

March 26, 2017
The Fourth Sunday
in Lent



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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	Debbie McDonald	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

A Message from Your Priest

Brothers and Sisters,

This week I am spending much of my 'free' work time contemplating with the staff here the copious moving parts involved in Holy Week and Easter preparations. There are liturgical ministers to schedule, musicians to arrange, liturgies to shape, and bells to polish. Yes, bells to polish!

The Great Vigil of Easter is perhaps one of the most dramatic and awe-inspiring liturgies of the entire Church liturgical tradition. It is simply the Church at its best. From the dramatic entrance in darkness to the chanting of *The Exultet*, to the passing of the Paschal fire, to the recounting our Salvation History, to the ringing of bells at the Easter Proclamation, the Great Vigil of Easter is the crown jewel of Christian liturgies, and we are going to 'whoop it up'! Yes, everyone is now given fair warning: bring a bell to ring! You won't want to miss out on the celebration.

I have heard that St. Pat's celebrated Easter with a Great Vigil *back in the day*, but it hasn't been a tradition in the last decade or so. Some will remember it, and they can tell those who haven't yet experienced a Great Vigil, of the profundity and solemnity it engenders in the heart of the repentant, and of the pure exuberance and hope it inspires as a great relief from a long and, often times exhausting, Lenten season.

In short, this service will not be lacking in *brava, drama, and the transcendent spirit of the empty tomb on Easter Day*. I want to invite every member of our parish community, from both services, the young, the old and everyone in-between to come. I also want to encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors, many of whom have never heard of the Great Vigil. There is no better outreach opportunity, which showcases the beauty of our liturgy, but most importantly, which praises God for the gift of abundant grace and love for all humanity than in the cross and the empty tomb! Saturday, April 15, at 7:00 pm.

Peace be with you, and see you Sunday!

(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

Bishop Bruno, Richard Bitting, Margaret & John Berry, Frank, Larry Gallian, Yolanda Garvey, Eric H., Marion Jeffrey, Joe, Ingrid Loberg, Judy Malamis, Lynn Malfatti, Marie Manos, Marlena, Mary Ann, Sean McGannon, John & Susan Sahlman, Phyllis Sparks, Kathlene Stephens, Doug & Diane Weir

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

Rest of the Soul

Ruth Berry, Ethelda Lanier Farrar, Joe Kahn, Robert Michelman, and Alison Pollack

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 AM	10:15 AM
Lector 1	Sue Sahlman	Cindy Weaver
Psalm	John Sahlman	
Lector 2	John Sahlman	Paul Teagle
Intercessor	Sue Sahlman	Amelia Daisa
Crucifer		Mary Buffaloe
Acolytes		Amy & Christine Buffaloe
LEM 1	John Sahlman	Jodi Spindel
LEM 2		Rick Spindel
Ushers	Jack & Carol Shafer	Bob Bland
		Bruce Benson
		Colin Greenidge
		Rich Guske
		Holly Newcomb

Altar Guild Muriel Karr, Mary Ann Palmquist, Paula Smith and Marilyn Teagle

Coffee Hosts **8:00:** Fred Blaich and Judy Malamis
10:15: Lisa & Brian Rank

1 Samuel 16: 1-13

Psalm 23

Ephesians 5: 8-14

John 9: 1-41

www.lectionarypage.net

Announcements

Thank You

Many thanks go out to Patty, Annie, Dave, Fr. George, our pageant participants, Eric & the choir, and so many of you who helped make our Feast Day celebration so special. It was a great day to celebrate St. Patrick's and enjoy wonderful fellowship and delicious food.

Palm Crosses

Parishioners are invited to join the Altar Guild Saturday morning, April 8 at 9:00 am in the parish hall to make palm crosses. It's fun, easy and no experience needed. Please bring your scissors.

Family of Abraham Picnic

The Islamic Center of Conejo Valley, in a community gathering of diversity and unity, invites you to their annual BBQ picnic, Sat. March 25. Lunch coupons are available for the "Family of Abraham Picnic," organized by the ICCV. If you would like a lunch coupon good for one adult, see Janet in the church office on Thursday, March 23 before 3:00 pm. This is a free event and all are invited as guests of the ICCV. The picnic takes place from noon to 4 pm at the Lakeside Pavilion at Conejo Creek North Park behind the library, with lunch served from 1-2 pm. It is a family friendly event with jumpers and such for the kids.

Mothering Sunday, March 26

Mothering Sunday, a Christian festival celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent in the UK to honor the Virgin Mary & all mothers, is a day meant to give servants a break from heavy Lenten discipline. Young English servant girls were allowed the weekend off to visit family and would take home Simnel cake, a fruited bread. St. Patrick's Altar Guild will serve Simnel cake after each service March 26.

Easter Flower Dedications

Spring flowers will decorate the church for Easter. Dedications in thanksgiving or memory of a loved one can be made on the clipboard at the church entrance. A donation of \$10 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.

Confirmation Classes for Youth

Youth Confirmation class continues March 26, April 23 and May 7, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm, with a Confirmation Retreat on Sat., April 8, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Confirmation will be at The Church of the Epiphany on May 14, Mother's Day, at 10:00 am. For information contact Fr. George 805-495-6441 or gdaisa@stpatschurch.org.

Lenten Program

The Lenten Program continues with Pastor Steve and Fr. George Wednesday evenings in Lent for soup, teaching and fellowship. **Wednesdays, March 22, 29, and April 5. Supper is at 6:00 pm, teaching & fellowship from 6:45-7:45, followed by Compline.** Please RSVP to church@stpatschurch.org, and please note if you will need childcare. Please purchase your copy of **Revolution of Character** by Dallas Willard from Amazon.com.

Arts at St. Pat's Concert

The Arts return to St. Pat's with a saxophone concert, **SAXOTOPIA**, on **Saturday, March 25 at 7:30 pm** in Hager Parish Hall. Refreshments will be served. Starting as a faculty chamber music ensemble at California Lutheran University, Saxotopia is comprised of four saxophonists, Richard Bunter, soprano saxophone, Donald Nardone, alto saxophone, Daniel Geeting, tenor saxophone and Patrick Ingram, baritone saxophone. They have given several concerts on the campus at CLU and are now taking their performances to other places and venues. They play a wide range of repertory from Classical to standard jazz tunes and contemporary works. This performance will feature a jazz-tinged work by Bob Mintzer, a professor of jazz studies at the University of Southern California.

Mad Attic Scholarship Applications

The Mad Attic Thrift Shop gives a scholarship annually to a St. Patrick's Church graduating high school senior actively involved at St. Patrick's. Applications can be obtained from the church office. Please return your application by May 1st. See Mary Ann Palmquist for more information.

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

Outreach

Homeless Dinner Program

The Homeless Dinner Program returns to St. Pat's Sunday, April 2. Contact Bob or Shirley Bland at 805-498-5682 for more information.

Conejo Compassion Coalition

Visit conejocompassion.org or call Bob Bland, 805-498-5682, for info on the CCC.

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
St. Patrick's Parish Day School
at
805-497-1416 or
www.stpatricksdayschool.org

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King of Glory's 42nd Women's Retreat

King of Glory invites the women of St. Pat's to their annual women's retreat. *In the Name of God's Love* will be held **Sat., April 22 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm** at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. Registration forms are at the back of church or can be obtained from the church office. The cost is \$35.00. Registration & payment are due to K of G by April 2. Financial assistance is available. For more info, please contact K of G members Janet 498-4742 or Joann 498-6029.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2017 AT SAINT PATRICK'S

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9 - 8:00 and 10:15 am

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 13 - 7:00 pm

THE WATCH

The Watch will be kept following the Maundy Thursday Liturgy.

The Church will be open for quiet prayer.

*Thursday from 9:00 pm to Midnight,
and Friday morning from 7:00 am - Noon*

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 14 - 12:00 Noon and 7:00 pm

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

3:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday, April 15 - The Holy Saturday Liturgy at 9:00 am
A Service Remembering Jesus' Solidarity with Our Own Mortality

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

Saturday, April 15 - 7:00 pm

Bring a bell to ring at the Easter Proclamation!

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 16 - 8:00 and 10:15 am

Flowering of the Cross on Easter Sunday Morning

Bring flowers from your garden to adorn our beautiful Easter Cross so that it will "come alive" with color!

Easter Flower Dedications

Dedicate Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, in thanksgiving or for a special occasion. Sign up at the church entrance.