

December 3, 2017
The First 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

	At St. Patrick's	Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ	
Rector	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 Rector

Dear Friends,

The beginning of the new Church year is upon us, which, for the Church Geeks among us (of which I count myself one!) this is a time for celebration and joy! The new year, which begins every year on the First Sunday of Advent - December 3 this year – heralds a time of great expectation and anticipation. "Jesus is coming!" is the theme of this short Season of Advent, the name of which comes from the Latin *adventus*, which is a portmanteau of the Latin words *ad-* "to" and *venire* "come".

This is also a time of preparation. For the next four weeks, we will gather at different times of the season to take part in preparations for the coming of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. We'll prepare together: on Sunday mornings, at our own dining room tables, and while serving the world in Jesus' name. On Sunday, December 10, our Formation Team will disseminate an Advent Preparation Guide, which will include readings from Scripture, activities and prayers for individuals and families, and pictures to use as icons, or instruments of directed prayer, to be used during the four weeks of Advent. In addition, this Guide will include a list of all the opportunities to gather together, offered by St. Patrick's and some of the surrounding faith communities, in which you can participate to prepare for Christmas. The Guide will be available as a downloadable PDF, as well as in print. We'll ask for a \$1 donation to cover the costs of printing, since it will include color pictures, however, no one will be denied a copy because of financial restrictions.

This year, whether you are young or old; whether you'll be here for Christmas or away visiting friends and family; whether you've been here forty years or two months, let us all prepare together so we can experience the miracle of Jesus' coming in its fullest glory and joy for us today and every day.

Glad Tidings of Comfort and Joy!

George+

Thank you from the Conejo Compassion Coalition

Thank you to all who generously gave at the Community Thanksgiving Service with King of Glory. The CCC received a total of \$423.00 to support their continuing work.

Wednesday Healing Service

The weekly Wednesday Healing Service resumes Wed., Dec. 6 at 10:30 am.

The Altar Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of John R. Stephenson and In Honor of Forrest G. Robinson's 77th 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

Dollie, Jean, Dominic Horowitz, Betty Love, Mary Ann Stephens Morell, Mary Ann, Jodi Spindel, Kathlene Stephens, Louise, Rachelle, Chris, Steve, Diane, Shirley, Chuck, Fred, Bill, Wanda, John, Margaret and Jane

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

Rest of the Soul

David Constanza, Jeffrey Mangles and John Stephenson

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).

Youth Group

Sr. High youth (grades 9-12) attend Sunday worship with their families or as a group. We gather on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4 pm in the church. 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 at gdaisa@stpatschurch.org.

Isaiah 64: 1-9

Psalms 80: 1-7, 16-18

1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

Mark 13: 24-37

www.lectionarypage.net

Memorial Service for John Stephenson

A memorial service for John Stephenson will be held this afternoon, Dec. 3 at 2:00 pm in the church. Please remember John and his family in your prayers.

No Room at the Inn

Celebrate the true meaning of Christmas while helping the homeless. View hundreds of Nativity sets from private collections. Today's exhibit hours are 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. A donation of \$5 adult, \$1 child is requested to see the Nativities. Nativities are available for purchase. Proceeds benefit homeless programs in Ventura County.

Padre Serra Parish, 5205 Upland Dr., Camarillo

For more information, call Nora at 805-807-1088, or visit their website www.noroom.org. This is the last year this event is being held. Be sure to attend.

Poinsettia Dedications

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 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.

Advent Event

Come to the church wide Advent Event this morning after the 10:15 service. We will gather to make advent calendars to help prepare us for this holy season. Suggested donation is \$10 per calendar.

Winter Shelter Program at St. Julie's

Meals are needed for the Winter Shelter Program hosted by St. Patrick's this Saturday, Dec. 9 at St. Julie's in Newbury Park. Please bring an entrée to serve 10-12 people to St. Julie's Church (2475 Borchard Rd.) by 6:00 pm. Volunteer servers are always welcome. Call Bob Bland at 498-5682 for more information.

Nativity Pageant & Potluck—Sunday, Dec. 10 at the 10:15 service

St. Patrick's Children's Ministry hosts the annual Nativity Pageant & Potluck. The pageant, held during the 10:15 worship, will have a part for every interested child. Following the service, gather in Hager Hall for a festive potluck brunch to celebrate the holidays. Parishioners are asked to please bring an entrée, side dish, salad or dessert to share. For information on the pageant, please contact Patty, Director of Children's Ministry, at 805-582-2644.

Greening of the Church—Saturday, December 16 - 10:00 am—Noon

Enjoy a family friendly event complete with cider and treats, music and fellowship while we 'green' the church with garland and seasonal decorations.

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent/Eve of the Nativity-Dec. 24

The Sunday morning worship service for the **Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec. 24, will be a single service at 9:00 am.**

Sunday Service Participants

	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Lector 1	Debbie McDonald	Adrian Benson
Psalm	Anna Merriman	Jan Lyons
Lector 2	Anna Merriman	Jan Lyons
Intercessor	Debbie McDonald	Candy Shaw
Crucifer		Cali Greenidge
Acolytes		Mia Greenidge
		Payton Mead
LEM 1	Anna Merriman	Jan Lyons
LEM 2		Travis Tokuyama
Ushers	Joe & Joan	Bob Wichmann
	Maskrey	John Sahlman
		Cindy Weaver

Altar Guild: Jane Calcante, Kathlene Stephens and Joanne Justus

Coffee Hosts 8:00: Fred Blaich & Judy Malamis

10:15: Grace Robinson

Homeless Dinner Program

The Winter Program resumes at St. Julie Billiard on Dec. 9. See Bob or Shirley Bland for details.

Conejo Compassion Coalition

Visit conejocompassion.org or call Bob Bland, 805-498-5682, for information 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.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands provides meals & baked goods to parishioners recovering from illness and other hardships. If you are interested in occasionally making a meal and joining this food ministry, please send your email to Jan Lyons at jelyons123@hotmail.com or call Jan at (818) 631-3089. Be a part of the pastoral team and show our love!

Yoga with Karen Daisa

Tuesdays at 10:30 am. \$12 is a suggested donation. Bring a yoga mat (non-toxic, please) and a towel. Meets in the hall.

Studies & Groups

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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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