

St. Patrick Parish

114 King Street, Larkspur, CA 94939

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30 November, 2025

First Sunday of Advent



TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH

Visit our website and register online or come to the Parish Office

St. Patrick's Thrift Shop

457 Magnolia Avenue
Larkspur CA 94939
Phone: 415-924-5393

Hours:

Tuesday - Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Saturday: Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m., Tuesday through Friday
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Parish Staff

Monsignor Michael Padazinski, *Pastor*

Mark Scafidi
Deacon
Michael Waters
School Principal
Francesca Previtali
Director of Religious Education
Barbara Santana Cronin
Thrift Shop Manager
Agata Konopka
Parish Office

Deborah Jackson
Adult Choir Director
Alice Kubo
Pianist
Cyndi Niven
Cantor
Barbara Cavalier
Hospitality Coordinator
Phyllis Rybensky
Helping Hands Coordinator

Parish Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Monday—Friday)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday

4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

or another time
by appointment.

St. Patrick
K-8 School

415-924-0501

St. Patrick
School of Religion

415-924-0600 x15

This weekend, as we begin the Advent season, preparing for the birth of Christ, we have a great opportunity to bring Christ to our Corte Madera/Larkspur neighbors who are experiencing great difficulties. This is the occasion of our Fifth Sunday collection where we are invited to give what we can to the St. Patrick's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society joining with our parish volunteers as they visit those in need and pay the bills needed to keep them housed.

During this Thanksgiving and Christmas season, our conference increases the amount of their grocery cards and gives each family with children gift cards to Target, helping the parents to give a little more to their children for Christmas. We invite you to be a part of this wonderful work and greatly appreciate all that you have done in the past.



Pray for Our Candidates



Our 8th grade religious education and parochial school students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, December 7th at 2pm. Please pray for them daily that the gifts they receive from the Holy Spirit will guide them into a deeper relationship with our Lord so that they may be His force in the world for good.

St. Patrick Giving Tree
How do you help?

Take a tag off the tree.
Buy the gift.
Wrap the gift and put the tag on the gift.
Drop off the gift to the St. Patrick School Office
no later than
MONDAY 12/15 by 3:30!

If you have any questions, please email Jennifer Lynch
at jlynch@stpatricksmarin.org

Benefiting Marin Foster Care Association, Lifehouse, and SVdP

Mass Intentions November 29 — December 7		
Saturday November 29	5:00 pm	Barbara Figone †
Sunday November 30	8:00 am 10:00 am	Jeannine Jacobs † People
Monday December 1		No Mass
Tuesday December 2	8:00 am	Julia Ritter
Wednesday December 3	8:00 am	Special Intention
Thursday December 4	8:00 am	Steve McMahon
Friday December 5	8:00 am	Barbara Buggelli †
Saturday December 6	5:00 pm	Bob Jump †
Sunday December 7	8:00 am 10:00 am	People Ann Florin †



**Feast of The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Monday, December 8
A Holy Day of Obligation

Holy Day Masses will be celebrated at
8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. (school) & 7:00 p.m.



Family Advent Wreath Event

Come decorate your own Advent wreath to take home to use throughout the Advent season.

Sunday, November 30

9:15AM or 11:15AM

Healy Hall

For planning purposes, a sign-up is required.

<https://tinylink.net/BvVrz>



Cash or Venmo donations will be requested at the door to cover the cost of materials, but no one will be turned away.

Suggested donations:

\$10 for the gold ring base of the Advent wreath

\$5 for the four Advent taper candles (3 purple, 1 pink)

\$5 for the decorations (greenery, ornaments, pine cones, ribbon, etc.)

email Francesca with any questions: faithformation@stpatricksmarin.org



One way our parish is seeking to prepare well this Advent for Christ's Nativity is with a special program from Ascension with **Fr. Mike Schmitz** called ***Waiting Well***, which features daily reflections, prayer, and opportunities for journaling. The journal also includes weekly activities and resources to help individuals and families enter into the season of Advent.

This Advent, we can learn to wait well together as a parish. Advent can be active preparation, a beautiful opportunity to let Jesus into every part of our lives.

Visit the table after all Masses on this weekend to learn more and pick up your copy of the *Waiting Well* journal.

Reflection Group Opportunity

For those joining the *Waiting Well* journey, we invite you to gather for reflection and discussion as we share our faith and grow together in community.

**Wednesday, December 10
at 6:30 PM in Healy Hall**



Our Holy Father's Monthly Intention: December 2025

For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

PRAYER LIST

If you would like any names to be included on our prayer list you may call the Parish Office or email parish@stpatrikismarin.org. Please indicate whether it is a prayer for healing, employment, discernment, or any other needs.

A Perfect Way to Begin Your Advent Observance

Come, be part of a 150 year old Advent tradition being replicated all over the world. You are invited to Lessons and Carols at St. Patrick's Church at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 4. St. Patrick's Choir, joined by guest singers and local civic leaders reading Scripture passages, will present the story of Jesus's nativity from the Old Testament prophesies to His birth in Bethlehem. The music includes very moving octavos and the familiar carols all will enjoy singing.

This hour-long Advent devotion is free of charge but incorporates a great tradition instituted by our parish. Toward the end of the presentation, we will pause to take up a voluntary collection for the residents of the King Street Senior Housing. Each year, thanks to the donations received at this celebration, the formerly homeless residents of our old convent are able to buy a wonderful gift for all to enjoy together.

Please bring your families and friends to a most enjoyable and devotional preparation for Christmas.



LESSONS & CAROLS

AN HOUR OF SCRIPTURE AND SONG

ST. PATRICK CHURCH, LARKSPUR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025

7 PM

All are invited. Admission is free.

Donations gratefully accepted for
KING STREET SENIOR HOUSING

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month
from 8:30am to 12:00pm
Adoration concludes with Benediction
at 12:00pm.



*Please visit the church for some quality,
alone time with the Lord this Friday,
December 5.*



Monthly Mother's Mass Meet Up

Being a mother with young children is truly a gift. Here at St. Patrick we are offering a wonderful opportunity for young Catholic mothers to meet and connect both with each other, and in the presence of God. If you are a new mother, or a mother with young children, please consider joining the Catholic Moms chapter of the Southern Marin Mothers' Club. We meet the first Friday of every month for the 8:00 Mass (with or without your babies and children). Coffee and conversation to follow at Emporio Rulli down the street.

Next Mothers' Mass on Friday, December 5 at 8am -- hope you can join us!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Samantha Daly: samanthamariedaly@gmail.com
Parishioner of St. Patrick Parish and Head of the Catholic Moms chapter, SMMC

You are not alone! — December 12-14

The Archdiocese of San Francisco sponsors Project Rachel which helps women and men heal the pain of abortion and to find the path to peace and reconciliation.

This three-day retreat, led by **Father Vito Perrone, COSJ**, offers a warm and healing environment where women can participate in Mass, receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, engage in counseling, and share at their own comfort level.

All inquiries and attendance completely confidential. This retreat is free.

To register: sfarch.org/event/womens-retreat-for-healing-after-abortion/

Advent Giving Tree for the Gabriel Project

During Advent, we wait in expectant hope for the arrival of the Baby Jesus, as his mother Mary would have done so long ago. This is the perfect time to walk with other expectant mothers as they await the arrival of these new blessings.



Our Advent Giving Tree is a way to support pregnant women in need as we celebrate this season. Donations will go to support the Gabriel Project, which helps pregnant women throughout the year, through volunteers, or “angels,” at parishes in the three counties of the Archdiocese.

For more information: gabrielproject@sfarch.org.
Donate here: <https://sfarch.org/gabriel-project-advent-tree/>



Christmas Angels Toy Drive, an Archdiocesan initiative to bring joy to children who have a parent in prison during the holiday season. The Christmas Angels feast and toy distribution will be at the Cathedral on Sunday, December 21, 2025. We are expecting over 200 children.

Please, bring your gift by December 14.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to share the joy of Christmas with families impacted by incarceration.



A huge *thank you* to all those who made our “2025 Parish Pancake Breakfast” an immense success to celebrate the *Feast of Christ the King*.

To our school moms for the table decor, our school children who decorated the placemats, and J.R. Garibaldi and team for assembling the tables and chairs.

To the parish volunteers who made it all happen: Chuck, Joy, Mary and Chuck, Jr. Starrett, Rado Mihal, Deacon Mark Scafidi, Hank Cavalier, Phyllis Rybensky, Jackie Tribolet, Margaret Randall, Rosemary Dooher, Annette Bernardini, Diane Hollister, Lydia Meriwether, JoAnne Connor, Faith Hodges, Marie Fitzgerald, Bev Cantello, Danye Perrine, and Steven Stephens.

What a terrific effort and great turnout! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Barbara Cavalier

