

October 1, 2017
The Seventeenth Sunday
After Pentecost



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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	The Rev. George Daisa
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 1:00 PM			

A Message from Your Priest

Brothers and Sisters,

More than a few of you have come to me, some formally and some in passing, to relay your feelings of fear and anxiety over the recent rhetoric between President Trump and North Korean Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un. You have shared that your feelings are reminiscent of past escalations, which have led to increasing tension and the growing possibility of armed conflict, even nuclear war. "I've already lived through this – twice! I can't believe I'm living it again, here at the end of my life," one parishioner commented to me this last weekend. I share her sentiments, and perhaps you do, too. Like her, I'm angry and disappointed and frustrated and saddened that we have not learned the lessons of the past, most recently from this last century, but also the lessons which play such a predominant role in the first century narrative told in our Gospels. "Love your neighbor, and pray for your enemies," Jesus teaches us, not only because it's the right thing to do, or even because it leads to peace, but because peace and love and forbearance and equality are the hallmarks of the Kingdom of Heaven, which we proclaim as our goal and commitment whenever we pray the Lord's Prayer. Sincerely taking the Lord's Prayer to our hearts means dreaming, living, breathing, and acting here and now in concert with the way things work in the Kingdom of Heaven precisely so we can help make that Heavenly reality manifest on earth today.

As people of faith, we believe that God is leading us all somewhere because at our core we believe that God will never abandon us – the world – and that we have hope in and through Jesus Christ, in whom we know a new day, a new world, and a new reality is coming, nay, it is already here. The prophet Isaiah said that when God's will is done on earth as it is in Heaven, God will "settle the disputes of the peoples," such that they will "beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." And everyone will "walk in the light of the Lord" and "they will neither harm nor destroy." They will study war no more. Instead, there will be "a feast of rich food for all peoples," and the shroud which separates all nations will be destroyed, and "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and will swallow up death forever." Sounds like a heavenly dream to me.

If we believe in this vision of Heaven, we must also believe that this is God's vision for earth as it is in Heaven. We must trust that love, peace, justice, abundance and equity for "all peoples" is where God is leading us. And, if we believe in God's vision for us, we must act as partners in that vision for today and for everybody. In other words, if we know the direction God is leading us, which is revealed to us in Scripture and through our experience of the Kingdom of Heaven here and now, and we trust God to be good and loving and merciful to all people, shouldn't we get on board with that vision? Shouldn't God's vision be our vision? Shouldn't God's dream be our dream?

See you Sunday,

(The Rev.) George Daisa

**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 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

Maria Bill, Shirley Bland, Grace Bumstead, The Doran Family, Ana Durkin, Dollie, Eli, Bill Floyd, Ricky Griego, Dominic Horowitz, Miranda Janus, Jim, Milly King, Peggy Lane, Ingrid Loberg, Marie Manos, Lucy Martin, Rella Martin, Melanie, Bryan Meyers, Mary Ann, Gina Ramos, Maureen Roberts, Lawrence Howard, Debbie Rubino, Kathlene Stephens, John Stephenson, Evelyn Szpet, Paul Teagle and Marlana Tietien

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

Sunday School

Care for children aged 2 to pre-K is available in the sacristy wing. K-5th grade children are welcome to our Sunday School program each Sunday morning. Children gather at the entrance to church at the start of the 10:15 worship to meet with the SS Director and then process to their classes. SS registration is ongoing. This program includes bible stories, activities, games, crafts, and much more. For more details, contact Patty Buffaloe at 805-[582-2644](tel:582-2644) or Pattybuffaloe5@gmail.com

Youth Group

Sr. High youth (grades 9-12) gather on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4 pm in church for fellowship, study and fun. Emphasis is placed on building a Beloved Community through fellowship, fun and service. Please contact Fr. George for more info regarding St. Pat's Youth Group.

Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16

Philippians 2: 1-13

Matthew 21: 23-32

www.lectionarypage.net

Breast Cancer and All Cancers Awareness Month in October

Once again we are **pink** on the first Sunday in October in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness & Prevention month. We ask for special prayers for those with any type of cancer. Please remember in your prayers all those who are undergoing treatment, their families and their caregivers.

**The Arts at St. Patrick's - Jazzers! Concert
Friday, October 13, 7:30 pm, Hager Hall**

Saxotopia returns, along with Dr. Kinsley and friends, to offer a concert of jazz favorites. A free will offering will be accepted.

Bishop Bruno Farewell Reception

Saturday, October 14, 10 am – 1 pm – St. Patrick's Church

Deaneries 1 & 2 will come together at St. Patrick's to celebrate the ministries of Bishop J. Jon Bruno and Mary Bruno. Bishop Bruno is retiring in December, and this is an opportunity to say goodbye to the Bruno's and share in celebration of forty years of ministry to the Diocese of Los Angeles. Curate Jon Bruno came to St. Patrick's as his first post as priest back in the mid-1970's, so it is especially poignant that he will make a stop here on his Farewell Tour.

2018 Annual Pledge Drive Begins October 8 – November 5

It's time again to recommit to the mission and work of St. Patrick's by making a pledge to support the ministries and operations of your church. Your pledge is a covenant - a mutual promise - between you, God and your church community to support the operations of the church, as well as the ministries of Pastoral Care, Fellowship, Formation and Outreach, through your pledge of "time, talent and treasure." During this month, prayerfully consider your commitment to St. Pat's, and **return your pledge cards by Sunday, October 29, so they may be included in our Annual Pledge Ingathering on All Saints' Sunday, November 5.** Thank you for the generous gift of you!

Adult Christian Formation Series:

Renovation of the Heart Seminar & Small Group

**Wednesday Evenings, October 11, 28 & November 8, 22
6:45 – 8:45 pm, Hager Hall**

All are welcome as we continue our study of Dallas Willard's book, *Renovation of the Heart*. This time, we will begin with a short lecture by the Rev. George Daisa and special guests, and spend the remainder of our time in a small group style format. Participation in the Lenten series study of Dallas' work is not a requirement to join this group. We will return to the basics of Vision, Intention, and Means as the primary spiritual discipline through which we participate in the Kingdom of God here and now. *Renovation of the Heart* can be purchased through Amazon.com. See you there!

Wednesday Healing Service

Join Fr. George on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for this weekly Eucharistic celebration with healing prayers.

Adding Smiles to the St. Patrick's Community

If you use Amazon for your shopping needs, they will make a donation of .05% of the purchase price to your favorite charity. Please think of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and Day School as one of your favorites. It is very easy to do: The next time you want to purchase something through Amazon, first log onto smile.amazon.com. A screen will come down and you will be asked if you would like to donate to a charity, and if so, to write the name of that charity. We hope you will consider entering: **St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and School**. This must be precise as there are many St. Patrick's Schools in the United States. Then, you simply proceed with your Amazon Shopping and the donation is automatically applied. It is as easy as that. We thank you for your generosity.

Sunday Service Participants

	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Lector 1	Susan Sahlman	Jim Leon
Psalm	John Sahlman	Bob Bland
Lector 2	John Sahlman	Bob Bland
Intercessor	Susan Sahlman	Amelia Daisa
Crucifer		Cali Greenidge
Acolytes		Mia Greenidge
LEM 1	John Sahlman	Bob Bland
LEM 2		Cindy Weaver
Ushers	Evelyn Stephenson	Jim Leon
		Debbie Leon
		Stasia Simrall

Altar Guild: Anna Merriman, Lisa Martin, Barbara Powell and Stasia Simrall

Coffee Hosts 8:00: Jill Murch
10:15: Lisa & Brian Rank

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.

The Day School

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