

February 7, 2016

The Last Sunday  
After the Epiphany



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

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 in Memory of Ruth Romeo  
with Love from Jim and Debbie Leon*

## John's Jottings

### The Pause that Refreshes

Whenever I come to a new parish, one of my first innovations in liturgy is the more intentional use of silence—the habit of purposely pausing to absorb what has just been read or proclaimed.

On the whole, our liturgies in the Western Church—as distinguished from those of the Eastern Tradition—contain much more verbiage. The whole Western theological tradition is simply wordier than our Eastern counterparts. The Eastern liturgical tradition makes much more use of silence to foster a more mystical, meditative approach to God.

We really do need to *slow down* in order to digest what we have just said or heard. Some clergy habitually rattle through the liturgy as if they were on an express train. We should rather take a local—to continue the train metaphor—stopping at various stations to savor the stretch we have just traveled.

I never rush a liturgy. In my last parish, we printed in red the phrase "**We pause for silent reflection**" in the worship booklet itself. The intentional pause helps slow the pace and deepen our prayer life.

So if there are pauses during the service, don't worry. Your priest is not dozing off; he has not forgotten anything. Our silent reflection can and should be that spiritual "pause that refreshes." Please join me, especially during Lent, in exploring and embracing this practice.

God bless, and always with my 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

Cathy Adelman, Susanna Betti, Shirley Bland, Geoff Buck, Jane Calcante, Ted Dale, Stacey Davison, Evelyn Dineen, Ron Domkowski, Dylan, Emma, James Arthur Gordon, Gen Gunis, Dr. Ed Hager, Ray Elizabeth Herkner, Marion Jeffrey, Buff Johnson, Jack Kinsley, Jim Leon, Haleigh Love, Joe Luce, Mary Ann, Lynn Malfatti, Karen Maurer, Jean McNally, Bibi O'Neil, Lois Osbourne, Fred Palmquist, Dona Perry, Jan Robertson, Beth Sorensen, Evelyn Szpet, Grace Tallman, Bruce Teasdale, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and the Columbia Chapter of the Medical Brigades KC Robertson and Ryan Macias for Discernment

### Repose of the Soul

Diane Cotter, Dave Gurule, Per Hanson, David H. Johns, Craig Kinsley, Frank Kolman, Sue Ann Loomis, the Rev. David Maurer, Nancy Primo, Dick Seage and the Rev. Al Smith

### Children's Ministry

Care for preschool children aged 2 1/2 - kindergarten is available in the sacristy wing. K-5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Sunday Service Participants

8:00

10:15

**Lector**

Lois Robinson

Susan Sahlman

**Crucifer**

Lois Robinson

Mary Buffaloe

**Acolytes**

Lois Robinson

Amy & Christine Buffaloe

**LEMs**

Bill Tewksbury

Doug Holmes

**Ushers**

Jack & Carol Shafer

Jim Leon

John & Susan Sahlman,

Bob Wichmann,

Cindy Weaver

**Altar Guild**

Jane Calcante, Kathlene Stephens and

Joanne Justus

**Coffee Hosts:**

8:00 Debbie McDonald

10:15 Sharon Lexau and Grace Robinson

**Exodus 34: 29-35**

**Psalms 99**

**2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2**

**Luke 9: 28-36**

*O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Ash Wednesday is February 10<sup>th</sup>**

Worship services with Eucharist and imposition of ashes are 8:30 AM (with the parish day school), 10:30 AM, 12:00 noon and 7:30 PM (with the choir).

**CCC 10th Year Anniversary**

The Conejo Compassion Coalition 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner will be February 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 9:00 PM. Come celebrate with us and help support our work on behalf of the poor throughout the world. Tickets are \$75.00 apiece and CCC members will be selling them on Sunday after church. We hope that you will help support this outreach to those less fortunate than ourselves.

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. (805-498-5682)

**Charlie's Chili Cook-off—Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

The annual Chili Cook-off is Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 AM in Hager Parish Hall. All are welcome to join in the fun. To participate, you will make two batches of chili; one to taste and one to sell in an auction. For all the details and to sign up, please see Robert Galletly on Sundays. Proceeds benefit the 2016 Dallas Mission Trip.

**Lenten Program with King of Glory Lutheran Church**

Fr. John and Pastor Steve of King of Glory Lutheran Church invite all to a joint five week Lenten program of worship, music and reflection. Gather for supper & fellowship at 6:00 PM followed by the program at 7:00 PM. It all begins Wed., February 17<sup>th</sup> at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 2500 Borchard Rd, Newbury Park. See Fr. John or contact Pastor Steve of KoG Church at 805-498-4812 for additional information.

**Weekly Wednesday Healing Mass**

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

**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.

**Altar Flowers for Our Outreach Flower Ministry**

Please join Cindy Weaver in the church kitchen following the 10:15 worship service to help with arranging altar flowers and the delivery of the vases to those who cannot join us on Sunday. For more info, see Cindy Weaver.

**Day School Souper Bowl**

The Day School is kicking off their annual Souper Bowl Manna Donation drive. You are invited to bring in extra soup cans for their SOUPER BOWL. They will have two bins for donations. They are marked with the competing teams. Bring in soup cans and put them in the bin for your team. Right before the Super Bowl, we will see who St. Patrick's predicts will be the Super Bowl winner. Please support the Day School and Manna.

**Winter Shelter Program at St. Julie's**

St. Patrick's will be providing meals for the homeless at St. Julie Billiard Catholic Church in Newbury Park on **Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please bring an entrée, side, salad or dessert to feed 10-12 people to St. Julie's by 6:00 PM. Volunteer servers are welcome.

**38<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONEJO VALLEY CROP WALK - Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.**

Last year, over 400 walkers in the Conejo Valley raised almost \$40,000! Out of that, \$10,000 was shared by Manna, Conejo and Westlake Village Meals on Wheels, and Lutheran Social Services Community Care Center. St. Patrick's Church has been involved since 1978 and we welcome everyone to be involved. Walkers & sponsors can register by picking up a packet after both services every Sunday until the walk on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Six miles, four miles, or a 20-minute campus stroll at Cal Lutheran University! Registration at CLU Sports Complex begins at noon; the walk starts at 1:00 on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Join us in the walk to help the hungry, here and elsewhere! For more info to donate online, go to <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/thousand Oaks/Team/View/16918/St-Patricks-Episcopal-Church>, or contact Jill Murch at 805-498-2616 or [jillmurch@aol.com](mailto:jillmurch@aol.com)

**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](http://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. 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](http://www.stpatricksdayschool.org)

**WORD FOR THE DAY**

Death is not extinguishing the light; it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come.

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