

Dec. 4, 2016
The Second 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

	<i>At St. Patrick's</i>	<i>Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ</i>	
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 Loving Memory
of Lily Jensen**

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Dear Friends,

This weekend your delegates and alternates and I will travel far out to the outer reaches of the Diocese to the city of Ontario for our annual Diocesan Convention. Thousands of lay folks and clergy types alike will gather to take care of the business of the Diocese, worship together and set a vision for the future of our Church. We will, however, do something at this convention that we don't often do: we will elect a new Bishop Coadjutor who will succeed Bishop Bruno as Bishop Diocesan when he retires. This is very exciting for two reasons. First, a new vision and new energy for this vital ministry of leadership. Most of the candidates for Bishop Coadjutor are young-ish – in their late forties or early fifties – so they will have a fresh, energetic approach to leading our Diocese, and most have first-hand experience working in the trenches of parish ministry. Second, each of the candidates have demonstrated a desire to lead our Diocese in a way that is not simply a referendum on the previous administration (which is often the case no matter who is succeeded), but will bring to the job their own understanding of how God and the People of this Diocese have called them to lead in this time and place, standing on the shoulders of those who have gone before. I believe each candidate has the grace and understanding to carry forward those initiatives and policies which have worked for Diocese, and the wisdom and courage to let go of those which have not, and they have each spoken in their own ways of how they would do this in a spirit of love and respect. We should be proud and grateful to God that we have so many great candidates to choose from.

I also want to take this opportunity to highlight a great Advent/Christmas outreach initiative we're participating in again this year. Project Safe Passage is an initiative of the Thousand Oaks Police Department to eliminate gang-related crime by stopping gang recruitment and the replenishment process among at-risk youth, between the ages 5-12. These kids are our future! We are partnering with St. Patrick's Day School again this year to offer Barnes & Noble Bookseller gift cards to these kids, who often do not have access to books for learning and entertainment. We're collecting B&N gift cards of any monetary value over the next three Sundays, through December 18. These cards will be delivered to the kids, and then they will be bussed to our local B&N for a private shopping experience just for them, when they can purchase books of their own choosing. So, please, stop by the local B&N Bookseller at 160 Westlake Blvd, Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 and purchase a gift card or two, and bring them to church on a Sunday before December 18. There will be a Project Safe Passage gift card box at the back of the church to receive your cards. Thank you for your participation in this extraordinary initiative – your outreach support makes a difference to folks in our community.

Peace be with you, and see you on Sunday!

(The Rev.) George Daisa

Sunday Service Participants

	8:00	10:15
Lectors	Debbie McDonald	Amelia Daisa
Crucifer		Kaitlyn Coskun
Acolytes		John & Anna Eaton
LEMs	Bill Tewksbury	Doug Holmes
Ushers	Joanne & Patrick Justus	Creighton Stephens
Altar Guild	Doyllenne Johnson, Debbie McDonald, Ruthanne England and Shirley Bland	John & Susan Sahlman, Bob Wichmann, Cindy Weaver
Coffee Hosts	8:00 Barbie Glass and Jan Robertson	
	10:15 Claudia de La Pena	

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, Bob, Bobbie Confessore, Debbie Confessore, Karisma Carmichael, Stacey Davidson, Lanarra Ferguson, Joan Funk, VanNessa Hulme, Betty Kren, Fr. Peter Lleo, Ingrid Ames Loberg, Marie Manos, Kathy Musselman, Bibi O'Neill, Barbara Perrine, Jeffrey Perrine, Mary Ann, Phyllis Sparks, Evan Stephens, Kathlene Stephens, Nora Stone, Roc Swanson, Suzanne Swanson, Marlo Thompson, Joyce Throgmorton and Arthel Weibezahl
KC Robertson, St. Pat's Postulant and Ryan Macias for Discernment

Rest of the Soul

Dominick Confessore,
Xie Keady-Cranmer,
Owen Nielsen
and Sue Timpini

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 11: 1-10

Psalms 72: 1-7, 18-19

Romans 15: 4-13

Matthew 3: 1-12

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Announcements

CCC Thank You

The Conejo Compassion Coalition would like to thank all those who made donations to our organization during the Joint Thanksgiving Service at St. Patrick's on Monday November 21st. Thanks to your generosity we raised \$774.00 to help the victims of Hurricane Matthew in Haiti. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many in this beleaguered, disaster ridden country.

Christmas Poinsettias

Poinsettia plants will decorate the church for Christmas! Dedications in thanksgiving or memory of a loved one can be made on the clipboard at the back of the church. A donation of \$10.00 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.

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 is loaded with gift tags and located at the back of the church. 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.

Winter Shelter Program at St. Julie's

Meals are needed for the Winter Shelter Program hosted by St. Patrick's on Saturday, Dec. 10th at St. Julie's in Newbury Park. Please bring an entrée to serve 10-12 people to St. Julie's Church (2475 Borchard Rd.) by 6:00 pm. Volunteer servers are always welcome. Call Bob Bland at 498-5682 for more information.

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 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.

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%!**

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 Winter Program resumes at St. Julie Billiard on Dec. 10th. 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.

Yoga with Karen Daisa

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

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