

Dec. 18, 2016  
The Fourth 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**

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|                   | 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        | Patty Buffaloe        | St. Patrick's Postulant           | KC Robertson    |
| Ministry Director |                       |                                   |                 |

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

**The Altar Flowers  
are Dedicated to the  
Glory of God**

**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, Audra, Bob, Bobbie Confessore, Debbie Confessore, Richard de La Pena, 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, and Arthel Weibezahl

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

**Rest of the Soul**

Hoyt Leisure, Mike Sandberg, Joyce Throgmorton and Lyndon Turner

**Family Ministry**

**Sunday School**

Care for preschool children aged 2 1/2 to kindergarten is available in the sacristy wing. K-5<sup>th</sup> 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 7: 10-16**

**Psalms 80: 1-7, 16-18**

**Romans 1: 1-7**

**Matthew 1: 18-25**

[www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)

**A Message From Your Priest**

Dear Friends,

As the days of Advent wane, this means one thing: Jesus is very near. In my faithful imagination I can see the Holy Family making their way towards Bethlehem on their way home to Nazareth. Joseph can see that Mary will probably not make it all the way home, but will have to stop soon to give birth to their child, whom they will call Jesus, which means "to save", or as the angel Gabriel called him in Joseph's dream, Emmanuel, "God with us". I'm wondering these days what Joseph must have been thinking as he began looking for a place to call a temporary home, and, finding no room anywhere for his young, very pregnant wife to rest and take refuge from the cold, how he might have been feeling. He must have been frustrated. He must have been angry. He was surely scared. But he was not without hope...

For the angel Gabriel had visited him in a dream, and had given him divine instructions for what would happen in the coming days. His first instructions to Joseph? *Do not be afraid*. Do not be afraid to make a pit stop in a strange city where you must rely on the kindness of strangers. Do not be afraid when you cannot find one hospitable room for Mary and your new baby yet to be born. Do not be afraid when nothing but a barn is made available for you and your family...Do not be afraid, because *Emmanuel*, God is with you.

May we remember this Christmas: in a religion that was born in a barn, an open door goes without saying. Let us not be afraid.

Peace be with you, and see you Sunday!

(The Rev.) George Daisa

**Sunday Service Participants**

|                     |                           |                      |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
|                     | <b>8:00</b>               | <b>10:15</b>         |
| <b>Lector</b>       | Lois Robinson             | Jim Leon             |
| <b>Crucifer</b>     |                           | Ariana Greenidge     |
| <b>Acolytes</b>     |                           | Cali & Mia Greenidge |
| <b>LEMs</b>         | Anna Merriman             | Cindy Weaver         |
|                     |                           | Bob Bland            |
| <b>Ushers</b>       | Joe & Joan Maskrey        | Jim & Debbie Leon    |
|                     |                           | Stasia Simrall       |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>  | All Teams                 |                      |
| <b>Coffee Hosts</b> | <b>8:00</b> Jill Murch    |                      |
|                     | <b>10:15</b> Sharon Lexau |                      |

*Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

## Announcements

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

Please sign up no later than Sunday, Dec. 18.

### **Project Safe Passage**

We are partnering with St. Patrick's Day School again this year to offer Barnes & Noble Bookseller gift cards to 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 Dec. 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. This Sunday, Dec. 18 is the last day for your donations. There will be a Project Safe Passage gift card box at the back of the church to receive your cards.

### **Holiday Shopping with Amazon**

Support St. Patrick's Episcopal Church & Day School when shopping online with Amazon. Amazon will give a donation 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!

### **Church Office Closed**

The church office will be closed Monday Dec. 26 through Friday Dec. 30.

### **Wednesday Healing Service**

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

**There is no Healing Service Wed., Dec. 28.**

### **Epiphany at St. Patrick's—Sunday, Jan. 8 at 9:00 am**

Children's Ministry presents the Grand Procession of the Three Kings on **Sunday, January 8 at our single service at 9:00 a.m.** All children are welcome, with a part for every child. Please arrive at 8:30 for your costume fitting. For more information, please contact Patty Buffalo at 805-582-2644.

## Outreach

### **Homeless Dinner Program**

The Winter Shelter Program is at St. Julie Billiard on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. See Bob or Shirley Bland for details.

### **Conejo Compassion Coalition**

Visit [conejocompassion.org](http://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

### **SPECL**

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](http://www.stpatricksdayschool.org)**