

Dec. 6, 2015
The Second Sunday
of Advent



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

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

St. Patrick's Postulant

KC Robertson

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

It has been just wonderful being here the last week! I enjoyed our liturgies on Advent I and seeing many of you through the week. Two nights a week I am able to stay over at my youngest son's home in Northridge which cuts my travel time in half. Then the added bonus is being with our two baby granddaughters and their Mommy as well.

In subsequent "Jottings" I hope to be sharing more substantive material. For this week, please bear with me as I get used to my new "gig" in TO.

May I make one suggestion? Our organist, Eric, prepares both a prelude and a postlude for reflection before and after every Mass. These are pieces from organ literature (Bach, Buxtehude, etc.) which are thematically related to the focus of a given Sunday's liturgy.

Oftentimes, people chat during the prelude, or they get up to leave once the postlude starts. Since the service is really not over until the postlude is finished, could I please ask you to remain in your pew in reflective silence until he is finished? Use the moments to thank God for what we have received in this service. Thank you and God bless as we both prepare for Advent II. 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, Dorothy Collins, Diane Cotter, Sara Dale, Stacey Davison, Barbara Fielding, Carrie Grisom, Ray Elizabeth Herkner, Marion Jeffrey, Jack Kinsley, Haleigh Love, Joe Luce, Lois Osbourne, Fred Palmquist, Bob & Mary Pearson, Nancy Primo, John Rushton, Susan, Michael Schuler, Beth Sorensen, Tony Stephens, Evelyn Szpet and Margie Treichler

KC Robertson and Ryan Macias for Discernment

Please pray for those killed, the injured and the families of the San Bernadino shooting.

Repose of the Soul

Arthur Beaven, Ricardo Galvez, Rev. George Luthringer, Lily Rupp Mooney, Janet Lynn Westlund and Kimberly Ann

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. Enjoy cocoa in support of the mission trip during fellowship on Sundays.

Saturday, December 19th
**The Amazing Chase: In Search of
the Real Meaning of Christmas
Scavenger Hunt!**
Meet at church. 5:00-7:30pm.

Sunday Service Participants

| | 8:00 | 10:15 |
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| Lector | Lois Robinson | Bob Bland |
| Crucifer | | Ariana Greenidge |
| Acolytes | | Cali and Mia Greenidge |
| LEMs | Launis Look | Bob Wichmann |
| | Bill Tewksbury | Cindy Weaver |
| Ushers | Joanne & Patrick | Bob Bland, |
| | Justus | Bruce Benson, |
| | | Colin Greenidge, |
| | | Rich Guske |
| | | Holly Newcomb |
| Altar Guild | Doylenne Johnson, Ruthanne England and Shirley Bland | |
| Coffee Hosts | 8:00 Jack & Carol Shafer | |
| | 10:15 Tara Mead | |

Malachi 3: 1-4

Canticle 16

Philippians 1: 3-11

Luke 3: 1-6

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Christmas Pageant—Dec. 13th

Join us for our Annual Children's Christmas Pageant on Sunday, Dec. 13th during the 10:15 am service. Children of all ages are invited to participate. There will be a part and costume for all participants. A potluck lunch follows the pageant in the hall. Please bring an entrée, side, salad or dessert to share at the potluck. There will also be cookie decorating for children. Please contact Patty Buffaloe or KC Robertson for info.

Evensong at St. Patrick's

Please join The Choir of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in A Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, Dec. 13th at 7:30 pm. The service is a Journey through Advent in prayer, poetry, scripture and carols. Featuring guest musicians from California Lutheran University and the greater community. Father John Crean, presider, Ryan Macias, conducting. Features the music of Pavel Tschesnokov, Paul Manz, Elizabeth Poston, John Tavener, Olaf Christiansen and more.

DS Outreach Program

St. Patrick's Day School is teaming up with the Thousand Oaks Police Department and Conejo Recreation & Park District for its "Christmas on Warwick Avenue" project. We are collecting Barnes & Noble gift cards for dozens of very low-income children living on Warwick Avenue in Thousand Oaks. The deadline is Thursday, Dec. 10th. The gift cards will be distributed to the children on Friday. A collection box can be found inside the school office, or you may leave the cards with Janet in the church office.

Winter Shelter Program at St. Julie's

Meals are needed for the Winter Shelter Program Saturday, Dec. 12th at St. Julie's in Newbury Park. Please bring an entrée to serve 10-12 people to St. Julie's Church (2475 Borchard Rd.) by 6:00 pm. Volunteer servers are always welcome. Call Bob Bland at 498-5682 for more information.

Relief Fund

The Parish Relief Fund provides members of St. Patrick's immediate family relief aid in times of need. The loose offering at both services Sunday will be collected for this fund. Special offerings can also be made to this fund. Please make checks payable to St. Patrick's Church with Relief Fund written in the memo.

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettia plants will decorate the church for Christmas! Dedications in thanksgiving or memory of a loved one can be made on the clipboard at the back of the church. A donation of \$10 is suggested. Please place checks made out to St. Patrick's Altar Guild in the manila envelope or check 'paid cash' on the sign-up sheet.

St. Pat's Angel Tree

You are invited to give a gift to a needy family member through our Angel Tree gift tag outreach. Our tree will be loaded with gift tags and located at the back of the church from Sunday, Nov. 29th. Take a tag and return your wrapped gift with the tag attached. Sunday, Dec. 13th will be the last day to bring back your gifts. Thank you for your continued participation in this outreach. If you have questions, please Call Anne Van Cott at 805-427-0277.

An Invitation to Holden Evening Prayer

All are welcome to join in a special Advent service, Holden Evening Prayer, at King of Glory Lutheran Church in Newbury Park (2500 Borchard Rd.) on Wed., Dec. 9th at 7:00 PM. Contact King of Glory at 805-498-4812 for more details.

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. For additional information see: Merley Greenidge, Jan Lyons, Jill Murch, Linda Coskun, Lynn Malfatti, Cathy Svitek or Bob Bland.

No Room at the Inn—Dec. 4th – 6th

View hundreds of Nativity sets from private collections. Visit www.noroom.org for all the details. Padre Serra Catholic Church, 5205 Upland Avenue, Camarillo. For information, contact Kris at 805-497-6207 ext 205.

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

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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

The **Day School's Words on Wednesday (WOW)** is available at the main entrance.

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule - Dec. 24th

5:00 PM - Family Service with Holy Eucharist

8:00 PM—High Mass of Christmas Eve

There is no worship service on Christmas Day.