

Dec. 13, 2015
 The Third Sunday
 of Advent
 Rose Sunday



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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
 Sr. Warden
 Jr. Warden
 Music Director

Fr. John Crean
 Bob Wichmann
 Ruthanne England
 Dr. Eric Kinsley

Children's Ministry Director
 Youth Ministry Director
 Financial Administrator
 Parish Administrator
 St. Patrick's Postulant

Patty Buffaloe
 Robert Galletly
 Kathryn Walters
 Janet Enriquez
 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

The Eucharist

At the ten-fifteen Mass this morning you will notice that we are no longer using the loaf of bread. Using regular bread at Mass in a church setting is difficult to manage, especially having to break it into fairly equal bite-size pieces and then dealing with the problem of crumbs afterwards.

Episcopalians believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. For us to use a form of bread which allows crumbs of the most Blessed Sacrament of the altar to be spread about, trampled under foot and ultimately vacuumed up and trashed is, to say the least, disrespectful, if not altogether sacrilegious.

Using Communion wafers instead of "real" bread obviates the problem.

At ten-fifteen we will soon also be using a larger priest's host which itself breaks neatly into twenty-four pieces. It can be seen better by the people at the elevation of the Sacred Host, and also feeds congregants as well as priest!

More on the Eucharist and our practices later. The best news is that Jesus is here! He lives! He feeds! And, best of all, he loves.

Always with my love and prayers, 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, Emma, 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, Margie Treichler & Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
 KC Robertson and Ryan Macias for Discernment

Repose of the Soul
 Arthur Beaven, Edward Brewton, Ricardo Galvez, Lily Jensen, Rev. George Luthringer, Lily Rupp Mooney, Janet Lynn Westlund and Kimberly Ann Westlund

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
Lector	Debbie McDonald	Cindy Weaver
Crucifer		Zoey Cox
Acolytes		Kayla Cox and Ashley Fisher
LEMs	Anna Merriman Jan Robertson	Lynn Malfatti Bob Bland
Ushers	Evelyn Stephenson Richard Bitting	Bob Wichmann Cindy Weaver
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Janet & Jaime Enriquez 10:15 Brian & Lisa Rank	

Zephaniah 3: 14-20
Canticle 9
Philippians 4: 4-7
Luke 3: 7-18

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebration of Life for the Rev. George Luthringer

The funeral service for Fr. George Luthringer will be Saturday, Dec. 12th at 2:00 PM at St. Columba's Episcopal Church, 1251 Las Posas Rd. in Camarillo. A reception follows in the parish hall.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry was admitted to the hospital last Sunday after a "medical incident" while visiting Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, VA. In a statement issued following surgery, the Episcopal Church stated that "according to the Presiding Bishop, his family, and his medical team, the surgery went well, as had been expected. Bishop Curry is alert and awake, and a full recovery continues to be anticipated..." Please continue to keep him in your prayers for healing and his family in your prayers for comfort.

Christmas Pageant—Dec. 13th

Join us for our annual Children's Christmas Pageant 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. Our holiday potluck lunch follows in Hager Hall. Please bring an entrée, side, salad or dessert to share. 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. It features guest musicians from California Lutheran University and the greater community with Fr. John Crean presiding and Ryan Macias conducting. Featuring the music of Pavel Tschesnokov, Paul Manz, Elizabeth Poston, John Tavener, Olaf Christiansen and more.

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.

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. Take a tag and return your wrapped gift with the tag attached. **Thursday, Dec. 17th** is the last day to bring back your gifts. Thank you for your participation in this outreach. For more information, please Call Anne Van Cott at 805-427-0277.

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.

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.