

December 24, 2017
The Fourth Sunday
of Advent



The Parish of St. Patrick

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

This is the last week of the season of Advent!

That means Christmas is coming. We've been waiting and watching, anticipating the coming of Jesus, the great light which has come to those who have walked in darkness.

This week, as you make your final preparations for Christmas festivities; as you spend these waning few hours casing the mall for last-minute purchases; as you make those last few clicks of the mouse; and, as you prepare to greet friends and family: may you find your breath, stop for just that little while, and become aware of the present moment. In these moments, the Prince of Peace will bring you the peace you need *for this moment*. In these moments, the Wonderful Counselor will give you the wisdom you will need *for this moment*. In these moments, our Mighty God will deliver you from the sadness of the past, and the anxiety of the future, and give you whatever you need in this moment, *for this moment*. All we truly have is this moment, and in this moment we have the opportunity to cultivate quiet in our hearts and minds, and stillness in our bodies, so that we can receive the peace, counsel, strength and love of the One who loves us so much that an only-begotten son was given so that we might have life abundantly *in every moment*.

Give yourself the gift of stillness this last week of Advent. Take time for God moments. Take for yourself the time to let God in. Give yourself the gift of the present moment. And prepare to receive the Prince of Peace into your heart, that his love and grace might give you exactly what you need, *for every moment*.

Have a great week, St. Patrick's, and I'll see you Sunday!

(The Rev.) George Daisa

The Altar Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God and in Memory of Rose Marie & Richard Sloane

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

Jillyn, Anna Morris, Patrick, Mary Ann, Lisa Johnson, Kathlene, John, Margaret, Jane, Lawrence, Jeff and Paula

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

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). **Volunteers are most welcome and invited to assist as the program continues to grow in attendance. Thank you.**

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.

Sunday, Dec. 24 Services for 4th Sunday in Advent & Christmas Eve

This year, the Fourth Sunday in Advent falls on Dec. 24, Christmas Eve. Therefore, this Sunday morning, Dec. 24, **we will convene a single Sunday morning Eucharist at 9 am** to celebrate the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Then, we will gather again that Sunday evening at either 5 pm for a Family Christmas Eve service, or at 9 pm for a Christmas Eve service with Choral Eucharist to celebrate the Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, AKA Christmas Eve.

Sunday, December 24 - The Eve of the Nativity

5:00 pm – Family Worship Service with Choir and Holy Eucharist
9:00 pm – The Holy Eucharist with Choir

Monday, December 25 - The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ: Christmas Day

The Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am with congregational carols

Sunday, December 31 – The First Sunday after Christmas Day

The Holy Eucharist at 8:00 and 10:15 am
There will be no Sunday School

**Sunday, January 7 – The First Sunday after the Epiphany
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

The Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am
The Holy Eucharist with Baptism at 10:15 am
with the St. Patrick's Epiphany Pageant

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed during the week of Dec. 24 and reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2018.

Wednesday Healing Service

The Wednesday Healing Service takes place on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 am weekly. This **healing service is cancelled on Wed., Dec. 27** due to the church office closure. The healing service will resume Wed., Jan. 3, 2018.

The Mad Attic Needs Your Help - Dec. 27 at 9 AM

The Mad Attic seeks able bodied volunteers to help move the fixtures and inventory from the storage pod back into the Mad Attic following the new carpet installation. Muscle is needed for the heavy lifting. If you can, please help for a couple of hours at the Mad Attic Thrift Shop, 226 N. Skyline Dr. in TO on **Wednesday, Dec. 27 at 9:00 am.**

No Sunday School December 31

The Sunday School program will NOT meet on Sunday, Dec. 31. SS resumes with the Epiphany Pageant on Jan. 7, 2018.

Children's Ministry Epiphany Pageant—January 7 during the 10:15

We will have our annual Children's Epiphany Pageant, Sunday, January 7 at the 10:15 service. Children of all ages are welcome; there is a part for everyone. Please bring family and friends! Costumes provided. Please contact Patty Buffalo for more info at 805-582-2644.

Give a Gift of Clean Water for Christmas

The Conejo Compassion Coalition has established a partnership with a team of doctors who have been providing medical care, food and clean water to residents of Puerto Rico. There is a need for water filters so that residents can have clean water. Each water filter costs \$59.95 through Amazon.com. The CCC will place an order for filters the week after Christmas. Please support the CCC & write a check or use your credit card to purchase one or more filters. Thank you for your support.

Save the Date for the CCC Gala

The Conejo Compassion Coalition will hold their Gala Dinner & Fundraiser on Thursday, April 26, 2018 from 5:30 to 9:00 pm at the Palm Garden Hotel in Newbury Park. Watch for future bulletins with more details on this special event.

Advent 4 Sunday Service Participants

	9:00 AM
Lector 1	Amelia Daisa
Psalm	
Lector 2	Jodi Spindel
Intercessor	Karen Daisa
LEM 1	Jodi Spindel
LEM 2	Rick Spindel
Ushers	John Sahlman Susan Sahlman Stasia Simrall Bob Wichmann

Altar Guild: ALL TEAMS

Coffee Host 9:00: Debbie McDonald

Homeless Dinner Program

St. Pat's supports the Winter Shelter Program held at St. Julie Billiard on the 2nd Saturday of the month in Jan, Feb and March. 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 & hygiene items on Sundays to the baskets in the front of church.

Mad Attic Thrift Shop

Open Tuesday-Sat., 10:00-4:00. See Mary Ann Palmquist or Ruthanne England for info or to volunteer. Please do not leave donations in the front of the church. 805-497-1990.

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. If you wish to join OSP, please call Jill 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
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