

October 23, 2016
 The Twenty-third Sunday
 after Pentecost



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	Children's Ministry Director	Patty Buffaloe	
Priest	The Rev. George Daisa	Youth Ministry Director	Robert Galletly
Sr. Warden	Anna Merriman	Financial Administrator	Kathryn Walters
Jr. Warden	Paul Teagle	Parish Administrator	Janet Enriquez
Music Director	Dr. Eric Kinsley	St. Patrick's Postulant	KC Robertson

Church office hours: Monday—Thurs from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Altar Flowers
 are Dedicated to the
 Glory of God



A Message From Your Priest

The lens through which I am seeing my life this week is found in the very question Jesus asks the followers of John the Baptist in John 1:35-39:

The next day John was back at his post with two disciples, who were watching. He looked up, saw Jesus walking nearby, and said, "Here he is, God's Passover Lamb." The two disciples heard him and went after Jesus. Jesus looked over his shoulder and said to them, "What are you seeking? What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?" He replied, "Come along and see for yourself." They came, saw where he was living, and ended up staying with him for the day (from The Message).

"What are you seeking, George," I've asked myself at least twenty-five times so far this week. In small decisions, and in moments requiring some kind of action, I have found myself reminded of Jesus' question to you and me: "George, in this very moment, what are you seeking?" And then I play out whatever response I have in real world circumstances, and from that scenario ask myself if my response leads to the building up of God's kingdom, or of my own kingdom? Usually, it's the latter, but as I ask Jesus to work in me, to renew my spirit within me, the response of "Yes!" to God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven bursts forth from my heart more...

It says a lot about who we are and what we value, the things we seek. If we seek our own kingdom, then we will reap toil and challenge. But if we seek God's kingdom, that is, if we seek what God is doing, Scripture and hindsight affirm that "everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved," says Paul to the church in Rome. Another way to put it is, whoever seeks God will find God, guaranteed. And so, God's kingdom has shown up for me many times this week, and the result is the same as it was for the author of Psalm 118:5-6: "In my anguish I cried to the Lord, and God answered by setting me free." Setting me free to seek God, and God's righteousness... God is good!

(The Rev.) George Daisa

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. Checks to St. Patrick's Altar Guild with 'altar flowers' in the memo may be placed in the offertory plate.

For Those We Love

Kaitlyn, Bill Bitting, Katie Carter, Joan Funk, Rosemary Licata, Marie Manos, Vincenzo McFadden, Jasmine Novick, Bibi O'Neill, Linda Read, Mary Ann, Thelma Schafer, Phil Womble and Janalee Young

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

Rest of the Soul

Tom Appleford, Judy Dettre, Deane Funk, Walda Gorian, Jack Kinsley, Jason Newman, Michael Newton and Jeryd David Zaccardo

Family Ministry

Sunday School

Care for preschool children aged 2 1/2 to 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 classes.

Youth Group

Please contact Robert Galletly at 805-807-5635 for information regarding youth group.

Sunday Service Participants

	8:00	10:15
Lector	Debbie McDonald	Debbie Leon
Crucifer		Haleigh Love
Acolytes		Kaitlyn Coskun
		Robert Svitek
LEMs	Bill Tewksbury	Rick Spindel
		Jodi Spindel
Ushers	Jack & Carol Shafer	Jim & Debbie Leon
		Stasia Simrall
Altar Guild	Team A	
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Barbie Glass & Jan Robertson	
	10:15 Brian & Lisa Rank	

Joel 2: 23-32
 Psalm 84: 1-6
 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
 Luke 18: 9-14
www.lectionarypage.net

Announcements

All Saints

On All Saints' Day, the emphasis is on all the saints - known and unknown, the famous and the unsung, the renowned and "those whose faith is known to God alone." We remember our own saints, those with whom we lived and loved and who have died, in the reading of the Necrology at the center of this Liturgy.

Though this can seem sad, All Saints' Day is a great feast of the triumph of the Risen Christ. It is the Easter mystery at its ultimate glory. It is a reminder of the day to come when "Christ will be all in all."

To ensure that we include your saints on this Sunday, please email Janet Enriquez by Tuesday, November 1, with the names of those whom you would like to include during this Sunday's reading. (Names submitted after Nov. 1 and by noon on Thurs., Nov. 3 may still be read aloud during the Necrology reading, but will not be printed in the All Saints' Day leaflet.)

And be sure to make a note: we will celebrate the saints in one combined service on Sunday, November 6, at 9:00 am.

Calling All Liturgical Ministers!

**Liturgical Ministers Training Day:
Saturday, November 5, 9:00 – 11:00 am**

Have you been wondering what Fr. George's liturgical style might be; wondering whether you should begin the Nicene Creed or will he; or if you've wanted to push him right out of the way when he walks so slowly to the Altar, this training day will be your chance to get clarity!

If you serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, Lector or Usher at St. Patrick's, or if you've ever wanted to serve in one of these roles, please join Fr. George for Liturgical Minister's Training. Questions? Contact Fr. George at gdaisa@stpatschurch.org.

Acolyte Service Training Days at St. Pat's

This is a wonderful opportunity for youth to get involved, serve God, take on a leadership role at church, and learn more about what happens during the worship service. Youth in grades 5 through 12 are invited to become acolytes. Each acolyte serves approximately once a month based on their availability.

All current acolytes and those who are interested in becoming an acolyte are asked to attend a training for acolytes at 9:00 a.m. between services on either Sunday, Oct. 30, or Sunday, Nov. 13. Please let Fr. George know if you cannot attend a scheduled training day.

Please consider this ministry for your child. This is also a great way to earn service hours and have an outstanding leadership role to discuss on college applications. For more information and to become an acolyte, please contact Kathryn Walters at kkwalters.cpa@gmail.com.

The 2017 Pledge Campaign Continues

Please prayerfully consider your pledge for 2017, and return your pledge card on or before October 30, at our Pledge Card Ingathering at both services.

We will gather in one service on Sunday, November 6, at 9:00 am to celebrate All Saints' Sunday when we will bless the offerings of our time, talent and treasure for the work of God in and through St. Patrick's.

Homeless Dinner Program

St. Patrick's will host the homeless dinner program Sunday, Oct 30. Parishioners are asked to support this outreach and bring an entrée, salad, side or dessert that feeds 10-12 people to church by 5:30 p.m. Thank you as always for your participation and support.

Wednesday Healing Service

Join Fr. George on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for Holy Eucharist, healing prayers and anointing.

Daylight Saving Time

Don't forget to change your clocks and "Fall Back" on Sunday, Nov. 6.

*On Sunday, Nov. 6th we will have a
single worship service at 9:00 a.m.
in observance of All Saints' Sunday.
Bob Bland and the missionaries will give a presentation
on their recent mission trip to Uganda.*

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 conejocompassion.org or call Bob Bland, 805-498-5682, for more information.

Manna

Bring your donations of non-perishable food and hygiene items on Sundays to the baskets in the front of church.

Mad Attic Thrift Shop

The shop is open Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00. Contact Mary Ann Palmquist or Ruthanne England for info or to volunteer. 805-497-1990. Please do not leave items in the front of the church.

The Order of St. Patrick's

Our OSP ministers provide love and connection in times of need. OSP makes phone calls to those who are ill or shut-in to check in and remind them of our prayers and care. If you wish to join OSP, please call Jill Murch at 805-498-2616. If you know of anyone in need of a call, please call the church office.

Studies & Groups

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See Anne Van Cott for info on the St. Patrick's Ladies Group.

Bible Study

The Wed. Night Bible Study Group meets Wed. evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. For information, see Bob Bland.

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. We started with Genesis and are now doing the Minor Prophets. We will start the New Testament soon. All are invited! Please contact Bob Wichmann for more information.

The Day School

Contact the Parish Day School at
805-497-1416 or
www.stpatricksdayschool.org