



Nevada Day  
Fri.-Oct. 30

Saint Patrick Catholic Church



Daylight Savings  
Sun.-Nov. 1st-2 am

# SPCC Happenings



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## Latest News At St. Pat's As Pandemic Protocols Continue

Although the coronavirus pandemic continues to limit church as well as community activities, developments about which St. Patrick's parishioners may wish to be aware have occurred.

### CCD INSTRUCTORS NEEDED



St. Patrick's religious education program seeks 1st and 2nd year First Communion and

also 1st and 2nd year Confirmation teachers for the 2020-2021 instructional year. All other levels of CCD classes will not be held due to the restrictions imposed by the Diocese of Reno as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Diocesan protocols will be observed as First Communion and Confirmation students participate. Registration information, as well as the start date for First Communion and Confirmation instruction, will be forthcoming once the needed instructors are obtained. If interested in volunteering, please contact Judy Northrup or the parish office at 423-2846 as soon as possible.

### SEVEN CONFIRMED

Seven of St. Patrick's youth who have completed their 1st and 2nd year Confirmation requirements received the sacrament on Sat., Oct. 3, with Father John McGuire of Reno officiating at the Mass and ceremony due to Father Tony's need to recuperate from a case of pneumonia. (The Most Rev. Randolph Calvo, Bishop of the Diocese of Reno, had given permission



to parish pastors to administer Confirmation as appropriate during the coronavirus pandemic.) The services were not open to the public. Only parents, selected family members, and Confirmation sponsors were allowed to attend in order to remain in compliance with diocesan protocols. Parishioners are welcome to include the Confirmation recipients in their prayers as the young people continue their faith journey: Angel Victoria Arteaga Tejada, Cristal Ballesteros-Tapia, Jazmin Castanon Hernandez, Alberto Chavira Vargas, Elvira Taihly Correa, Carlos Manuel Hurtado Vilchez, and Nelly Adilene Ruiz Ramirez. God bless you, your family and your sponsors!

### RCIA START DELAYED



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) at St. Patrick's has been delayed as the search for a new coordinator continues. Vernon Funsch, who has, with the utmost dedication and sincerest humility, served in this capacity for several years, is stepping down from his responsibilities. It may be necessary for a replacement to conduct the RCIA program during the 2020-2021 instructional year as an online effort due to the required diocesan protocols during the coronavirus pandemic. Many of the parishes within the Diocese of Reno are already implementing online RCIA sessions. Volunteer facilitators on various topics may also be needed. The new coordinator and all volunteers will require review and approval of Father Tony, pastor of St. Patrick's. If you are interested in the

coordinator position or in facilitating an RCIA topic, please call the parish office at 423-2846. Our deepest thanks to Vern for his service to the RCIA program at St. Patrick's! He has generously offered to assist a new coordinator in the transition.

### A VOLUNTEER THANK YOU

We express our sincere appreciation to all of St. Patrick's volunteers who help with keeping the parish in compliance with diocesan protocols during the coronavirus pandemic. Their willingness to serve in this way—as greeters at the beginning of Mass and/or as sanitizers, using the fogger, after Mass has ended—is a special gift to the parish. Additional volunteers are still needed in order to distribute the responsibilities more widely. If individuals wish to help in this effort, please contact the parish office at 423-2846 to submit your name as well as your task preference. St. Pat's would have difficulty accomplishing the diocesan requirements without your generous support!

### MASSES NOW SEAT 80

Per Governor Sisolak's Sept. 29 televised message and Bishop Calvo's subsequent Sept. 30 notice, attendance at Masses can be increased to 50 percent capacity or 250 people, whichever is less. For St. Patrick's, this new directive allows entrance to Masses of 80 people (50 percent capacity within diocesan protocols). Wearing masks, observing social distancing, using hand sanitizer, etc. are still in effect, Receiving the Holy Eucharist in the hand rather than on the tongue is also strongly advised by the bishop.

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**Calendar Calendar Calendar Calendar**

Oct. 28—Wed.—Last day to submit photos of deceased loved ones to parish office for display in church during November

Oct. 30—Fri.—Nevada Day—State holiday—No staff at parish office

Oct. 31—Sat.—Halloween



Nov. 1—Sun.—2 am—Daylight Savings—Turn clocks back one hour before going to bed Sat. night

Nov. 1—Sun.—All Saints Day—Masses according to normal weekend schedule

Nov. 2—Mon.—All Souls Day—Mass at 10 am

Nov. 11—Wed.—Veterans Day—Federal holiday—No staff at parish office

Nov. 14—Sat.—8:30 am—2 pm—Parish Hall—Blood Drive—Sponsored by Knights of Columbus—Diocesan protocols concerning pandemic observed

Nov. 26—Thurs.—Thanksgiving holiday—No staff at parish office—Mass at 10 am

Nov. 27—Fri.—Family Day—No staff at parish office—No Mass at 9 am

Dec. 8—Tues.—Feast of Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation—Masses at 10 am & 6 pm.

Dec. 25—Fri.—Christmas

**PATIENCE**

Patience is not the ability to wait  
 but the ability to keep a good  
 attitude while waiting.

—Anonymous

Patience is the calm acceptance  
 that things can happen in a  
 different order than the one you  
 have in your mind.

—David G. Allen

Tolerance and patience should  
 not be read as signs of  
 weakness; they are signs of  
 strength. —Anonymous

When you encounter various  
 trials, big or small, be full of joy;  
 they're opportunities to learn  
 patience.

—Scott Curran

Patience is the key to  
 contentment.

—The Prophet Mohammad

Stay patient and trust the  
 journey.

—Anonymous

Patience is the road to wisdom.

—Kao Kalia Yang

**Honoring Deceased Loved Ones**

Traditionally at St Patrick's every year, as All Souls Day, Nov. 2, approaches, parishioners provide photos of their loved ones who have passed away to be displayed in the sanctuary of the church during the entire month of November. At the same time, prayers are regularly offered for their repose. This year, because of the coronavirus pandemic, the usual procedure must be modified in order to remain in compliance with diocesan protocols. *Parishioners who wish to honor their deceased loved ones are asked to deliver their photos for display to the parish office. Call in advance of delivery so the locked parish doors can be opened for you. Make sure you are wearing your facial cover. In addition, you will be asked to sign in on a visitor's log at the front counter.* Please insert your name and phone number on the backs of the submitted photos so they can later be returned. Deadline for submissions is Wed., Oct. 28.

**NOTICE**

Updates concerning the coronavirus pandemic from the Diocese of Reno as well as Father Tony are posted regularly on St. Patrick's website which can be found at [www.stpatricksparish.org](http://www.stpatricksparish.org). Church announcements, the weekly bulletins, and the monthly parish newsletters are also published online. Keep checking St. Patrick's website for the latest developments as they occur.

**NOTICE**

We send our warmest wishes and fervent prayers to Father Tony for a return to health and St. Patrick's after his illness! We miss you! —St. Pat's parish