

June 17, 2018
The Fourth Sunday
after Pentecost



The Parish of St. Patrick

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We are Monday through Saturday followers of Jesus who worship together on Sundays.

Rite I Worship Service: 8:00 AM

Rite II Worship Service: 10:15 with Choir & Sunday School

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	Susie Ruth
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,

Jesus knows something about the human spirit. Our capacity for goodness and compassion, and the depths of our struggle for meaning and relevance. Jesus understood that the religious leaders and scholars in Sunday's lesson – those who consistently sparred with Jesus over every jot and tittle of the Law – yearned to be the "greatest": the greatest scholar, the greatest Law follower, the greatest 'whatever' of them all. But Jesus knew something about the economy of the Spirit. That is, he knew that in the Kingdom of God the last are first, and the least are the greatest. This truth about ultimate reality would have been anathema to the religious types, and its demonstration by Jesus consistently came as a big, confronting surprise to them, challenging their ambition, pride and hubris.

Just as in Jesus' time, when we encounter the ultimate reality of God, we are confronted by the fact of our mortality and challenged by our susceptibility to indifference, unhealthy desires and self-aggrandizement.

Jesus gives us two parables this week to demonstrate these realities. First, he challenges our false sense of individual autonomy, that is, our false belief that everything starts with us and ends with us. That we are the masters of our own selves, and therefore, the world about us. This is the parable of the scattered seed, which sprouts and grows in response to a power beyond our own volition or individual will. "The earth produces of itself," goes the story. God provides, despite our opinions, despite our preferences or our foibles. God always provides.

The second parable is the topic of Sunday's homily and food for our thought. Jesus again confronts our sense of what is worthy, powerful and pregnant with potentiality. The smallest seed is the greatest of all seeds, not the other way around, because it holds within it the potential to be the greatest of all shrubs, and to be a blessing to the eco-community around it. This reminds me of our little church: small, but mighty, and full of potential to be a blessing to the community around it. In a world which values the biggest, most shiny, most expensive, most attended and most powerful people and things, what does Jesus' parable about the smallest of things have to say to us? Are we confronted or convicted or confounded?

See you Sunday.

George+

The Altar Flowers are Dedicated to the
Glory of God, in Grateful Thanksgiving for
the Birth of Melody Mae Cody-Palmquist,
and in Celebration of All Fathers and Especially
in Loving Memory of Fred Dale

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

Ron Allen, Arlyn Farrell, Loretta Gavin, Nancy Hawfield, Carolyn Horning, Karen Kent, Ingrid Loberg, Launis Look, Tony Martin, Elise Martin, Marie Manos, Joan Maskrey, Denice McDonald, Penny Richards, and Mary Ann
KC Robertson, St. Pat's Postulant and Seminarian, and Ryan Macias, Postulant

Repose of the Soul

Linda Allen

Sunday School

Nursery care for toddlers is available on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month in the sacristy wing. **Godly Play Sunday School for children pre-K-5th grade** are welcome to meet Ms. Patty every Sunday at the entrance to church at the start of the 10:15 worship and then process to class. Godly Play 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 (grades 6-8) meet on the 2nd & 4th 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 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 at gdaisa@stpatschurch.org.

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalms 92:1-4, 11-14

2 Corinthians
5:6-10, 14-17

Mark:4:26-34

CCC 4th of July Celebration

The Conejo Compassion Coalition is throwing a 4th of July Extravaganza! Come and enjoy entertainment, games, prizes, and an all-you-can-eat taco lunch for \$10.00. Children under ten eat free! The celebration begins at 12:00 pm in Hager Hall. Proceeds from the event will be used to support relief and development programs in Conejo Valley and around the world. Tickets may be purchased at the door, after Sunday church services, or online at <https://www.ccc-calendar.com>.

Homeless Dinner Program

The Homeless Dinner Program serves meals here in Hager Hall on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm from the first Sunday in April through the last Sunday in November. Contact Bob or Shirley Bland at 805-498-5682 for more details.

Conejo Compassion Coalition

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

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.

St. Patrick's Day School

Contact

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

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Sunday Service Participants

8:00 AM

Lector 1 Susan Sahlman
Psalm John Sahlman
Lector 2 John Sahlman
Intercessor Susan Sahlman
Crucifer
Acolytes

LEM 1 John Sahlman
LEM 2
Ushers Evelyn Stephenson

10:15 AM

Cathy Svitek
Travis Tokuyama
Candy Shaw
Bob Bland
Erik Svitek
Cali Greenidge
Mia Greenidge
Travis Tokuyama
Cindy Weaver
Bob Bland
Bruce Benson
Colin Greenidge
Rich Guske
Holly Newcomb

Altar Guild Team B:

Jane Calcante
Kathlene Stephens
Joanne Justus

Coffee Hosts 8:00: Jack & Carol Shafer

10:15: Sharon Lexau