

June 24, 2018
The Fifth 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

We can do better.

Today is June 21, which marks the first official day of the summer season. I wholeheartedly welcome the summer solstice. It ushers in a season when things usually slow down, and folks are generally more relaxed, less stressed, and more able to see the forest for the trees. For the Daisa family, it is a time marked by languid, unhurried walks in the cool of the evening, day trips to Ojai for hiking and visiting with friends, and work in the garden. Day-to-day life in the parish has (finally) slowed a bit, and Susie and I are catching our breath, as we 'prepare to prepare' for an exciting new church year starting in September.

This year's summer solstice begins, though, with some anxiety and uncertainty about the future. Quite a few of you have expressed to me through emails, texts, and in conversation your feelings of unease and hopelessness, of anger and despair about the state of the world today. In particular, every single person who has reached out to me has expressed concern over the U.S.'s policies regarding the detention and separation of immigrant families who have entered the U.S. illegally. Some of you have conveyed your outrage. Some have shared your struggle with deep ambivalence between law enforcement and humane, compassionate policy. Some have even recounted their own family's history of being detained and separated some 70 years ago, and how the images of children reaching out with desperate tears as they are separated from their families has brought them to feelings of despair.

I believe in the power of compassion. I believe in the goodness of humanity. I acknowledge the complexity of the issues involved. I accept my part, my responsibility for our broken immigration system as a voting citizen of the polis. And I know there is another way. God knows there is another way. In the words of Robert Kennedy, *we can do better*.

In the meantime, for those whose hearts are breaking – and they break for Republicans and Democrats, conservatives and progressives, alike – we must commit ourselves to prayer. Prayer is our single most powerful and effective tool. Psalm 34 tells us that God is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 10 tells us that God hears the cries of the afflicted, defends the fatherless and the oppressed, so that mere earthly mortals will never again strike terror. Pray that we do not strike terror, but sow seeds of unity, hope and justice. Pray. Pray often. And know that God is working for our best good in all things, for all people, and God is love.

And love wins.

See you Sunday.

George+

The Altar Flowers are

Dedicated to the Glory of God

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, Ingrid Loberg, Launis Look, Tony Martin, Elise Martin, Marie Manos, Joan Maskrey, Denise McDonald, Penny Richards, and Mary Ann
KC Robertson, St. Pat's Postulant and Seminarian, and Ryan Macias, Postulant

Rest 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-Kindergarten-5th Grade) are welcome to meet Ms. Patty outside the entrance of the church at 10:15 every Sunday for Sunday School. 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.**

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) is on summer vacation. They will reconvene on September 9, 2018.

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>.

Welcome Adria & Marco DeVito to the Household of God!

Today at the 10:15 am service, we welcome two of our newest (and youngest) members of St. Patrick's: Adria and Marco DeVito. We congratulate their parents, Clif and Frank, and their godparents, Rosemarie and David (aunt and uncle). Baptism is the sacramental rite of initiation into the Church, which makes Adria and Marco full members of the body of Christ! St. Patrick's celebrates them and their special day, and we wish them God's blessings and commit to supporting them in their growth into "the full stature of Christ." Welcome!

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.

Sunday Service Participants

	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Lector 1	Debbie McDonald	John Eaton
Psalm	Anna Merriman	Jodi Spindel
Lector 2	Anna Merriman	Karen Daisa
Intercessor	Debbie McDonald	Luca de la Peña
Crucifer		John Eaton
Acolytes		Luca de la Peña
		Payton Mead
LEM 1	Anna Merriman	Jodi Spindel
LEM 2		Rick Spindel
Ushers	Joe Maskrey	Bob Wichmann
	Joan Maskrey	John Sahlman
		Susan Sahlman
		Cindy Weaver

Altar Guild Team C:
 Ruthanne England
 Shirley Bland
 Doyleenne Johnson
 Debbie McDonald

St. Patrick's Day School

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