

May 21, 2017
The Sixth Sunday
of Easter



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	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

Dear Friends,

This week I received an unexpected blessing in the mail. I have been corresponding with an inmate at the Salinas Valley State Prison in Soledad, California, who first contacted me to ask if we would send him postage stamps. He is working the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics/Narcotics Anonymous, and has completed Step Eight: *Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all.* Having reached the Ninth Step, he sought to *make direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.* This inmate was seeking stamps so he could send his 'amends letters'. He was seeking support from the community where he grew up, the Conejo Valley, so he could admit to those whom he had hurt the wrong he had done them, and ask forgiveness. And he was asking me – and St. Patrick's – to help him make his amends.

Forgiveness has been on my mind quite a bit this week. Also, reconciliation. Jesus teaches us to forgive, as we have been forgiven. How many times should we forgive, we ask? "Seven times seventy-seven times," replies Jesus. Giving and receiving forgiveness is not so easy to do, though, is it? Especially when the hurt is deep, when the effects of the wrong done is long-lasting, it is not easy to forgive. And yet, there are many times when each and every one of us has needed to forgive, *for our own health and healing.* "There have also been times when each and every one of us has needed to be forgiven. And there will be many times again. In our own ways, we are all broken. Out of that brokenness, we hurt others. Forgiveness is the journey we take toward healing the broken parts. It is how we become whole again," (Desmond Tutu, from *The Book of Forgiving*, 2014). This inmate who seeks stamps to make his amends seeks to become whole again. And through his journey to wholeness, he seeks to offer wholeness to those whom he has caused deep pain.

The unexpected blessing was another letter this week, which included a beautiful handmade card with pressed flowers, which is meant to be a bookmark. It reads: "There is no greater power, no greater love, no greater joy and hope, than that which is found in Christ Jesus!" There is no guarantee of forgiveness for this inmate, or for any of us. Except through Christ Jesus. There is no guarantee that when we offer amends they will be received or accepted. Nevertheless, we ask in great humility, with scrupulous honesty, to be forgiven for the wrong we have done. And we ask, remembering that we are all broken, and that we all stand in the need of God's forgiveness. But with God we have a guarantee. Jesus secured that guarantee on the cross.

No greater power. No greater love. No greater joy. No greater hope. Jesus.

Happy Easter, and see you Sunday!

(The Rev.) George Daisa

The Altar Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God and in Celebration of St. Patrick's Day School

Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one (birthday, anniversary, memorial, etc.) with a floral dedication.

Sign up on the flower chart at the church entrance.

The suggested donation is \$40.00.

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, Christa, Zoey Cox, Ana Durkin, Lanarra Ferguson, Dominic Horowitz, John, Josefina, Peggy Lane, Marie Manos, Rella Martin, Melanie, Mary Ann, Sean McGannon, Barbara Perrine, Gina Ramos, Rolando, Debbie Rubino, John Sahlman, Dennis Seaton and Kathlene Stephens

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

Rest of the Soul

Robert Funk, Richard Hultine,
Hallie Kinsley and Scott Sampson

Family Ministry

Sunday School

Care for preschool children aged 2.5 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.

Acts 17: 22-31

1 Peter 3: 13-22

John 14: 15-21

Psalm 66: 7-18

www.lectionarypage.net

Thank you

Marion Jeffrey extends her sincere thanks to all who have who have been so kind to visit and phone and offer prayers. She is so thankful to Jan and Fr. George for the many visits, and she wishes to especially thank the St. Pat's "Angel" for the lovely lap wrap.

Calling All Who Are Graduating, Finishing A Course of Study or Attaining Higher Education Degrees

St. Pat's would like to acknowledge its graduates. Please call or email the church office with the name of the person you wish to recognize, along with the school name and degree or achievement attained. The names will be specially recognized in the bulletin on Sunday, June 11.

News from KC Robertson

Hi Saint Pat's family! It's crazy to think I have completed my first year of seminary. Still cannot believe how fast this time went and rejoicing! I am constantly reminded of how much growth, motivation, and joy has developed to pursue this call of loving God and loving others.

I am home for a couple of Sundays which means **I WANT TO SEE ALL OF YOU** either on the 21st or 28th to check-in and say thank you for all your support! Father George has even been kind enough let me preach on the 28th.

After my visit, I will be heading down to Little Rock, AR for ten weeks to do a Clinical Pastoral Education course at a Level One trauma hospital, particularly working with the NICU. It will be a summer of growth and formation in practicing how to be present in times of difficulty. Prayers and support would be most appreciated during this summer! Many of you have asked how you can still be of support with books not being needed for the summer, and the most welcomed way is support in transportation/boarding costs. Most importantly though, prayers, prayers, prayers!

Truly, I could not have done this first year without all your love and support. I am touched and humbled by our Saint Pat's family. Thank you and I look forward to seeing many of you so soon!

Coming in September

Episcopal Night with Dodger Baseball is Friday, Sept. 8 at 7:00 pm. The Dodgers will play the Colorado Rockies. More information will be available soon.

YOGA on Tuesdays with Karen Daisa

We have a lovely little yoga community going! Don't miss out! Everyone is welcome. 10:30-11:45 am. \$12 or more suggested donation. Open to all regardless of age, health, or physical ability!

Wednesday Healing Service

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

Sunday Service Participants

8:00 AM **10:15 AM**

Lector 1	Bill Funk	
Psalm	Jan Robertson	
Lector 2	Jan Robertson	
Intercessor	Debbie McDonald	
Crucifer		Anna Eaton
Acolytes		John Eaton and Robert Svitek
		Jim Leon
LEM 1	Jan Robertson	Travis Tokuyama
LEM 2		Bob Bland
Ushers	Jack & Carol Shafer	Bruce Benson
		Colin Greenidge
		Rich Guske
		Holly Newcomb

Altar Guild Jane Calcante, Kathlene Stephens and Joanne Justus

Coffee Hosts 8:00: Debbie McDonald

10:15: St. Patrick's Day School

Homeless Dinner Program

The Homeless Dinner Program serves meals here in Hager Hall on Sunday evenings at 6:00pm through November. Contact Bob or Shirley Bland at 805-498-5682 for more information. Volunteers are always welcome.

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. \$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 Wednesday Evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. For information, please see Bob Bland.

The Day School

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