Week of December 15/ Semana del 15 de Diciembre

Welcome Visitors and New Parishioners!

We are blessed with your presence and your participation in the Mass. If you are a new parishioner, we ask that you fill out a registration form and return it to the parish office (drop box), in person or by mail.

Thank you!

¡Bienvenidos Visitantes y Nuevos Parroquianos!

Somos bendecidos con su presencia y su participación en la Misa. Si usted es un nuevo feligrés, le pedimos que llene una forma de registro y la devuelva a la oficina parroquial (en el buzón), en persona o por correo.

¡Gracias!

Mass & Service Times/ Horario del Misas

Monday / Lunes
(no services)

Tuesday / Martes
9:00 AM—Misa en Español

Wednesday / Miercoles
5:00 PM—Holy Hour /Hora Santa
6:00 PM—Mass in English

Thursday / Jueves
9:00 AM—Misa en Español

Friday / Viernes
9:00 AM—Mass in English
6:00 PM—Holy Hour /Hora Santa

Saturday / Sabado
5:00 PM—Mass in English
7:00 PM—Misa en Español

Sunday / Domingo
9:00 AM—Mass is English
11:30 AM—Misa en Español

Confessions/Confesiones

Saturday/Sábado
3:30 PM - 4:30PM

Any other time by appointment,
Cualquier otra hora con cita previa.

Come & Enjoy The KNIGHTS BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 15
8 AM—11 AM In the Hall
$8 / Adults
$5 / children under 12

La Pastorella
(The Christmas Story)
Sunday / Domingo
December 15
1:00 pm
In the Church/ En la Iglesia

Parish Mission Statement: St. Patrick’s Church is a Catholic, multicultural parish within a collegiate, agricultural, and industrial community. The parish’s mission is to worship and work together so our community will grow more in love and acceptance of one another and be apostles as Christ teaches us. We accept that we have differences and will use them to unite us as one in Christ. We shall pursue this mission faithfully through the power of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and talents of our members.

Declaración de la Misión: La Iglesia San Patricio es una Parroquia Católica multicultural dentro de una comunidad colegial, agrícola e industrial. La misión parroquial es dar culto y trabajar juntos para que nuestra comunidad crezca en amor y aceptación del uno y otro y ser apóstoles como Cristo nos enseña. Estamos de acuerdo que tenemos diferencias y las usaremos para hacernos uno en Cristo. Seguiremos esta misión fielmente por medio del poder del Espíritu Santo y los dones y talentos de nuestros miembros.
December 15, 2019: Third Sunday of Advent

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS DUE MONDAY**

Please take 1 or more tags to provide gifts for the children of our school district. Gifts must be returned no later than **NOON on Monday, December 16th** (You can ignore the date on the tag). Gifts should **not** be wrapped and should have tag attached.

**REGALOS DE NAVIDAD PARA EL LUNES**

Por favor, tome 1 o más etiquetas para dar regalos a los niños de nuestro distrito escolar. Los regalos deben ser devueltos a más tardar el **mediodía del lunes 16 de diciembre** (Puedes ignorar la fecha en la etiqueta). Los regalos no deben envolverse y deben tener una etiqueta adherida.

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**2020-2024: 5-YEAR PLAN IN REVIEW**

The 5-Year Plan for our parish was discussed at the Shared Leadership meeting on Wednesday, December 11. Suggestions from this meeting were given to the Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council will update the 5-Year Plan in 2020. If you have any concerns or questions concerning issues that you think should be addressed in the plan, please give them to Father Kiko or any member of the Pastoral Council.

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**PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS**

Come to Deacon Rob’s presentations on **Penance & The Incarnation**

On the third & fourth Sundays of Advent (December 15 & December 22) after the 9:00 AM Mass

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**In this season of giving, here are other opportunities to share your time, talent & treasure:**

**FILL THE FOOD CART!**

¡**LLENA EL CARRO DE ALIMENTOS!**

Donations of **blankets, coats & sweaters** can also be left next to the green food wagon in the vestibule. These will be given to the Ella Curran Food Bank.

Las donaciones de **mantas, abrigos y suéteres** también se pueden dejar al lado del carro de comida verde en el vestíbulo. Estos serán entregados al Banco de Alimentos Ella Curran.

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**Other clothing items** can be donated to the Clothing Shed. Please **DO NOT** put household items in the Shed!! And please place donations in plastic bags.

**Otros artículos de ropa** pueden ser donados al cobertizo de ropa. ¡Por favor NO ponga artículos del hogar en el cobertizo! Y por favor coloque las donaciones en bolsas de plástico.

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**VOLUNTEER OFFICE STAFF NEEDED for Fridays!**

If you can spare 2—4 hours on Fridays to help out in the parish office, please contact Father Kiko or Mireya (503-838-1242). Please consider this as your gift of time, to the church.

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**ÚNTETE A NUESTRO ROSARIO FAMILIAR SEMANAL**

Venga con sus hijos y reúnsese en el vestíbulo de la Iglesia entre las misas de vigilia del sábado (6:15 pm) para rezar el rosario juntos.

**JOIN OUR WEEKLY FAMILY ROSARY**

Come with your children and meet in the vestibule of the Church between the Saturday Vigil Masses (6:15 pm) to pray the Rosary together.

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**Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Retirement Fund for Religious last weekend.**

**Gracias por su generosidad al apoyar el Fondo de Retiro para Religiosos el pasado fin de semana.**
SCHEDULING MEETINGS, EVENTS AND ALL OTHER ACTIVITIES

♦ All activities that take place in any of our buildings in the parish MUST be scheduled through the office and placed on the parish calendar.

♦ Whenever 2 groups show up wanting to use the same place, the group that is not on the calendar will have to move.

♦ When requesting a place, be sure to include your set-up time. It is not always possible to schedule one group right after another unless the set-ups are the same.

♦ Groups, ministries & organizations that have weekly or monthly meetings must provide the office with a calendar of those meetings at least once per year.

♦ To schedule, please call Mireya (503-838-1242) or send her an email to: stpatrick97351@gmail.com.

CLASES DE QUINCEÑERA PARA COMENZAR EN ENERO
Los formularios de inscripción están disponibles en la oficina. La fecha límite para inscripciones completadas es el 6 de enero.

QUINCEAÑERA CLASSES TO BEGIN IN JANUARY
Registration forms are available at the office. Deadline for completed registrations is January 6th.

JOB OPENING: MAINTENANCE WORK
The parish has a part-time position opening for someone to do regular maintenance in our church buildings. The position would also recruit, train and coordinate volunteer custodial crew. Please contact Father Kiko for more information & application.

APERTURA DE TRABAJO: TRABAJO DE MANTENIMIENTO
La parroquia tiene un puesto de trabajo a tiempo parcial para que alguien haga mantenimiento regular en los edificios de nuestra iglesia. El puesto también reclutará, entrenará y coordinará la tripulación de custodia voluntaria. Comuníquese con el Padre Kiko para obtener más información y solicitud.

SAINT OF THE WEEK:
SAINT HILDEGARD OF BINGEN
DECEMBER 17
Born to a noble family in 12th-century France, Hildegard had many God-given talents as an abbess, artist, composer, mystic, pharmacist, poet and preacher. She became a Benedictine nun at an early age, having visions since she was three years old.

Her writings include her "Book of the Merits of Life" and her "Book of Divine Work". Her visions caused her to see people as "living sparks" of God’s love, coming from God as daylight comes from the sun.

She is known for the humility with which she received God’s gifts and for the courage to uphold the spiritual truths of the Church which, at the time, were being contradicted by the emperor who supported at least three antipopes.

She was named a Doctor of the Church by Pope Benedict in 2012.
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| DECEMBER 15  | Sunday/Domingo | St. Maria de Rosa | 8:00 am—Knights Breakfast, in the Hall
9:00 am—Mass (in English), in the Church
10:00 am—Deacon Rob's Advent presentation, in the Hall
10:15 am—RCIA (English), Upstairs & RCIC (in English), in the FF Office
10:30 AM—Apostoles de la Palabra, en el Anexo
11:30 am—Misa (en español), en la Iglesia
12:30 pm—RCIC & RCIA (en español), en el Anexo
1:00 pm Pastorella, in the Church
5:00 pm—Mass, Catholic Campus Ministry House, Monmouth | Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10
Psalm 146
James 5: 7-10
Matthew 11: 2-11 | Isaiah 35: 1-6, 10
Salmo 145
Santiago 5, 7-10
Mateo 11, 2-11 |
| DECEMBER 16  | Monday/Lunes  | St. Adelaide  | 7:00 pm—Grupo SJD (Hombres), en el Anexo
7:00 pm—Posada, Familia Curiel Azua | Numbers 24: 2-7, 15-17
Matthew 21: 23-27 | Numeros24, 2-7.15-17
Mateo 21, 23-27 |
| DECEMBER 17  | Tuesday/Martes | St. John of Martha | 9:00 am— Misa & Adoracion, en la Iglesia
7:00 pm—Posada, Confirmation Class, in the Annex | Genesis 49: 2, 8-10
Matthew 1: 1-17 | Genesis 49, 2. 8-10
Mateo 1. 1-17 |
| DECEMBER 18  | Wednesday/Miercoles | St. Winebald | 5:00 pm — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Church
6:00 pm — Mass, in the Church
7:00 pm — Neo-Catechumenal Way (1 & 2), Upstairs & in the Annex
7:00 pm — Junta de Acomodadores, en el Salon
7:00 pm—Posada, Familia Ramirez | Jeremiah 23: 5-8
Matthew 1: 18-25 | Jeremias 23, 5-8
Mateo 1. 18-25 |
| DECEMBER 19  | Thursday/Jueves | St. Fausta | 9:00 am— Misa, en la Iglesia
7:00 pm—Grupo SJD (Mujeres), en el Salon
7:00 pm—Grupo Carismatico, en el Anexo
7:00 pm—Posada, Familia Ayon Robles | Judges 13: 2-7, 24-25
Luke 1: 5-25 | Jueces 13, 2-7, 24-25
Lucas 1, 5-25 |
| DECEMBER 20  | Friday/Viernes  | St. Ammon  | 9:00 am—Mass, in the Church
6:00 pm — Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, in the Church
6:00 pm — Grupo de San Juan Diego Practica, Upstairs
7:00 pm—Crecimiento Espiritual, en el Salon
7:00 pm—Posada, Familia Padilla Solis | Isaiah 7: 10-14
Luke 1: 26-38 | Isaias 7, 10-14
Lucas 1, 26-38 |
| DECEMBER 21  | Saturday/Sábado | St. Peter Canisius | 7:00 am—Grupo de San Juan Diego Rodaje, el el Salon
3:30 pm—Confessions, in the Church
5:00 pm —Vigil Mass , in the Church
6:15 pm — Children's Rosary, in the Church
7:00 pm—Misa de Vigilia, en la Iglesia
7:00 pm—Posada, Familia Curiel Azua | Song of Songs 2: 8-14
Luke 1: 39-45 | Cantares 2, 8-14
Lucas 1, 39-45 |
| DECEMBER 22  | Sunday/Domingo  | St. Zeno  | 9:00 am—Mass (in English), in the Church
10:00 am—Deacon Rob's Advent presentation, in the Hall
10:00 am—Coffee & Donuts, in the Hall
10:15 am—RCIA (English), Upstairs & RCIC (in English), in the FF Office
10:30 AM—Apostoles de la Palabra, en el Anexo
11:30 am—Misa (en español), en la Iglesia
12:30 pm—RCIC & RCIA (en español), en el Anexo
5:00 pm—Mass, Catholic Campus Ministry House, Monmouth | Isaiah 7: 10-14
Psalm 24
Romans 1: 1-7
Matthew 1: 18-24 | Isaias 7, 10-14
Salmo 23
Romanos 1, 1-17
Mateo 1, 18-24 |
It is always a shock when we hear of a saint who had their own moment of despair. Like any human being, they suffered from what we call confusion and/or anxiety when things did not work out for them as they thought it should have. They witnessed the “darkness” in the world and its attempt to overpower them. This often causes doubts and a lack of faith which triggers the human mind to wander in a maze of despair. Human beings always tend to question the existence of God or the plan of God because they see with their own eyes the tragedies that exist due to their own choices and free will.

In modern times, the inevitable victory of God over evil seems dubious at times. The tragedies that are witnessed conjure up doubts and concerns. We are experiencing tragedies of human interaction with the planet through increase storms and severe weather conditions due to human choices. Even the world scientists are now in agreement that we must reduce our human carbon “footprint” by 8 percent a year if we are to avoid further and more catastrophic conditions. Likewise, human greed and lust for power are the origins of many global conflicts around the world. All of this generates confusion and despair. Yet, today, our Liturgy tells us to “Rejoice” because God’s Plan is nearing fruition. This plan will realize the Incarnation of the Messiah who will restore order to the chaos in the world. This Messiah will not be any ordinary man. Instead, it will be God, Himself. Through Divine intervention, all of Creation will be “reborn” to its original status where God reigns and evil is banished.

This great transformation is the topic of today’s first reading from the Prophet Isaiah who prognosticates the coming of the Divine Messiah to the world. The prophet, speaking for God, uses literary terms as well as the natural world to describe the change destined for Creation. Deserts will bloom and parched land become fertile as they “rejoice” at His coming. Not only will the physical world be transformed but also the beings that exist upon it. Isaiah clearly indicates that this Messiah will be God, Himself, who will strengthen the weak and give courage and hope to the downtrodden. God comes to save humanity from its own flaws and faults. The Divine transformation will be so effective that “…the eyes of the blind will be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared…the lame leap like a stag…” This will be a cathartic event that will draw all back to God. God promises to be with Man as it was in the beginning.

Before Christ ascended into Heaven, he promised to return and permanently establish His Kingdom. This promise was held dear by the early Christians. These Christians were expecting and immediate Second Coming as they endured an unrelenting persecution for their belief. In our second reading from the Letter of St. James, James urges all Christians to have patience. Comparing a farmer waiting for his crops with the return of Christ, James emphasizes that the expected time can vary. Despite the uncertainty, the apostle urges Christians not to lose faith; rather, they are to look at the realization of his first coming. The prophets who foretold that event and the Chosen People had to patiently await the fruition of that event. Once again, God’s Plan will always vary from what mankind expects. However, faith kept is faith not wasted. God is true to His promises.

The total fruition of God’s Plan for the Coming of the Messiah is reflected in today’s Gospel according to Matthew. The Gospel writer relates John the Baptist’s inquiry into the Messiah’s coming as the forerunner suffers in Herod’s prison. Even though the Baptist was related to Jesus, he sends a message to the Christ asking if He is the One. Modern scholars question the inquiry asking if John is inquiring for himself or for his followers. In either case, the question is valid and expected. It seems quite reasonable that John’s arrest has caused doubts and concerns to enter his mind; likewise, the Baptist’s followers must be feeling lost and abandoned, making the inquiry and Jesus’ response necessary. To the Jews of that time, corruption has permeated the Temple and the local leaders have acquiesced to the power of Rome. The Jewish world was deteriorating at a rapid pace, causing a vast anticipation and desire for God’s intervention. The words spoken by Christ in response were a welcomed sound that acknowledged the fulfillment of ancient prophecies. The fruition of the Divine Plan was at hand!

Today, Holy Mother the Church desires us to savor this Divine intervention. She reminds us that the Incarnation of Jesus will bring Heaven literally to Earth. God, Himself, will walk with His People, once again. This interaction will bring Christ to all of mankind through the establishment of His Church and His Memorial, the Eucharist. From this point in history, Jesus will remain with His human brothers and sisters. From this point, the Hope of God is realized. Despite the apparent onslaught of Evil, the Light of Heaven will shine on Earth and mankind’s future is secure. The chaos caused by Adam and his free will will be eliminated and order will be restored. Justice and Justification will reign as the Kingdom of God is established.