 and 8:00 p.m. These are CHRISTMAS Masses. The next liturgical day starts as of 5:00 p.m. the day before. Our Jewish sisters and brothers always start their *Sabbath* (which means *Saturday*) worship on Friday evenings.

We are condensing our Christmas services this year to two vigil Masses. It has become more and more the custom for people to attend church on Christmas Eve and spend family time together on Christmas Day at home. Christmas Day services have been more and more lightly attended, with more participants "up front" than "out there."

I do hope you will enjoy one or both of our celebrations this year: 5:00 p.m. geared to families with small children; 8:00 geared to adults and young adults. Some of us don't mind staying up a bit later, but few of us have the chops to wait till midnight—me at least!

God bless! Merry Christmas! Always with love, Fr. John+

Altar Flowers
Honor a loved one (birthday, anniversary, memorial, etc.) with a floral dedication. Sign up on the flower chart at the back of church. The suggested donation is \$40.00.
Checks to St. Patrick's Altar Guild with 'altar flowers' in the memo may be placed in the offertory plate.

For Those We Love
 Shirley Bland, Geoff Buck, Jane Calcante, Dorothy Collins, Diane Cotter, Sara Dale, Stacey Davison, Emma, Barbara Fielding, Carrie Grisom, Ray Elizabeth Herkner, Marion Jeffrey, Jack Kinsley, Haleigh Love, Joe Luce, Lucy Martin, Lois Osbourne, Fred Palmquist, Nancy Primo, Beth Sorensen, Tony Stephens, Evelyn Szpet, Margie Treichler & Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
 KC Robertson and Ryan Macias for Discernment

Rest of the Soul
 Arthur Beaven, Edward Brewton, and Lily Jensen

Children's Ministry
 Care for preschool children aged 2 1/2 - kindergarten is available in the sacristy wing. K-5th grade children are welcome to our Sunday school program each Sunday morning. Children gather in church at the start of the 10:15 worship and process to their SS classes.

Youth Ministry
 Middle & high school youth meet Sundays at 10:15 in the youth room, in the church office wing. Middle and high school classes meet each week from 10:15 to 11:00 and return to worship for communion.

There is no Youth Group Sunday, Dec. 27th. Youth Group resumes Sunday, Jan. 3rd, 2016.

Sunday Service Participants		
	8:00	10:15
Lector	Debbie McDonald	Candy Shaw
Crucifer		Cameron Love
Acolytes		Kaitlyn Coskun Haleigh Love
LEMs	Bill Tewksbury Launis Look	Doug Holmes Bob Wichmann
Ushers	Jack & Carol Shafer	Jim & Debbie Leon Stasia Simrall
Altar Guild	ALL TEAMS	

Isaiah 61: 10 - 62: 3
Psalm 147: 13-21
Galatians 3: 23 - 25; 4: 4-7
John 1:1 -18

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule**5:00 PM - Family Service with Holy Eucharist****8:00 PM - High Mass of Christmas Eve
with the St. Patrick's Choir**

There is no worship service on Christmas Day.

Poinsettias for Shut-ins and Loved Ones

You are invited to take poinsettia plants to shut-ins or loved ones on Sunday, Dec. 27th. See Jan Lyons at the back of church following worship.

Christmas Day Holy Communion Service

Please attend if you're able, and add your voices to the hymns! Service begins around 9:30 a.m.

**United Cerebral Palsy Homes, 2220 and 2170 Westlake Blvd
Thousand Oaks (north of Kanan Rd.)**

For more information, call The Rev. Pat Hendrickson at 808-237-9300.

Holiday Office Closure

The church office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 28th and Tuesday, Dec. 29th. Fr. John will be available in the office on Wed., Dec. 30th from 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM and Thursday, Dec. 31st from 10:30 AM to Noon. Contact Fr. John at 805-495-6441 ext. 102. For pastoral emergencies after hours, please call Fr. John at 626-372-5898.

Altar Flowers

Sign up to honor a special occasion (birthday, wedding, anniversary, memorial) with altar flowers. The flower chart for 2016 is on the wall in the back of the church. Please make checks payable to St. Patrick's Altar Guild. A donation of \$40 is suggested.

Weekly Wednesday Healing Mass—Begins Wed., Jan. 6th

Join Fr. John Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM for this midweek Eucharistic celebration.

Children's Epiphany Celebration

Come join us for the *Children's Ministry Celebration of the Epiphany* on Sunday Jan. 10th during the 10:15 service. All children are invited to participate and costumes will be provided. Please see Patty Buffaloe for more information.

Lily Jensen Memorial Service

A memorial service for Lily Jensen will be held here at St. Patrick's Church on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 1:00 PM.

The Parish Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for the Parish Annual Meeting: Sunday, Jan. 24th. We will hear from the church, the parish day school and our partner organizations. New vestry members and 2016 convention delegates will be elected at this important meeting.

Worship Service Training

All current LEMs, Ushers, Lectors and Acolytes are asked to attend a training with Fr. John on Sunday, Jan. 31st at 9:00 AM between worship services. A light snack will be offered.

CCC 10 Year Anniversary

The Conejo Compassion Coalition is celebrating 10 years of service to the poor. This celebration will culminate with a gala on 11 Feb, 2016. So mark your calendars now and plan to join us on the evening of Feb. 11th.

In conjunction with this celebration CCC will be publishing a glossy full color magazine detailing the work of our organization over the last decade. If you own a business we would like you to consider placing an ad in our magazine. If you do not own a business consider asking your employer to advertise with us. The funds raised from these advertisements will be used to build the next home in Haiti. See a CCC member following worship for all the details.

For additional information on this, and on the CCC in general, see: Merley Greenidge, Jan Lyons, Jill Murch, Linda Coskun, Lynn Malfatti, Cathy Svitek or Bob Bland.

Winter Shelter Program

The Winter Shelter Program is now at St. Julie's Catholic Church in Newbury Park through the end of March. St. Pat's serves meals and overnights on the second Saturday of each month. See Bob Bland for more details.

Conejo Compassion Coalition

Visit www.conejocompassion.org or call Bob Bland, 805-498-5682, for more info regarding the CCC.

Manna

Please donate to Manna. Bring your gifts of non-perishable food and hygiene items on Sundays to the front of church.

Mad Attic Thrift Shop

The shop is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00. Contact Barbara Powell or Gay Tortorici for information or to volunteer. MA: 805-497-1990. Please bring donations directly to the MA during open hours.

Studies & Groups**SPECL**

See Anne Van Cott for information on the St. Patrick's Ladies Group.

The Men's Group

The men's group gathers here for study, spiritual growth and fellowship. Contact Owen at 760-203-2422 for info and meeting times.

Bible Study

The Wed. Night Bible Study Group meets Wed. evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. For information, see Bob Bland or Ray Elizabeth Herkner.

Spiritual Reading Group

Friday's 1-3 PM: "An Adult Christ at Christmas" by Raymond E. Brown—Essays on the Three Biblical Christmas Stories, Matthew 2 and Luke 2
These infancy narratives represent a developed Christology proclaimed through a reflection on the origin of Jesus. The fruits of modern scientific approach to the infancy narratives, here presented in simple format, are intended for a wide ranging audience in search of inspiration for their spiritual life and for the celebration of the feast of Christmas. Call Ray Elizabeth Herkner for information.

Sunday Bible Discussion

Sunday Bible Study meets from about noon to 1:00 following the 10:15 service for a review of the books of the Bible, starting with the Old Testament. If you are a bit hazy on understanding of the Old Testament lessons, you are invited to join us. Contact Bob Wichmann for more information.

The Day School

Contact the Parish Day School
at
805-497-1416 or
www.stpatricksdayschool.org