

March 13, 2016
 The Fifth Sunday in Lent
 Passion Sunday
 The Feast of St. Patrick



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

Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Interim Rector Fr. John Crean

Sr. Warden Anna Merriman

Jr. Warden Paul Teagle

Music Director 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.

*The Altar Floral Arrangement,
 Bells of Ireland,
 is Dedicated to the Glory of God
 in Honor of Our Patron Saint,
 St. Patrick.*

John's Jottings

Offentimes our prejudices and biases are so deeply rooted in our childhood experiences, or those prejudices and biases we picked up from our parents, that we don't realize how powerful they still are in our lives. This meditation by our beloved Fr. Henri Nouwen is timely, I think, as race, religion and ethnicity have once again "surfaced" in our society, especially during this highly unusual election year. Enjoy and spend some time meditating on this one.

As always, with love,

Fr. John

One of the hardest spiritual tasks is to live without prejudices. Sometimes we aren't even aware how deeply rooted our prejudices are. We may think that we relate to people who are different from us in colour, religion, sexual orientation, or lifestyle as equals, but in concrete circumstances our spontaneous thoughts, uncensored words, and knee-jerk reactions often reveal that our prejudices are still there.

Strangers, people different than we are, stir up fear, discomfort, suspicion, and hostility. They make us lose our sense of security just by being "other." Only when we fully claim that God loves us in an unconditional way and look at "those other persons" as equally loved can we begin to discover that the great variety in being human is an expression of the immense richness of God's heart. Then the need to prejudge people can gradually disappear.

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

Bruce Benson, Carlos Enriquez, Lloyd Frazier, Bill & Christa Funk, Linda Honey, Marion Jeffrey, Jack Kinsley, Shirley Kinsley, Leonice, Lynn Malfatti, Owen Nielsen, Mary Ann and James Thweatt
 KC Robertson, St. Pat's Postulant and Ryan Macias for Discernment

Rest of the Soul

Eudora Church, Dr. Edward Hager, Peter Jackman, Jim Nielson and Chris Nelson

Family Ministry

Sunday School

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 Group

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 Debbie McDonald

Greg Gerardis

Crucifer

Mary Buffaloe

Acolytes

Amy & Christine
 Buffaloe

LEMs John Sahlman

Lynn Malfatti

Susan Sahlman

Bob Wichmann

Ushers Joanne & Patrick

Greg Gerardis, Ken Cox,

Justus

Doug Holmes, John & Marilyn

Chavez, Bernie Honey

Altar Guild Doyleenne Johnson, Ruthanne England
 and Shirley Bland

Coffee Hosts: 8:00 Debbie McDonald

10:15 Jeff & Ken Cox

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3: 4b-14

John 12: 1-8

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Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Daylight Saving Time

Please turn your clocks ahead one hour ("Spring Forward") Saturday night. Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday March 13th.

The Funeral for Dr. Edward Hager

The funeral for Dr. Edward Hager will take place Saturday, April 2nd at 1:00 PM at St. Patrick's. A reception with the family will follow in Hager Hall. Please keep Christa, Dan, Bobby, and the entire family in your prayers.

Winter Shelter Program—March 12th

St. Patrick's will provide dinner for our homeless guests on Sat., March 12th at St. Julie's in Newbury Park. This will be the last Saturday at St. Julie's until December of 2016. Please bring an entree, side, salad or dessert to St. Julie's by 6:00 PM. Volunteers are welcome. Beginning Sunday April 3rd St. Pat's will again host the dinner program every Sunday night here in Hager Parish Hall at 6:00 PM. Contact Bob or Shirley Bland for information.

Crop Walk

A BIG THANK YOU to all participants in CROP Walk this year, walkers and those who generously supported them. March 6th was a perfect day for a walk -16 walkers from St. Patrick's!! Great turnout! If anyone was not able to walk and needs to turn in their envelope, it's not too late: please contact Jill Murch - 805-279-8338.

"Three For Me" Month of March

At this time each year, all organizations supporting the CROP Walk do a big push to fill Manna Food Pantry shelves with donations. This March has been designated "Three For Me" month - please try to bring at least 3 non-perishable food or personal hygiene items each Sunday during the month of March. The donations will be carefully counted by Day School students. Your generosity will go a long way!

Easter Flower Dedications

Lilies will decorate the church for Easter. 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.

The Flowering Cross

The Flowering Cross will be out in front of the church doors on Easter morning. Please bring flowers from your garden on Easter Sunday to "flower the cross". This is a striking and beautiful way to symbolize the new life we celebrate at Easter.

Wednesday Lenten Opportunities

Join in either the Wednesday Healing Worship at 10:30 AM or the program on Covenant (see below). You could "mix and match" or do both if you wish. Come one, come all.

Let's journey together in faith! Fr. John+

Lenten Program with King of Glory Lutheran Church

Gather for supper & fellowship at 6:00 PM followed by the program at 7:00 PM. The series is underway Wednesday evenings at King of Glory Lutheran Church, 2500 Borchard Rd, Newbury Park.

4th week: Covenants are Inclusive—March 9th

5th week: Covenants are Touched in Communion—March 16th

See Fr. John or contact King of Glory at 805-498-4812 for info.

Holy Week and Easter Services

Palm Sunday, March 20th at 8:00 and 10:15 AM

Courtyard Blessing of the Palms and procession into church to hear the Passion Narrative and have Eucharist.

Maundy Thursday: Thursday, March 24th at 7:30 PM

The Vigil: Follows 9:00 PM to Midnight and 7:00 AM to Noon
Sign up at the back of church.

Good Friday: Friday, March 25th at Noon and 7:30 PM

Easter Sunday, March 27th

Rite I at 8:00 AM Rite II with Choir at 10:15 AM
Children's Sunday School Easter Program and Annual Egg Hunt during the 10:15 worship service.

Winter Shelter Program

The Winter Shelter Program is at St. Julie's Catholic Church in Newbury Park on March 12th. The dinner program returns to St. Patrick's Sunday, April 3rd. See Bob or Shirley Bland for 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.

Please do not leave items in the

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

Chapel: Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:30 AM