

# St. Patrick Parish

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4th Sunday of Lent



## 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, Wednesday, Friday:  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 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. & 11:30 a.m.

Last Sunday of the Month: 10:00 a.m. Family Mass

## Parish Staff

Monsignor Michael Padazinski  
*Pastor*

Reverend Andrew Ginter  
*In Residence*

Angela Hadsell  
*School Principal*

Lisa Gramlich  
*Director of Religious Education  
& Evangelization*

Agata Konopka  
*Parish Office*

Cathy Plocki  
*Liturgical Coordinator*  
Phyllis Rybensky  
*Helping Hands Coordinator*

Barbara Cavalier  
*Hospitality Coordinator*  
Deborah Benedict  
*Adult Choir Director*

Daniel Savio  
*Pianist*

**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

## **A Message to the People of God about the Coronavirus Epidemic From Archbishop Cordileone**

We are living in extraordinary times, unprecedented in the lives of most of us. Six Bay Area counties (San Francisco, Marin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda and Contra Costa) are now under a “shelter in place” order for the purpose of containing the spread of the coronavirus. It is of the utmost importance that we all do our part to comply with this order, so that we might “flatten the curve,” that is, extend the period of time in which people will get sick, so that our health care institutions will not be overwhelmed. Otherwise, some people will inevitably not get the health care they need and, in all likelihood, some of these will end up dying. Even those who are willing to risk their own health in not complying with this order must realize that they may be endangering the health, and even lives, of others, since it is possible for one to have the virus for days, and perhaps even weeks, before the symptoms manifest themselves. Hence, one could be infecting others without even realizing it.

Extraordinary times require extraordinary measures. I have recently sent a memo to our priests, outlining the measures we will take to comply with what the counties are asking us to do, while at the same time continuing to provide for the spiritual care of our people. These decisions were arrived at only after I engaged in extensive conversation with pastors, experts in the field, and some of our lay faithful, and then held an emergency conference call consultation with the deans of the ten deaneries of our Archdiocese as well as Archdiocesan leadership.

### **The Celebration of Mass**

1. Pastors (or a priest they designate) will celebrate Mass every day in their parish churches with only one altar server in attendance. Due to the “stay at home” order, no one else can be present in the church during the celebration of Mass, only the priest and one altar server. This means that for the time being, and until further notice, there will be no public celebration of Mass.
2. That does not mean, though, that our people cannot attend Mass *remotely*, and so parishes that have the technology to do so will livestream these Masses celebrated in private. This will allow our pastors to continue to communicate with their parishioners from the pulpit in real time. Information on livestreamed parish Masses can be found here: <https://sfarch.org/livestreams>.
3. Continuing the celebration of Mass in our parish churches in this way (i.e., in private, with no one present other than the priest and one altar server) will also enable our parishes to fulfill Mass intentions that have been requested by the faithful. Where there is no requested intention for the Mass, our priests have been asked to celebrate Masses for the intention of those suffering from the coronavirus, for the health care workers attending to them, and for researchers seeking a cure and vaccine for the virus.
4. Since the celebration of Mass in public is not available, the faithful are not bound by the obligation of Sunday Mass attendance. To be more precise: to “keep the Lord’s Day holy” is the precept of the third Commandment of the Decalogue, direct from God, to which we are always bound and can never be dispensed; however, at this time, ***our people are excused from keeping the Lord’s Day holy by attending Sunday Mass.*** This means that our people must keep the Lord’s Day holy in other ways, at home.

### **Other Considerations**

6. To the extent possible, churches will remain open during the day so that our people may have the solace of prayer in a sacred space, especially before the Blessed Sacrament, during this distressing time.
7. Priests will continue to visit the sick, and celebrate the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for them, in accordance with special sanitary measures I have indicated to them.
8. In parishes where posted hours for regularly hearing confessions in the parish church might possibly draw even a small crowd of people together, confessions will have to be scheduled by appointment. Parishes in this situation have been asked to communicate this announcement widely and thoroughly. To be in keeping with

the safety practices being urged upon us, I have also asked our priests to hear confessions in an open space, or spacious room, where the six-foot distance rule can be observed and confidentiality respected.

9. Weddings and funerals should be postponed to the extent possible. Parents presenting their children for baptism should arrange with their pastor how best to accommodate the celebration of this life-giving sacrament.

10. Sadly, Palm Sunday falls within the timeframe covered by the “shelter in place” order. It will, moreover, severely impact our celebration of the Triduum liturgies. Communication to the pastors will be forthcoming to give them guidance on how to carry out these ceremonies.

The unavailability of public Mass at this time truly saddens all of us. I would encourage us, though, to take this as an opportunity to be creative in finding ways to keep holy the Sabbath at home. For ideas on how to do this, please see the resource, “Keeping the Lord’s Day Holy at Home” which can be found via the link on your parish website.



### Donating to St. Patrick Church Online

The church relies on an increase in contributions to support special programs and basic operating expenses. Please be as generous as you can. For your convenience, we offer online giving through the church website. It’s easy to donate! Simply go to our website, [www.stpatricksparish.com](http://www.stpatricksparish.com). On the homepage click on ‘Giving,’ and you will be directed to VANCO.

Please call the parish office with any questions.

***Your donations to St. Patrick Parish are always most appreciated!***

### WEBPAGE WITH LENTEN RESOURCES

New on the archdiocesan website is a page devoted to Lent, with a beautiful slide show illustrating Our Journey through Lent, and many resources for entering deeply into and emerging fruitfully from this spiritually challenging but rewarding season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Read the Archbishop’s Lenten message, Bishop Barron’s Gospel reflections, and find activities and resources for all ages, including a link to the page “The Light is on for You.”

Visit the webpage, [sfarch.org/lent](http://sfarch.org/lent).

### Mass Intentions March 21 — 29

Saturday March 21	5:00 pm	Bob Rybensky †
Sunday March 22	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:00 am	Gabriel Freitas †
	11:30 am	Memorials, Benefactors & Clients of our Parish SVDP Society
Monday March 23	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday March 24	8:00 am	Ed Kwitek †
Wednesday March 25	8:00 am	Gabriel Freitas †
Thursday March 26	8:00 am	Cecilia Ryan †
Friday March 27	8:00 am	Gabriel Freitas †
Saturday March 28	5:00 pm	Jerry Finley †
Sunday March 29	8:00 am	John Cronin †
	10:00 am	Gabriel Freitas †
	11:30 am	People of the Parish



In response to news of progression of COVID-19 outbreaks, the following are canceled or closed until further notice:

- ⇒ Daily Masses
- ⇒ Weekend Masses
- ⇒ CFF classes
- ⇒ Parish School
- ⇒ RCIA
- ⇒ Soup Suppers
- ⇒ First Reconciliation
- ⇒ Lenten Confessions
- ⇒ St. Patrick’s Thrift Shop
- ⇒ Men’s Hoops

## The Prayer of Pope Francis to the Virgin Mary

*On March 4, in Rome, Pope Francis prayed for the protection of the world in this moment of crisis and danger.*

“O Mary, you shine continuously along our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the Cross were near to the pain of Jesus, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need, and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that, as at Cana of Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us, He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and took up our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.  
+ Amen.”



## DAILY MASS FROM BISHOP BARRON'S CHAPEL

In light of measures being taken to contain the outbreak and avoid further illness, and in an effort to continue the practice of our faith in these trying times:

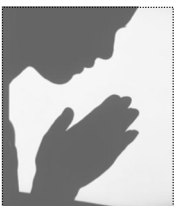
Word on Fire will be offering daily Mass for the foreseeable future.

It is at this exact moment that our faith is most needed.

Join Word on Fire -

[https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass.](https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass)

## PRAYER LIST



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

Dear friends in Christ,

Charles Dickens began his historical novel, A Tale of Two Cities with the following well known quote: "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." I am hopeful that we will one day, sooner than later, be able to look back upon this time as just that. With the inconveniences currently upon us, with the fear of the virus on many minds, and with our daily routines grinding to a halt, we must not underestimate or forget the opportunities this time holds. While we may be "sheltering in place" and our daily lives dramatically altered, the time allotted to us can be looked at as somewhat of a gift.

We are in Lent. Lent is a season that calls us to do penance for our sins and the sins of others. Let's offer the inconveniences we are forced to deal with as some reparation for our past failings. Rather than grumbling or complaining about our current state of affairs, pray that we in our community and beyond may be spared the effects of the virus which seem to be all around. Be thankful, at least to this point, that no one from our faith community (that I am aware of) has succumb to the virus.

Lent is also a season that calls us to pray, more than we already do. Look at our current situation as an opportunity unlike any previous Lent to enter more deeply into prayer and contemplation. The situation in which most of us find ourselves offers us more free time in our daily schedule. Devote some of that extra time to prayer and reflection. Use this rare opportunity to pray alone and with your family. With the gift of time on our hands, use some of it wisely to reflect more fully and deeply on the gift of your faith and on your personal relationship with God. Let this be a Lenten season unlike any other so that you may come through this season spiritually renewed and more committed to living your life more deeply in relation to God. Then, when all of this does pass, and we return to a new normal, we can press on with a greater feeling of trust and connectedness to God and one another.

Be assured that each of you reading this is in my daily prayer and I ask to be in yours. Together we will weather this storm and when the clouds pass, we will be stronger and more committed Christians, thankful to God for giving us this time for penance and prayer. May God continue to bless each of you and may he keep us all safe until we are able to meet again around His table. In the meantime, please don't forget to visit our parish website at [www.stpatricksparish.com](http://www.stpatricksparish.com) for the latest updates and a copy of our weekly bulletin.

We are in this together and together I am confident we will emerge better for the experience.

May God bless you, protect you and keep you from all harm now and always.

Monsignor Michael Padazinski