

Nov. 27, 2016
The First Sunday
of Advent



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	
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	Sexton	Dave Mead
Children's Ministry Director	Patty Buffaloe	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 and
in Thanksgiving
For All Our Blessings**

A Message From Your Priest

Dear Beloved St. Patrick's,

My message today is simple: I give God thanks for all that I have, for all that I am, and for all that God has created me to be. And, I give special thanks this holiday for the gift of my new St. Patrick's family. After all, it is God's call to me to serve you which is putting into practice my leadership, administrative, and teaching skills, just to name a few. If not for you, I would not now enjoy such rich and gratifying challenges and growth, both personally and professionally. If not for you, my family and I would not have the delight of calling ourselves residents of Thousand Oaks and the gorgeous Conejo Valley. And so, on this Thanksgiving Day, my family and I will give thanks to God for you, St. Patrick's.

Tomorrow, Karen and I will join Amelia, who has already gone ahead of us to Bakersfield where my brother and my folks still live. My Mother, Debbie, will host only a small gathering this year, a mere shadow of the great feast once attended by upwards of twenty-five family and friends. We will enjoy Thanksgiving dinner together, and we will go around the table to offer thanks for someone or something in particular. When it comes to me, I will thank and bless you all, and it will sound something like this:

*When I arise in the morning, I give thanks for the morning light.
I give thanks for my life and my strength.
I give thanks for my food and I give thanks for the joy of living.
And, I give thanks to God for the gift of new life found
in and for a new community:
God grant us love and the willingness to share it abundantly!*

God bless you and yours, and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

See you in Advent!

(The Rev.) George Daisa

Sunday Service Participants

	8:00	10:15
Lectors	John Sahlman	Adrian Benson
Crucifer		Mary Buffaloe
Acolytes		Amy & Christine Buffaloe
LEMs	Susan Sahlman	Rick Spindel
		Jodi Spindel
Ushers	Jack & Carol Shafer	Bob Bland, Bruce Benson, Colin Greenidge, Rich Guske and Holly Newcomb
Altar Guild	Kathlene Stephens, Joanne Justus, Jane Calcante	
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Fred Blaich and Judy Malamis	10:15 Dave and Tara Mead

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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

Bishop Bruno, Florence Bland, Kathryn Carlsen, Zoey Cox, Karisma Carmichael, Stacey Davidson, Lanarra Ferguson, Joan Funk, VanNessa Hulme, Betty Kren, Fr. Peter Lleo, Ingrid Ames Loberg, Marie Manos, Bibi O'Neill, Jeffrey Perrine, Mary Ann, Evan Stephens, Kathlene Stephens, Nora Stone, Marlo Thompson, Joyce Throgmorton and Arthel Weibezahl
KC Robertson, St. Pat's Postulant and Ryan Macias for Discernment

Rest of the Soul

Stacey Guzman,
Xie Keady-Cranmer,
Robert Arthur Osborne

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.

**Isaiah 2: 1-5
Psalm 122 (8:00)
Romans 13: 11-14
Matthew 24: 36-44
www.lectionarypage.net**

Announcements

Parish Offices Closed to Observe Thanksgiving Holiday

Please note that the parish offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24 and 25, in observance of Thanksgiving.

St. Pat's Angel Tree

You are invited to give a gift to one in need in our community through our Angel Tree Outreach in partnership with Lutheran Social Services. Our tree will be loaded with gift tags and located at the back of the church from Sunday, Nov. 27. Take a tag and return your wrapped gift, with the tag attached, to the tree. Please include a gift receipt where possible in your wrapped present. Sunday, Dec. 11 will be the last day to bring back your gifts. Thank you for your continued participation in this outreach. If you have questions, please call Anne Van Cott at 805-427-0277.

St. Patrick's Nativity Pageant & Parish Potluck

St. Patrick's Children's Ministry presents the annual Nativity Pageant and Potluck on Sunday, Dec. 11. The pageant, held during the 10:15 worship, will have a part for every interested child. Following the service, gather in Hager Hall for a festive potluck brunch to celebrate the holidays. Parishioners are asked to please bring an entrée, side dish, salad or dessert to share. For more information on the children's pageant, please see Patty Buffaloe, Director of Children's Ministry.

The Amazing Chase: In Search of the Real Meaning of Christmas Scavenger Hunt – Saturday, December 17, 5:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Youth Group will search for the real meaning of Christmas here in our own hometown. Pizza and Refreshments will be provided. Invite your friends to join in the fun. Drivers are needed. Please see Robert Galletly on Sundays for more details.

Greening of the Church

Saturday, December 17 - 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Enjoy a family friendly event complete with hot mulled cider and treats, music and fellowship while we 'green' the church with garland and seasonal decorations.

Yoga with Karen Daisa

Tuesdays at 10:30 am, beginning Nov. 29 in the parish hall. \$12 is the suggested donation. Bring a yoga mat (non-toxic, please) and a towel.

Each class is tailored to the needs of those present. Emphasis is given to the importance of breath while guiding the students through postures. Using the breath as a guide will help the students go deeper into themselves and transform on many levels. All Ages and Levels of Flexibility and Experience Welcome!

No Room at the Inn

Hundreds of Nativities will be on display at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church. The opening Gala is Friday, December 2 from 6-9 p.m. \$30 includes appetizers and entertainment. Display hours are: Saturday, Dec. 3, 10-7; Sunday Dec. 4, 10-5:30, \$5 adult, \$1 child. Proceeds help the homeless of Ventura County. There will be a Children's Corner and a Silent Auction. For Gala reservations or more info, Please contact Laraine at 805-304-0806.

Holiday Shopping with Amazon

Support St. Patrick's Episcopal Church & Day School when shopping online with Amazon. Amazon will donate 5% for every purchase made.

Log onto **smile.amazon.com**. When asked if you would like to donate to a charity, write in "**St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and Day School.**" Proceed with your shopping and the donation will be automatically applied. **It takes 5 seconds to donate 5%!**

10:15 Coffee Hosts/Hostesses Welcome

The 10:15 coffee crew welcomes new volunteers to help with coffee service on Sunday mornings. If you would like to volunteer & help with this ministry, please contact Sharon Lexau for more details at 805-495-3639 and leave a message.

Wednesday Healing Service

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

Outreach

Homeless Dinner Program

The Homeless Dinner Program serves meals here in Hager Hall on Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM through Nov. 27. The Winter Program resumes at St. Julie Billiard in December. 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 donations 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