St. Patrick Catholic Church

Week of December 22/ Semana del 22 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 / Miércoles**
  - 5:00 PM—Holy Hour / Hora Santa
  - 6:00 PM—Mass in English
- **Thursday / Jueves**
  - 9:00 AM—Misa en Español
  - 1:00 PM—5:00 PM (Bookkeeper)
- **Friday / Viernes**
  - 9:00 AM—Mass is 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 / Sabado**
  - 3:30 PM - 4:30PM
  - Any other time by appointment.
  - Cualquier otra hora con cita previa.

Learn Something New
Come to Deacon Rob’s presentation on Penance & The Incarnation
Sunday, December 22 after the 9:00 AM Mass
In Cornish Hall
(Coffee & Donuts provided)

POINSETTIAS NEEDED FOR ALTAR
If you are donating a poinsettia to the Church for Christmas, please deliver it before 5 pm on Monday, December 23. Let’s make our altar beautiful for our Lord!

POINSETTIAS NECESARIAS PARA ALTAR
Si está donando una planta de flor de pascua a la Iglesia para Navidad, entreguela antes de las 5 pm del lunes 23 de diciembre. ¡Hagamos que nuestro altar sea hermoso para nuestro Señor!

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.
THANK YOU FOR THE GIFTS
Our parish was able to deliver quite a few gifts to the Central School District Offices on Monday. And some of you may have delivered your gifts to the offices directly. Thank you for your generosity!

GRACIAS POR LOS REGALOS
Nuestra parroquia pudo entregar bastantes regalos a las oficinas del Distrito Escolar Central el lunes. Y algunos de ustedes pueden haber entregado sus regalos directamente a las oficinas. ¡Gracias por tu generosidad!

The St. Patrick Knights of Columbus Council would like to announce that TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE for the annual NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE 8:00 p.m.—Medianoche en ELKS LODGE en Independence $20 / persona

Thank you to all the parish families who are hosting one of the Posadas. Your hospitality is very appreciated.

Gracias a todas las familias parroquiales que albergan una de las Posadas. Su hospitalidad es muy apreciada.

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El Consejo de Caballeros de Colón de San Patricio quisiera anunciar que LOS BOLETOS ESTÁN DISPONIBLES para la DANZAN ALAN DE AÑO NUEVO A las 8:00 p.m. — Medianoche en ELKS LODGE en Independence $20 / persona

FILL THE FOOD CART!
¡LLENA EL CARRO DE ALIMENTOS!

It’s not too early to start thinking about our annual St. Patrick Dinner & Auction and how you are going to participate. We will need volunteers to:

- prepare the dinner
- prepare hors d’oeuvres
- provide pies
- cut & plate pies
- set-up the hall
- decorate the Hall
- host a table
- sell tickets
- set up the auction items
- work at check-in table
- work at the auction
- find musicians to play
- be the emcee(s)
- clean the kitchen
- clean the Hall
- buy tickets & attend
- solicit businesses for donation items

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JOB OPENING: MAINTENANCE WORK
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.

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.
22 de Diciembre: Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Wednesday, January 1st
Is a Holy Day of Obligation
Mass (in English) at 10:00 AM

La Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios
Miércoles 1 de enero
Es un día santo de obligación
Misa (en Español ) a las 7:00 PM

CONGRATULATIONS to all the WINNERS of the RAFFLE on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
San Antonio Restaurant Gift Certificate: Elsa Garcia
Kitchen Package: Marivel Morales
$500 Cash: Edith Rincon
And the biggest winners: the Altar Servers! Over $5,000 was raised to purchase new server vestments.

2020-2024: PLAN QUINQUENAL EN REVISION

Si tiene alguna inquietud o pregunta relacionada con asuntos que cree que deberían abordarse en el plan, por favor déselos al Padre Kiko o cualquier miembro del Consejo Pastoral.

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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK:
SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE
DECEMBER 27
John and his brother James, along with Peter and Andrew were fishermen who as Jesus' call immediately left their boats and followed Him. Peter, James and John were present at the Transfiguration and the agony in Gethsemane. In Saint John's Gospel, he refers to himself as "the disciple whom Jesus loved", the one who reclined next to Jesus at the Last Supper and the one given the honor to care for His Mother at His Crucifixion. Because of the depth of his Gospel, Saint John is thought of as the eagle of theology, soaring in high regions other writers did not enter. Saint John is considered the author of three New Testament letters and the Book of Revelation. He saw the glorious and divine Jesus already in the incidents of his mortal life. At the Last Supper, in Saint John's Gospel, Jesus speaks as if He were already in heaven.
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<td>Isaiah 7:10-14, Psalm 24, Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24</td>
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<td>Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14, Psalm 128, Colossians 3: 12-21, Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23</td>
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<td>2:00 pm—Administrative Council Meeting, in the Hall</td>
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**MEXICAN FOOD SALE/VENTA de COMIDA**

**After the Masses/Después las Misas**

**Sunday, December 29 / Domingo, 29 de Diciembre**

**In the Hall / En el Salon**
Weekly Message on the Readings for the Third Sunday of Advent

This last Sunday before Christmas is a final call to remind us that the birth of Jesus is near. This birth is the “genesis” of the New Creation founded upon the Savior of the Old Creation promised by God when man fell due to his desire for pleasure, pride and power. Scripture reminds us of the unfathomable love that God has for us. It recalls how God works His wonders despite the sins of men. It slowly uncovers that the Divine Plan will not be stopped by evil. The love of God will triumph through His incarnation and that the Divine will takes what is bad and transforms it into good. Nothing can stop the Divine!

In the first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah, the prophet of God informs mankind that humans must stop demanding proof from God. As in our age, people of Isaiah’s time wanted some proof from God that He existed and was on their side. Judah was constantly barraged with requests to join alliances against the common enemy, Assyria. This union reflected their doubt that God would protect them. The prophet tells the king that the alliance will fail and that he should ask God for a sign. The king refuses in false sense of religious belief; however, knowing that alliance will fail, God wishes to give hope and He has the prophet proclaim that God will give a sign. He prophesizes that God will send a son, Emmanuel, who will be born of a virgin. This son, Emmanuel or God with us, will come and establish an undefeatable realm at some point in the future.

In his salutatory address in the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans, Paul introduces himself to the Romans by announcing his status as a “slave” for Jesus the Christ and the long-awaited Emmanuel. By placing himself as an apostle and slave, the Apostle to the Gentiles reveals his total commitment to the Gospel of Christ. It is this Gospel that was pledged by God from the Beginning of Time and reveals Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, both human and Divine. This revelation brings to fruition the Davidic relationship of Jesus, announcing him as the predestined Messiah and the Son of God. Paul ends his introduction with the proclamation that all, including the Romans, are called to be holy and follow Jesus, bring Peace to the world.

This dual nature of Jesus as God and man is the message of today’s Gospel by Matthew. Using Scripture, Matthew explains the origin of Jesus. The Gospel writer painstakingly clarifies that Jesus is not the biological son of Joseph; rather, he is the son of God through the Holy Spirit who overshadows the Virgin, as the prophets foretold. This overshadowing is the same process that God used when he descended upon the Ark of the Covenant. This miraculous birth is shared with Joseph through a dream and he is told to name the child “Jesus” which means “God saves.” Thus, in Jesus’ incarnation, God physically takes flesh to walk among His people and lead them into the New Kingdom. This Divine interaction is accepted by Joseph who takes Mary as his wife demonstrating his faith in God. Thus, in today’s Gospel Mary is revealed as the New Ark of the Covenant, containing the Law, the New Manna from Heaven, and the New Staff of Aaron – all embodied in Jesus, the Christ.

Holy Mother the Church reminds us, today, that Jesus and the New Creation is at hand. She invites us to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Christ. This preparation summons us to remember that God’s love is revealed in His desire to be with His People. This presence is eternal. He is present in His Church and His Sacraments as we await Jesus’ Second and Final Coming. It was through the Divine Plan that the Kingdom of God is at hand. This presence is real and its origin and development is recorded in Scripture. Holy Mother the Church calls all to its manger, the altar, so too partake of the “Table of Plenty” as it feeds His People with the Bread of Angels.

Deacon Rob