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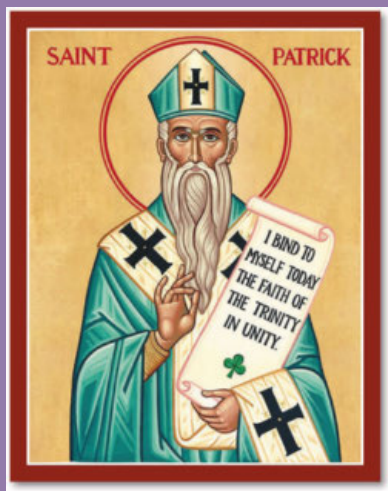
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December 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

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**MONDAY - Dec. 18**

7:00 am - Dan Arnold (d)
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TUESDAY - Dec. 19

7:00 am - Barry Turner (d)
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WEDNESDAY - Dec. 20

7:00 am - Fr. Raymond Moore (d)
8:00 am - E. Grace & Family (int)

THURSDAY - Dec. 21

7am - Nowell Family (int)
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FRIDAY - Dec. 22

7:00 am - Jose & Maria Torres (int)
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SATURDAY - Dec. 23

8:00 am - Daniel Little (int)
4:30 pm - Edward Bobka (d)
7:00 pm - Maria Jimenez Rocha (int)
Ricardo y Leticia Orozco (d)

SUNDAY - Dec. 24 (4th Sunday of Advent)

7:30 am - Caroline Luccarelli (d)
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11:00 am - Torres Family (int)
1:00 pm - Jaime y Rafael Cordova (d)
Por la Comunidad de San Patricio (int)

(Christmas Eve)

4:00 pm - (Church) Grace Ragonesi (d)
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6:00 pm - Norman Yelnick (d)
8:00 pm -(SP) Filimon Vargas (d)
10:00 pm - Ramiro y Marlene Contreras (int)

**A WORD FROM THE PASTOR**

During the Family Mass on the First Sunday of Advent, I spoke to the children about the Advent-Christmas season as a time of “not just getting but giving.” Children can easily become focused on “what am I going to get,” and forget that the central meaning of Christmas is giving. Love became incarnate and we have the task of continuing to give life and love to those who suffer or are in need. The Dead Sea is a good illustration of what happens if we only receive and have no outlet for the love and blessings we receive.

The Dead Sea is called the Dead Sea because it is a lifeless body of water where no organic life can exist due to its high salt content. The water is so salty that even fish from the ocean perish when put into it. The name “Dead Sea” is not mentioned in the Old Testament, but it is referred to as the “salt sea” and the “sea of the wilderness.” The high salt content of the Dead Sea is due to the fact that it receives over six and a half million tons of fresh water from the Jordan River and other affluents every day, but has no outlet to the ocean, resulting in high evaporation rates and the accumulation of salt.

So also, for us. If we focus on “getting” and not “giving,” our faith will become lifeless. That is why I am delighted with our many parish outreach programs. Our parish is a warm and welcoming community, but it also needs to be a community that reaches out, that extends to those beyond itself. Ministries like **Showers of Blessings** and the **Christmas Star program** show our desire to help those in need. **Shoes to the World** helps us extend our concern internationally. Our Knights of Columbus give us many opportunities throughout the year to combat hunger and support prolife causes. Our parish recently began a new outreach ministry which **distributes food to families every Saturday** at the Fr. Moore Center. These and other ministries like them show our desire to be a community whose life flows out to others and is not kept to ourselves.

Christmas is upon us. May this season remind us that the baby in the manger grew up to be “a man for others.” May our belief in him lead us to express our faith in special concern for the poor. As families and individuals, let us commit ourselves to discovering the ways that we can share in this ministry of outreach. If you would like to know how to become involved in any of our parish outreach ministries, call me or the parish office.

May the Prince of Peace bring peace to our hearts, to our families and to our world.

In one Heart,

Fr. Ron



Un saludo de parte del Diácono Miguel

“Le preguntaron, ‘Entonces dinos quién eres, para poder llevar una respuesta a los que nos enviaron. ¿Qué dices de ti mismo?’ Juan les contestó, ‘Yo soy la voz que grita en el desierto, ‘Enderecen el camino del

Señor’, como anunció el profeta Isaías”. (Juan 1: 6-8, 19-28). Miramos la **tensión** en el Evangelio de este **3er Domingo de Adviento** entre Juan el Bautista y los **sacerdotes** y levitas. Juan habla de la **urgencia de cambiar sus vidas**, porque el **Mesías** está por llegar. Esto **incomoda** a los sacerdotes y levitas porque **ellos piensan**, que ellos siendo los **inteligentes y escogidos por Dios**, ¿por que **no han recibido** este mensaje de **Dios**? Pero la verdad es que **Dios les está hablando** a ellos por medio de Juan el Bautista y otros medios, pero los sacerdotes y **levitas están sordos**, no lo escuchan. Ellos están **cerrados a “sus ideas”** de la manera que Dios les hablará. Pero **Dios ha creado todo y a todos**. Dios puede hablarnos de tantas **diferentes maneras**. Aun por medio de esas maneras que **“creemos”** que Dios **no puede usar**. Dios se revela en nuestras **vidas cotidianas**. Se revela en nuestra **pareja** y **nuestros hijos**, por **dondequiera que andemos**, allí está Dios hablándonos, **demonstrándonos que no estamos solos**. ¿Estamos **dispuestos para mirar a Dios** en todas partes? En el mundo miramos mucha violencia, odio, y racismo, pero **pongamos nuestra mirada en Dios**. Hagamos nuestra parte, **sembrar semillas de amor y esperanza** y Dios se encargará del resto. **Pongamos atención** a Juan el Bautista, que nos dice que **“enderezemos nuestro camino con del Señor”**. Acerquémonos a Él sin temor, **somos sus hijas e hijos amados**.

- *Diácono Miguel Enríquez*



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La Palabra de Dios nos recuerda que necesitamos volvernos al Señor. Reconocer a Dios como Dios Único, por encima de todas las otras cosas, y vivir conforme a ese reconocimiento es la conversión que siempre necesitamos vivir, especialmente en el Tiempo de Adviento. Este es un tiempo para aprender a vivir como hermanos y reconocer que nuestro Creador es Padre de todos.

En nuestros días *¿Cómo podemos reconocer y honrar el rostro de Dios en nuestros hermanos?*



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Two Courses Offered in North County

St. Patrick Parish will host two courses of the Diocesan Institute in the new year. Both are being taught by Eudist Fathers.

- **Fr. Azam Mansha, CJM**, will teach a course on the **Psalms**.

The course offers an introduction to the Psalms for contemporary prayer life. It will meet on **Mondays, January 8 – February 12, 2024; 6:30pm – 9:00pm.**

- **Fr. Ron Bagley, CJM**, will teach a course on **Ecumenism**.

The course offers an overview of the different Christian faiths, their differences and common ground with Catholicism.

It will meet on **Tuesdays, January 30 – March 5, 2024; 6:30pm – 9:00pm.**

Registration for these courses needs to be made through the Diocesan Institute at <https://sdcatholic.org/office-for/diocesan-institute/course-registration-pay-online/>

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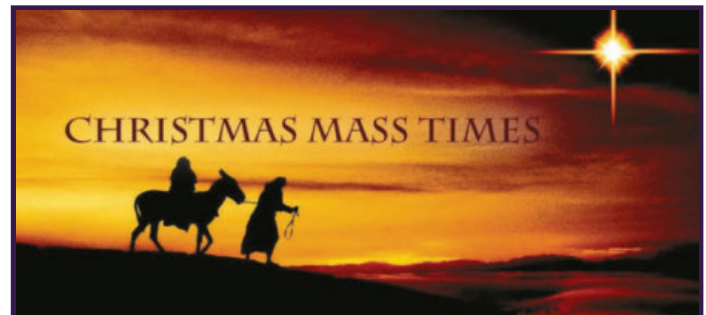
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- ♦ If you sold securities this year and will owe capital gains tax, remember that gifts to St. Patrick Catholic Community of cash or other securities may reduce your gains. Please check with your tax advisor.
- ♦ **Contact the Stewardship and Development Office or 760-729-0717, or mmclain@stpatrickcarlsbad.com**



THANK YOU to those who have already contributed

Time is running out! If you have not made a contribution to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal, please consider doing so by December 31, 2023. Every donation makes a difference.

You can make your contribution online at www.sdcatholic.org or by picking up a brochure and response card at the doors of the church or in the parish office.



Christmas Eve - La Vigilia de Navidad

- 4:00 pm Mass in the church (English)
- 4:00 pm Family Mass in the Parish Center
- 6:00 pm Mass in the church (English)
- 8:00 pm Misa en la iglesia (español)
- 10:00 pm Mass in the Night (church in English)

Christmas Day - La Navidad

- 7:30 am Dawn Mass (church in English)
- 9:00 am Mass in the church (English)
- 11:00 am Mass in the church (English)
- 1:00 pm Misa en la iglesia (español)

No Mass at 5:00 pm on Christmas Day



Soup Suppers Are Delicious!

Dear parishioners & friends:

Join us for delicious homemade soup & dessert in the parish hall starting at **4:30 - 6pm every Thursday.**

This Week **Thursday December 21st** We will feature *delicious Chicken Tortilla soup with bread & dessert.*
No cost to join us for food, conversation & music!

Be A Welcoming Community

When we celebrate Christmas in another week, we will welcome many people to our church who do not always join us the rest of the year. This presents us with a challenge and an opportunity. It may be crowded, a bit confusing as people look for seats, and a frenzy in the parking lot.

But it is also an opportunity to be welcoming to those who are visitors or who don't yet feel a part of our community. Extend a warm welcome as people enter your pew. Sit in the middle of the pew, encouraging others to join you. Welcome the latecomers and the crying babies. Be civil in the parking lot both coming and going. Invite people to come back.

St. Patrick's has a reputation for being **a welcoming community**. Let's put that on full display next Christmas weekend.

Please note: The parking lot of our neighbor New Song Church is available to us on Monday, December 25. However, please **do not park there on December 24** as that congregation will have their Christmas Eve services.

An Unusual Weekend

From a liturgical point of view, the weekend of December 23-25 is unusual and could be confusing. On the same weekend we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas). The last day of Advent is December 24; it is also the Fourth Sunday of that season. We must try to keep the spirit of Advent even as we already have entered the Christmas celebrations.

Catholics have **two obligations** that weekend. We should participate in the Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Those Masses are Saturday (December 23) at 4:30 and 7:00 pm, and Sunday (December 24) at the usual times of 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. That concludes Advent.

Christmas begins with the 4:00 pm Masses on December 24. We have additional Christmas Eve Masses at 6:00, 8:00 and 10:00 pm. On Christmas Day our Masses are at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am, and 1:00 pm.
(No Mass at 5:00 pm)

The question everybody is asking is: **"Do I have to go to Mass twice on this weekend?"** The simple answer is: YES. Once for the 4th Sunday of Advent and another for Christmas.



Religious Education & Family Ministry (PreK – 8th grade)

Last week of classes before Christmas

Sunday Classes: Dec 17

Monday classes: Dec 18

Tuesday classes: Dec 19

Reflect: The **third Sunday of Advent** reminds us that we are meant to reflect the light of Christ. John the Baptist shows us that our words and actions are in service to God. If we speak Christ's words and bring his love, people will listen.

Act: *What could you do for someone this week to spread joy?*

Pray: Lord Jesus, be our light. Help us reflect your love in what we say and do.

Praying with the Advent Wreath: "The Lord, your God, is in your midst."

Gather your family. Light two purple candles and the rose candle on your advent wreath and pray:

Parent: Lord, you are always near. Your love for us makes us shout for joy.

All: **We praise you, Lord!**

Parent: Lord, you have kept your promise, by sending your Son, Jesus.

All: **We trust in you, Lord!**

Parent: Lord, you give us the gift of salvation.

All: **We wait for you, Lord!**

Blessings. Margit Dornisch

Religious Education and Family Ministry



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A Sister shares, "I thank the Lord for all who give.

I don't think we would make it without them."

Thank you for giving to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** last week. Your donation makes a difference in the lives of elderly women and men religious. To learn more about how your gift helps, visitretiredreligious.org.

Nuestras religiosas y religiosos están muy agradecidos.

Una hermana comparte: "Agradezco al Señor por todos los que donan. No creo que podríamos vivir sin ellos". Gracias por donar al **Fondo para la Jubilación de Religiosos** la semana pasada. Su donativo significa mucho para la vida de las religiosas y religiosos ancianos. Para saber más sobre cómo su donativo los ayuda, visite retiredreligious.org.



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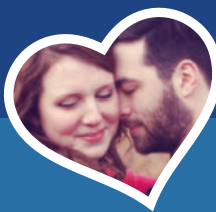
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- * December 18 at 6:30pm (English) - St. Mark, San Marcos
- * December 19 at 7:00 pm – St. Thomas More, Oceanside
- * December 20 at 6:30 pm (Spanish) – St. Mark, San Marcos

- * December 21 at 6:00 pm - St. Peter, Fallbrook
- * December 21 at 12:30 pm – St. Peter, Fallbrook
- * December 22 at 12:30 pm – St. Francis of Assisi, Vista
- * December 22 at 6:30 pm – St. Francis of Assisi, Vista

In addition, confessions are heard at St. Patrick's on **Wednesdays at 8:30 am and 6:00 pm**. However, there will be no evening Confessions on **December 20, (school Christmas program in the church).**

Third Sunday of Advent – Year B

First Reading

Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11

The Lord's salvation will be made known to the poor and the oppressed.

Responsorial Psalm

Luke 1:46-50,53-54

Mary sings praise to God.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to rejoice and pray always.

Gospel Reading

John 1:6-8,19-28

John gives testimony that he is preaching and baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfillment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the savior they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfill the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete*, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

