

# St. Patrick Parish

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14 December, 2025

Third 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



Dear friends,

You may recall last year, on the Third Sunday of Advent, due to strong winds, we had no power. That didn't stop us from praying the holy Mass at 5:00 PM on Saturday. Even though we had to celebrate the holy Mass by candlelight, it was a beautiful and prayerful experience for many. It later dawned on me that traditionally, the Third Sunday of Advent, the Rorate Mass was celebrated as a Votive Mass in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Mass was prayed by candlelight only before dawn. The Mass is called "Rorate" because the entrance antiphon for the Mass begins with this Latin word: *Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem* ("Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior" (see Isaiah 45:8)).

We will continue this tradition this Saturday at 5:00pm. So, be prepared. Even though we may have power, we will allow the power of the Holy Spirit to enlighten our hearts and minds to prayerfully celebrate the holy Mass in darkness. This will hopefully enable us to ponder Mary's role in bringing Christ into the world in a more profound way this Advent season.

I hope you can join us.

Happy Advent!  
Msgr. Padazinski

## Sacrament of Reconciliation



On Tuesday, December 16, from 7:00 — 8:00 P.M., and Saturday, December 20, from 3:30 — 4:30 P.M., we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) in the church.

We are all in need of God's forgiveness and availing ourselves to the grace of the Sacrament might truly be the greatest gift we receive at Christmas!

## Mass Intentions December 13 — 21

<b>Saturday</b> December 13	5:00 pm	Louise Finley †
<b>Sunday</b> December 14	8:00 am 10:00 am	Alfred R. Peguero † People
Monday December 15		<b>No Mass</b>
Tuesday December 16	8:00 am	George Greco †
Wednesday December 17	8:00 am	Dennis Z. Melka †
Thursday December 18	8:00 am	Rev. Tony Parsons
Friday December 19	8:00 am	JoAnn Burns †
Saturday December 20	5:00 pm	Susan Catinella †
Sunday December 21	8:00 am 10:00 am	People Michael McCullagh †

## Today's 2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

Today's special collection supports the Retirement Fund for Religious, which helps more than 20,500 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Now, their communities struggle to meet their basic care, medication, and daily living needs. Your generosity ensures they can age with dignity.

They gave their lives in service—now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care and dignity they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

## Christmas Schedule 2025

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

#### **Confessions:**

**Tuesday, December 16**  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, December 20**  
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

### Christmas Masses

#### **Christmas Eve**

**Wednesday, December 24**

**Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord**  
4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Mass  
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass  
9:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

#### **Christmas Day**

**Thursday, December 25**  
8:00 a.m. Christmas Mass  
10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass  
11:30 a.m. Christmas Mass

## St. Patrick Giving Tree LAST CALL!

Drop off the gift to the St. Patrick School Office  
no later than

**MONDAY 12/15 by 3:30!**

Please remember in your prayers  
longtime St. Patrick's parishioner  
who passed away recently.



**Barbara Nann**

*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her  
May her soul and all the souls of the  
faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

Please remember in your prayers



**Patricia McDonald**

who passed away recently.  
*Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon her  
May her soul and all the souls of the  
faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

Please remember in your prayers  
longtime St. Patrick's parishioner  
who passed away recently



**Donald Rossi**

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May his soul and all the souls of the  
faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.*

**A Special Thank You**

We are deeply grateful to the Larkspur Community Foundation who gave a grant of \$1,000.00 to our St. Patrick's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. This donation will be of great help in underwriting the cost of the gift cards for each child in the families we are serving, thus helping them in their Christmas or holiday giving. In honor of the festivities we all enjoy around Thanksgiving and Christmas, we also increase each year the money amount on the grocery cards we deliver to our neighbor families in November and December.

We thank the Larkspur Community Foundation for helping us with this happy tradition.



**Gabriel Project**

**You'll be loving TWO of your neighbors  
When you help a pregnant mom in need.**

**Here's How:** Volunteer for the San Francisco Archdiocese's Gabriel Project, a group of men and women who each extend a helping hand to pregnant moms who are in need of material and spiritual support.

Volunteers—"Angels"—offer simple and loving support all that way through a pregnancy.

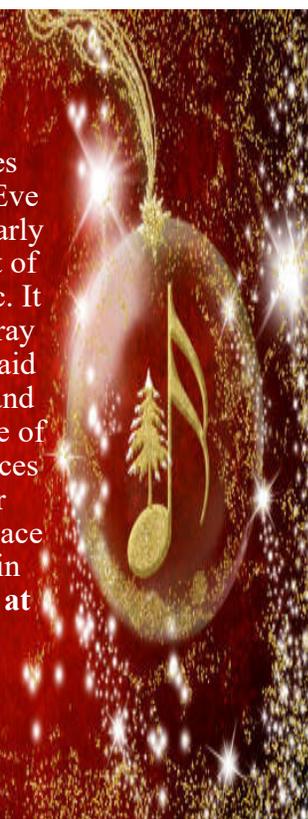
Many volunteers end up with lifelong friendships because they've offered their heartfelt assistance.

You may already know a pregnant mom who's in need of help. Please have her call or text the Gabriel Project hotline at **1-800-910-2848**.

(To learn more, contact the Gabriel Project at [gabrielproject@sfarch.org](mailto:gabrielproject@sfarch.org))

**You Are Invited**

The St. Patrick Choir invites you to come to Christmas Eve Vigil Mass one half hour early to enjoy a beautiful concert of wonderful Christmas music. It is said that "To sing is to pray twice." The same may be said for those simply enjoying and quietly praying the message of peace permeating these pieces as we all join in praying for world peace, the kind of peace brought to us by the Child in the manger. **Please join us at 8:30 p.m. for our annual Christmas Concert on Wednesday evening, December 24.**





A heartfelt thanks to all who took the time to decorate our parish – setting up and decorating the Rectory Christmas tree, arranging the outdoor lighting, and preparing the creche. Your generosity and dedication are evident in every detail, and our church looks truly beautiful. Special thanks go to: Barbara and Hank Cavalier, Chuck, Joy, and Mary Starrett, Mick Smith, Deacon Mark Scafidi, Gregory Scafidi, Rado Mihal and Dan Faltermeier.



The Saint Raphael Filipino Community invites you to:  
La Comunidad Filipina de San Rafael te invita a:

## Simbang Gabi (Misa de Gallo)

Let us all journey together to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Our Simbang Gabi "Night Mass" is a four-night event, with Rosary and Mass. This devotion celebrates the values of family and hospitality and is a symbol of sharing and spiritual commitment, enriching each of our lives.

Unámonos en este camino para prepararnos para el nacimiento de Jesús. Nuestra Simbang Gabi, "Misa de Noche", es un evento de cuatro noches con Rosario y Misa. Esta devoción celebra los valores de la familia y la hospitalidad, y simboliza la comunión y el compromiso espiritual, enriqueciendo nuestras vidas.

Contact Belle Lacuna: [blacuna7@gmail.com](mailto:blacuna7@gmail.com)



DEC	DAY / DÍA	LOCATION / UBICACIÓN	MYSTERIES OF ROSARY		MASS / MISA
16	TUESDAY/ MARTES	Saint Raphael Church Iglesia	7:00 PM	Sorrowful / Dolorosos	7:30 - 8:30 PM
17	WEDNESDAY/ MIÉRCOLES	Saint Raphael Church Iglesia	6:30 PM	Glorious / Gloriosos	7:00 - 8:00 PM
18	THURSDAY/ JUEVES	Mission San Rafael Archangel	5:00 PM	Luminous / Luminosos	5:30 - 6:30 PM
19	FRIDAY/ VIERNES	Mission San Rafael Archangel	5:00 PM	Sorrowful / Dolorosos	5:30 - 6:30 PM



## SAINT RAPHAEL CHURCH

A Communion of Communities / Una Comunión de Comunidades

A Designated Pilgrimage Site for the Jubilee 2025 / Sitio de Peregrinación designado para el Jubileo de 2025



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