

October 8, 2017
The Eighteenth 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,

Reflecting on the tragedy this week in Las Vegas, instead of asking "Why?" I am asking "How?" How do we claim our agency? How do we fight for the good over and against the evil in this world? How do we practice spreading the love of God in a world so bent on hatred and violence? How do we make a difference in the lives of our children and grandchildren? How? We love because God first loved us.

We love. We feed the hungry. We clothe the naked. We shield the joyous. We encourage the hopeless. We raise the dead, and we set at liberty the ones who are held captive. We love.

This is who God calls us to be. And God will give us the strength and courage to meet the challenges of this day, tomorrow and every day. But this strength and courage is not passively received, and being the change we wish to see in the world does not happen by chance. The abundance of God is claimed and put into action by our active, intentional pursuit of it. We must act in unison and in concert with the flow of God's kingdom life that comes in and through our relationship with Jesus. We can't do this purely on our own. God gives us the grace sufficient to fashion our lives according to Jesus' Way, but we must exert effort. We must act. Well-directed, decisive, and sustained effort is the way we live the lives God intends for us, and the outward and visible sign of such an inward and invisible transformation is our loving action. We love because God first loved us.

Jesus is the one who made a way where there was no way. Without his guidance and his teaching, without his grace and sacrifice, there would be no way forward for us or for anyone. We must bring Jesus and his Way to bear upon the way ahead for us and for our community. We must love the way Jesus loved, and be the people of peace and justice he calls us to be in every aspect of our lives. How will your loving action make a difference in the world? How will you love?

Please consider attending the upcoming Wednesday evening small group as we discuss the book *Renovation of the Heart* by Dallas Willard. Come and consider how we might be called to love God and our neighbor, and *how we might be the change God wishes to see in the world, being transformed from the inside-out*. We will meet Wednesday evenings, October 11, 28 & November 8, 22, 6:45 – 8:45 pm, in Hager Hall. All are welcome.

See you Sunday.

(The Rev.) George Daisa

**The Altar Flowers are
Dedicated to the Glory of God
and in Honor of James and
Jonathan, sons of Cindy
Weaver, on their birthday**

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

Mardone Coates, The Doran Family, Dollie, Ingrid Loberg, Marie Manos, Lucy Martin, Patrick, Mary Ann, Gina Ramos, Maureen Roberts, Lawrence Howard, Kathlene Stephens, Evan Stephens, John Stephenson, and Paul Teagle

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

For all victims of the Las Vegas shooting, those killed or injured, the heroes & responders, their families & friends, and for all affected by gun violence

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:805-582-2644).

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 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3: 4b-14

Matthew 21: 33-46

www.lectionarypage.net

Calling all cooks and bakers!

St. Patrick's Pastoral Program is restarting the food program, Helping Hands, for parishioners in need. We will be providing a few meals and baked goods to parishioners and families that are recovering from illness and other hardships. We are asking for names and emails from all who are interested in occasionally making a meal for someone we love. If you want to join this food ministry, please send your email to Jan Lyons at jelyons123@hotmail.com or call her (818) 631-3089. Be a part of St. Patrick's Pastoral Care Team and show our love!

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 come together 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 the 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. A dedication of *Bruno House* and rectory open house will follow.

2018 Annual Pledge Drive Begins October 8 – November 5

It's time 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!

CCC Gala Rescheduled

After thoughtful consideration, the Conejo Compassion Coalition Executive Board voted to reschedule our Annual Gala, which was originally scheduled for 2 November 2017. Given the number of disasters that have occurred in the last two months, we believe that trying to promote, organize and conduct a gala during this period would significantly detract from our primary work of providing disaster relief and recovery. In particular, the board felt that the severe needs created by hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria as well as the earthquake in Mexico City demanded more attention than we would be able to devote while preparing for a gala. We have contacted the Palm Garden Hotel and rescheduled our gala for Thursday, 26 April 2018. I hope that you will save this date on your calendar and plan on joining us in the spring. Thousand Oaks Street Fair

For those planning to attend the Thousand Oaks Street fair on April 15th, don't forget to stop by the Conejo Compassion Coalition booth located on Moorpark Rd between Chick-fil-A and Five Guys.

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.

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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**SPECL**

See Anne Van Cott for info on the St. Patrick's Ladies Group.

St. Patrick's Day School

Contact

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

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Wednesday Healing Service

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

Sunday Service Participants

	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Lector 1	Debbie McDonald	Karen Daisa
Psalm	Bill Tewksbury	Travis Tokuyama
Lector 2	Bill Tewksbury	Travis Tokuyama
Intercessor	Debbie McDonald	Adrian Benson
Crucifer		Anna Eaton
Acolytes		John Eaton
		Haleigh Love
LEM 1	Bill Tewksbury	Travis Tokuyama
LEM 2		Jan Lyons
Ushers	Joe & Joan Maskrey	Bob Bland
		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: Grace Robinson	