

April 17, 2016
The Fourth Sunday
of Easter



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.

Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers are
Dedicated to the Glory of God
and in Loving Memory of
Glenda Homoliski from
Her Dear New England
Friend Jan Lyons

John's Jottings

Something about Easter

Several weeks ago we completed Lent and Holy Week. That is a forty-day period of introspection and preparation for Easter. The Easter season is more properly referred to as **Eastertide** (*tide* being an old English word for time). The liturgical season of Eastertide lasts fifty days, and ends with Pentecost (*pente* meaning fifti-eth). Pentecost—sometimes referred to as the birthday of the church—celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. It was the moment when they were empowered, commissioned and ordained for ministry.

But what about Eastertide? Is it just an in-between filler time, with Lent as one bookend and Pentecost the other? By no means! Eastertide is a deliberately prolonged celebration of Christ's Resurrection on Easter Day. One day is not long enough to grasp the full significance of the Easter miracle. It was not long enough for the disciples; and it's not long enough for us either.

Remember: Jesus was a master teacher. He had to remain on duty, as it were, providing continuing education for his apostles—and in some cases, *remedial* education! Some of them had pretty hard heads, just like you and me.

Christ's post-resurrection appearances, as documented in the Acts of the Apostles, are powerful teaching tools. They were so for the apostles of his day, just as well they are for us in our own day. One day is not enough. Easter is not "over" on Easter Sunday. It goes on for an entire season.

I look forward to continuing our post-Easter journey through the Acts of the Apostles, as we look for the resurrection power of Jesus. One contemporary Christian denomination with which I collaborated back in Michigan chose a wonderful name for itself: **Resurrection Life!** We used to call it **Res Life** for short.

What a wonderful focus for our Christian life! With the Easter miracle, Jesus answered Pilate's cynical question, "What is truth?" most eloquently and most definitively—as He rose from the grave, glorious and immortal.

We are now about half-way through this precious season of Eastertide, as we witness that truth being spoken to miraculous power. Please commit to joining me every Sunday—and Wednesdays, as you are able—to celebrate our ongoing Resurrection Life at Saint Patrick's.

Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed! Easter blessings,

Father 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.

For Those We Love

Geoff Buck, Philippe Burnham, Kathy Clausen, Debbie, Herb, Linda Honey, John, Peggy Lane, Jennifer Leeb, Lynn Malfatti, Margaret, Marie Manos, Mary Ann, Ruth, Fran Schemer and Greg Sorenson

KC Robertson, St. Pat's Postulant and Ryan Macias for Discernment

Rest of the Soul

Bernard Moon, Shirley Spehar and Evelyn and Pastor George Spindt

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.

Acts 9: 36-43

Psalms 23

Revelation 7: 9-17

John 10: 22-30

www.lectionarypage.net

Outreach

Homeless Dinner Program
The Homeless Dinner Program serves meals here in Hager Hall on Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM through the end of November. 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 do not leave items in the front of the church.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Sunday Service Participants		
	8:00	10:15
Lector	Martha Stewart	Evan Stephens
Crucifer		Morgan O'Connor
Acolytes		Cali and Mia Greenidge
LEMs	Bob Wichmann	Cindy Weaver
	Bill Funk	Creighton Stephens
Ushers	Evelyn Stephenson	Jim and Debbie Leon
	Richard Bitting	Stasia Simrall
Altar Guild	Team B	
Coffee Hosts:	8:00 Brian and Lisa Rank	
	10:15 Debbie McDonald	

Announcements

Wednesday Night Study Program

The Wednesday program meets each week at 6:00 p.m. in the hall with dinner at 6:30, and the program from 7:00 to 8:00. Participants take turns preparing a meal to share and enjoy.

You're invited to the ongoing program called **"Too Busy Not to Pray"**, by Bill Hybels. Wednesdays through April 20th. For more information, please contact John or Susan Sahlman at 805-493-0236.

Immediately following the above series, join us for another four week session called **"Mere Christianity"** by C.S. Lewis. Wednesday evenings April 27th through May 18th. Again, for more information, contact the Sahlmans at 805-493-0236.

"Three For Me"

Although March has now come and gone, why not try to bring three non-perishable food or personal hygiene items in support of Manna. Any gifts you can bring are greatly appreciated. Place your items in the baskets at the front entrance. These weekly donations are carefully counted by our Day School students. Thank you for your generosity.

Church Library

St. Patrick's has a church reference library located in the parish hall. It has many wonderful books and media materials for both adults and children. It is open on Sunday mornings during worship & fellowship and also in the week during church office hours.

Mad Attic Scholarship Applications

The Mad Attic Thrift Shop gives a generous scholarship each year to a St. Patrick's Church graduating high school senior actively involved at St. Patrick's. Applications are available in the church office and are due back by May 1st. See Barbara Powell or Gay Tortorici for more information.

Studies & Groups

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See Anne Van Cott for info 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 info, see Bob Bland or Ray Elizabeth Herkner.

Spiritual Reading Group

Friday's from 1-3 PM. Call Ray Elizabeth Herkner for info.

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 your understanding of the Old Testament lessons, you are invited to join us. Contact Bob Wichmann for more info.

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



Weekly Wednesday Healing Mass

Join Fr. John Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for this weekly Eucharistic celebration and healing. Whether the healing you seek is physical or spiritual, you are welcome to come occasionally or each week as the spirit moves you.

Join us next Wed., April 20th as we honor Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1109