

February 18, 2018  
The First Sunday  
in Lent



The Parish of St. Patrick

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Our 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	Michael Eaton	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

If we choose to follow Jesus this Lent, we must have a profound knowledge of his struggle, we must relive his anguish: his victory over the flesh, over the kingdom of this world, his sacrifice of the great and small joys which we take for granted, or we count as our entitlement, and we must follow him, if we dare, on his ascent from sacrifice to sacrifice, from height to height, peak to peak, and finally, to martyrdom's summit, the Cross.

In order to mount the cross, we must follow Jesus as he passes through all the stages through which human beings struggle to pass. This is why his suffering is so familiar to us; this is why we share it, and why his final victory seems to us so much our own future victory. That part of Christ's nature which was profoundly human helps us to understand him and love him and to pursue his Passion as though it were our own. If he had not within him this warm, messy human element he would never be able to touch our hearts with such assurance and tenderness; he would not be able to become a model for our lives – and our deaths – and our life eternal. He would not become the suffering servant, the ultimate sacrifice, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, the conqueror of death and decay. We struggle, and we see him struggle also, and we find strength. We see that we are not alone in the world: he is fighting at our side.

Over these forty days, we will, together with God, plumb the depths of our hearts to uncover what lies there, to uncover those things which we truly treasure. We live from our depths, you and I, but most of us do not understand what lives there. Discovery of our inner selves, our deepest longings and fears, is the path upon which Jesus leads us, for the reality of the kingdom of heaven is that it is not somewhere outside of us; rather, Jesus tells us time and again, the kingdom of God is to be found within us, and its kernel can be found untarnished, unbroken within our own hearts. *This is why we are so valuable to God, and the reason God loves us so much.* This is why we take time in this season to dig deep, because what we seek is not found out there in the world. *Jesus teaches us that what we seek is within.* And thus, our life – and the world as an extension of our inner lives - now and in the future is, almost completely, a reflection of what we have become in the depths of our being – in our spirit, in our wills, in our hearts. We live from our depths, and Jesus, over these forty days, will help us to discover exactly what is to be found in the depths. Those who choose to follow Christ to that holy hill, will not find death or decay, but life everlasting.

May you have a holy Lent.

George+

### 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

Arlyn Farrell, Dick Hill, Lawrence Howard, Marion Jeffrey, Lisa Johnson, Jillyn Kinsley, Leonard, Gail Platt, Jan Robertson, Mary Ann, Jan Shear and Kathlene

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

### Rest of the Soul

Fred Blaich, Gabriella Chabot, Vera Gwiazda, Mark Hatchard, Jane Lang and Nikki Whale-Melhorn

### Sunday School

Nursery care for toddlers is available on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month in the sacristy wing. Children Pre-K-5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to our Sunday School program each Sunday morning. Gather at the entrance to church at the start of the 10:15 worship to meet with the SS Director and then process to class. 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 invited to assist the program. Thank you.**

### Youth Formation

Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8) meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month from 10:15-11:00 am in the Buena Vista Room.

Sr. High youth (grades 9-12) attend Sunday worship with their families or as a group. They meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 at [gdaisa@stpatschurch.org](mailto:gdaisa@stpatschurch.org).

**Meeting Jesus - 2018 Lenten Series at King of Glory  
Wednesdays, Feb. 21 through March 21.**

This Lent, we will be exploring Bible stories of Jesus meeting unexpected people. These stories encourage us to look outside of ourselves to share love with the world. The series is on Wednesday evenings at King of Glory Lutheran Church (2500 Borchard Road) starting February 21<sup>st</sup>. It begins at 6 pm with a soup meal and worship starts at 7 pm. All are welcome! For more information on this program, please call King of Glory Lutheran Church at 805-498-4812.

**Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John—A Lenten Study & Prayer Group  
Thursdays, February 15 – March 22, 9:30 – 11:00 am – Hager Hall**

Have you ever wished to deepen your relationship with God? To experience a warm friendship with God? Maybe even fall in love with God – again – or for the very first time?

Starting in Lent 2018, the Society of St. John the Evangelist will offer a six-week Lenten journey through prayer and reflection on The Gospel According to John.

Led by Charlotte Hand-Greenson, a seasoned church professional, Christian formation/education expert, life-long Episcopalian, and co-creator of *Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*, we will gather during Lent to meet Jesus as he makes his way up to Jerusalem.

This offering has been designed and produced by the Society of Saint John the Evangelist ([www.ssje.org](http://www.ssje.org)), a religious order for men in the Episcopal Church, and by the Center for the Ministry of Teaching of the Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia ([www.vts.edu/cmt](http://www.vts.edu/cmt)).

**Church Office Closed**

The office is closed Monday, Feb. 19 in observance of President's Day.

**Memorial Service for Fred Blaich**

The memorial service for Fred Blaich will be held on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:00 pm at Vallecito Mobile Home Park, 1251 Old Conejo Rd, Newbury Park. Please remember Fred and his family in your prayers.

**Wednesday Healing Service**

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

**Crop Walk**

Help end hunger, locally and globally. It's time to start training for **Conejo Valley CROP Hunger Walk!** Sunday, March 4, 1 p.m. start, at CLU Sports Complex. We'd love to sign up 20 walkers this year; 3 different walk distances: one is a guided, 20 minute "Campus Stroll" around CLU, there are also ~4 mile and ~ 6 mile walks. Register after church services on Sunday, or online: look for "Team St. Patrick's Episcopal Church" at Conejo Valley CROP Hunger Walk website. Please join us as a walker or a supporter . Thank you.

**Show Your Support for the Conejo Compassion Coalition**

The CCC's Gala will be held April 26 at the Palm Garden Hotel in Newbury Park. You can support the worldwide relief efforts of this organization by placing an ad in the full color, glossy magazine that is published in conjunction with every gala. The magazine, which highlights the accomplishments of the CCC is distributed to all gala attendees and published on line to reach an even greater audience. There are two ways to advertise: if you own a business you can place a traditional ad, if you do not own a business you can place a tribute ad. See Bob Bland or any CCC member to find out more information. Alternatively you can find the information at <https://www.ccc-calendar.com/advertisements>.

**Sunday Service Participants**

	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>10:15 AM</b>
<b>Lector 1</b>	Anna Merriman	Debbie Leon
<b>Psalm</b>	Bill Funk	<i>sung</i>
<b>Lector 2</b>	Bill Funk	Jim Leon
<b>Intercessor</b>		
<b>Crucifer</b>		Cali Greenidge
<b>Acolytes</b>		Mia Greenidge
		Luca de La Pena
<b>LEM 1</b>	Bill Funk	Bob Bland
<b>LEM 2</b>		Jodi Spindel
<b>Ushers</b>	Joanne & Patrick	Jim Leon
	Justus	Debbie Leon
		Stasia Simrall
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Ruthanne England, Shirley Bland, Doyleenne Johnson and Debbie McDonald	
<b>Coffee Hosts 8:00:</b>	Jack & Carol Shafer	
<b>10:15:</b>	Lisa & Brian Rank	

**Homeless Dinner Program**

The Parish of St. Patrick supports the Winter Shelter Program held at St. Julie Billiart on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month in March. See Bob or Shirley Bland for details.

**Conejo Compassion Coalition**

Visit [conejocompassion.org](http://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](mailto: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.

**St. Patrick's Day School**

Contact

St. Patrick's Parish Day School at  
**805-497-1416** or  
[www.stpatricksdayschool.org](http://www.stpatricksdayschool.org)

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