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Sunday Masses: 8:30am 11:00am 5:15pm
Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday: 5:15pm



Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

This Week: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12
Next Week: Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10; Psalm 146; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of St. Patrick Catholic Community is to proclaim and live the Gospel message of unconditional love, healing, and reconciliation, through prayer, celebration, and action on behalf of justice, as a sign of hope for all God's people.

PARISH NEWS

Today's Psalm Response

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever. (Psalm 72)

11am MASS



Live streamed Every Sunday at www.bit.ly/StPatrickFacebook

Worship Aid Available
Readings and Music
www.stpatsmemphis.org
Click on Communications



Replayed on YouTube after 1:00 pm
www.bit.ly/StPatrickYouTube

WEEKLY CALENDAR Dec 4 - Dec 11

Sunday, Dec 4

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15 pm Masses
- 9:30 am, Choir Practice
- 9:45 am, Sunday by Sunday, Braganza Room
- 9:45 am, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Annex
- 11:00 am, Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 12:30 pm, Children's Choir Practice, Braganza Rm
- 1:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

Tuesday, Dec 6

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Church

Wednesday, Dec 7

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Church
- 6:00 pm, Joy of Advent Small Group, Annex

Thursday, Dec 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception Holy Day of Obligation

- 6:00 pm, Mass, Church

Friday, Dec 9

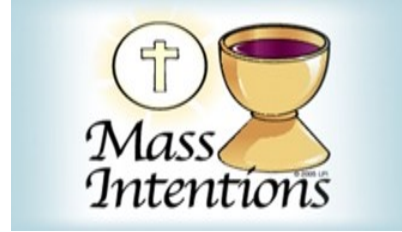
- 5:15 pm, Mass, Church

Saturday, Dec 10

- 7:30 am - Noon, Mobile Food Pantry, COGIC parking lot
- 1:00 pm, Black Authors, Zoom

Sunday, Dec 11

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15 pm Masses
- 9:30 am, Choir Practice
- 9:45 am, Sunday by Sunday, Braganza Room
- 9:45 am, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Annex
- 11:00 am, Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 12:30 pm, Children's Choir Practice, Braganza Rm



Dec 4, 11:00 am, +Jeanette Chioffi by Carla Dennis

Dec 11, 11:00 am, +Mildred Alexander by Audrey Alexander

Year-End Giving

It is a custom of some to make special donations to St. Patrick's Church in the time between Thanksgiving and December 31st.



In addition to the thoughtfulness of these persons, another reason for these special gifts may be for IRS tax credit for 2022.

Please keep St. Patrick's in mind as we come to the end of the year!

We have already received \$10,000 in end-of-year gifts!

Thank You for Your Support!

Sacrament of Reconciliation



*Sundays 7:50 am-8:10 am
10:20 am-10:40 am
4:40 pm-5:00 pm
or by appointment
901-527-2542*

Can be done face-to-face or anonymously.

Homilies, Worship Aids, & Bulletins

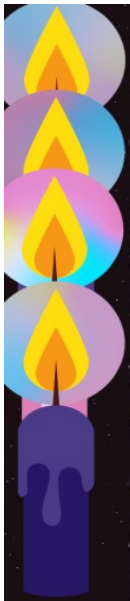
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*Please pray for our
St. Patrick community
every day*



PARISH NEWS



ADVENT + CHRISTMAS

Thursday, Dec. 8 6:00 pm
Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, Dec. 14 6:30pm Penance Service

Saturday, Dec. 17 1:30pm Caroling in Foote Park

Saturday, Dec. 24th 5:15pm Christmas Eve Mass

Saturday, Dec. 25th 11:00am Christmas Mass

Saturday, Dec. 31 5:15pm Mary, Mother of God (vigil)

Sunday, Jan. 1st 8:30am + 11am Mary, Mother of God

Sunday, Jan. 8th 8:30am, Epiphany of the Lord!
11am, + 5:15pm

Join the St. Patrick Hospitality Committee

Are you a “people person?” Consider being part of the Hospitality Ministry.

- ◆ Greet parishioners as they arrive for Mass
- ◆ Welcome and nurture newcomers as they join our community
- ◆ Plan and organize parish celebrations and events
- ◆ Help with Sunday morning coffee and donuts

If you would like to get involved, contact Lester Brown,

brownmmps69@bellsout.net.



Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday,
December 8

6:00 pm

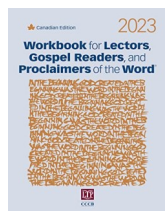
No 5:15 Mass

The Immaculate Conception is the conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne, free from original sin.



Attention Lectors

If you have not yet done so, please pick up your *2023 Workbook for Lectors, Gospel Readers and Proclaimers of the Word*.



May He Rest in God's Eternal Embrace



Mark Meadow, brother-in-law of parishioner Jane Hayden, passed away on November 8th. We offer our prayers and heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.



Please follow us on social media!

And check out our website:

www.stpatsmemphis.org

Read recent Bulletins and Homilies online



PARISH NEWS

Please pray for the sick in our parish community, our friends and loved ones:

Jerry Bettice, Diana Teagarden, Mike Garrett,
Annabel Crowson, Maureen Mischler, Yvonne Fournier, Sam Cochran, Roberta Kane (Mike Watermeier's sister-in-law), Tara Stebbins, Ray Barker, Bishop Fernand Cheri, Fran Barendse, Sean Garlick, Nora O'Connell, Louise Slater (Mike Watermeier's daughter's mother-in-law), Mateo Duarte, Sr. Maureen Griner, Maureen Hough, Joyce Johnson, Senait Gebrab, Diane Griggs (Don Lawrence's daughter), Janice Craven (Tim Craven's daughter), Rosemary Batorski, Terry Greene Sr (Bob Greene's brother), Jan Watson, Pam Watermeier, Jane Marie Blackham, Paul Gray, Florida Jackson, Thelia Green, Dick Brereton, Charlie Trammell, Mark Mathis (Mac Mathis' son), David Carter (Renae Taylor's nephew), Tessa Walker, Nia Watkins, Deacon Eugene Champion, Lewis Fort, Sue Ann Duffy, Sydney Bowers (Pamela Higgins' granddaughter), Robert Tutson, Antonio M Bradshaw, Brian Huebner, Tracy Sweat, Pete Alfonso, Craig Hodges, Ralph David Kelley (Sandy Heiss' granddaughters' grandfather), Pat Gorney, John Letchworth, David Farley (Jeff's father), Stephen Golanka (Mary Evans' son), Patrick Harkins, Bill Morman (Monica and Stephen Juma's uncle), Ella Herod (Mike Garrett's mother), Samantha Smith, Terry Nesmith, Brad Patterson, Ray Berthiaume, Dot Eubanks, Travis Handwerker, Della Miles, Earl Randle, Shelby Terry (Ray and Louise Terry's daughter-in-law), Jerry Foster, Anne Lee Buford, Fenton McEvoy, Jeanne Richardson, Robert Collins



Notify Parish Office: If you or someone you know is hospitalized or homebound and would like to be added to our prayer list, or if someone has recovered and should be removed from our list, please call the parish office at 901-527-2542.



Prayer for Ukraine



Mother of God, to your Immaculate Heart we entrust and dedicate all humanity, the Church, and all believers, especially Russia and Ukraine. Please intercede amidst our human weaknesses. Rain down compassion and offer forgiveness to Putin and Russian leaders for their crimes against humanity. Give them hearts of mercy for a peaceful end to this unjust war. Ease the suffering of the Ukrainian people, banish all evil, and light this inconceivable darkness with your unconditional love. Amen



Penance Service Wednesday, December 14 6:30pm

We are having an Advent Penance Service when we as a parish can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a special way of preparing for Christmas. Individual confessions will be available. You may choose to sit behind the priest or facing the priest.

We hope that many of us will take advantage of this beautiful sacrament celebrating forgiveness and healing.

There will be no 5:15 Mass that day.

Small Faith Sharing and Prayer Groups

**Sunday by Sunday
Faith Sharing Group
Braganza Room, Outreach Center
Sunday, 9:45 a.m.**

Pat Papachristou ppapachr@cbu.edu

**A Prayer Circle
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. for about 30 minutes**
Jan Kidder jan.kidder62@gmail.com

**Sunday by Sunday
Faith Sharing Group
Tuesday evenings
7:00 p.m. via ZOOM**
Louise Cayo 901-833-1506
Donna McLellan 901-210-8321

**Say Their Names
Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.**
Linda Opiel lindaopiel@comcast.net
Sandy Heiss heisshouse@yahoo.com
Jan Kidder jan.kidder62@gmail.com

**Sunday by Sunday
Faith Sharing Group
Thursday, 10:30 - noon**
Jerry and Judy Bettice
Call 901-327-8068
Text 901-608-3621

PARISH NEWS

The Joyful Journey of Advent

Wednesdays in Advent

12/7, 12/14, 12/21

Led by Rebekah Rojcewicz

Old Simeon and Anna were in the Temple the day Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to present him to the Lord, according to Jewish law. Both Simeon and Anna were able to recognize him as the long-awaited One, and both erupted in joy.



How did they recognize him? Why was their joy so great? One of the great themes that emerges in the prophecies and Infancy Narratives we read during Advent and Christmas in the Church could be stated as, "Our joy is in proportion to our longing."

Come join us during Advent for a weekly rekindling of our longing for Jesus, our capacity to recognize Him, and our joy in welcoming Him again and again, but especially at Christmas.

Rebekah shares the riches to be found for all ages in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, in the spirit of Jesus who said that we adults "must change and become like the child in order to enter the kingdom of God" (Matthew 18:1-5).



Celebrate with us at the 5:15 pm Mass, enjoy a simple soup supper in the Annex and then join us in Advent reflection and prayer.

P.S. Bring your Bible.

BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you've never been baptized and are thinking about seeking baptism, or if you've been baptized in another Christian communion and thought about becoming Catholic, the St. Patrick Community extends a heartfelt invitation to explore the Catholic faith.

Please contact Sally Greene for more information, 901-483-3656 or sbg1220@aol.com



CATHOLIC MINISTRY
WITH GAY & LESBIAN PERSONS

Please join us for our
First*-Tuesday-of-the-Month Potluck

6:30pm | Food, Fellowship, Prayer
7:00pm | Speaker | Marian Hall
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

December 13 | Shannon Curtis

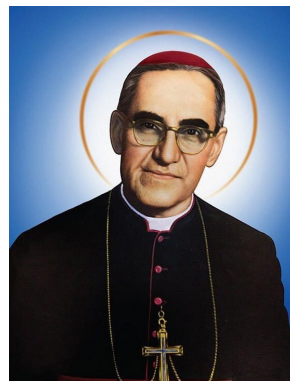
St. Patrick Catholic Church Pastoral Assistant
Personal Faith Journey

*Due to an event in Marian Hall on Dec. 6, we are meeting on the second Tuesday this month.
Bring a dish if you can, but come anyway if not!

All are Welcome

Gay, Straight, Family, Friends, and
Allies of All Faiths & Cultures Welcome
Contact us for more info: CMGLP@jc.cdom.org

Advent Small Group



Weekly devotional based on friend of the parish, Cameron Bellm's "Illumi-nation and Liberation: Advent with St. Óscar Romero" on Thursday evenings during Advent via Zoom.

Contact Shannon for more information
shannon.curtis@stpat.cdom.org
901-308-6831

Please join us for donuts, juice, coffee and fellowship in the SPC Outreach Center after the morning Masses.



PARISH NEWS

St. Patrick Room in the Inn at the Ozanam Center! Wow!

On the fourth Wednesdays, from November through March, we shelter 8 female guests at the St. Vincent de Paul Ozanam Center, located at 1306 Monroe Avenue. Guests sleep overnight and are served dinner and have access to showers and laundering. The November Thanksgiving eve RITI went very well even though we were a bit short on volunteers. Our guests loved the dinner!

St. Patrick parishioners and friends, we really need your help to make December 28 RITI successful. The holidays are always busy and hectic, so take a step back to provide **warmth, food and shelter** for those who truly need it.



What you can do:

Help prepare, serve and share dinner (homemade or store-bought), and visit with our guests. Food for 12-15 people includes guests and volunteers.

Help with cleanup, laundry and other evening tasks.

Two people to help Jamie clean up on Thursday morning. It does not take very long and we will show you exactly what to do.

Please use our SignUpGenius link to see specific tasks and to sign up for this **crucial and rewarding St. Patrick ministry!!** <https://tinyurl.com/StPatRITISignup>

Please contact co-coordinators,
Katherine Paxton (901.461.3473, kvs1975@gmail.com)
or Jamie O'Brien (901.406.8893, jamieheartsc@gmail.com)

We always have an enjoyable evening with our guests! Thank you!!

Written by a former parishioner in 2015

"This is my story, this is my song," words taken from *Blessed Assurance* written by Frances Cosley in 1873, still ring true today. Last Wednesday evening was my first time to participate in the **ROOM in the INN** here at St. Patrick. We provided a warm shelter for twelve men and two women; they all came with their own stories. As we gathered around the table set with white table clothes, beautiful flower arrangements and a meal served on real china, we listened to their stories unfold and the pieces of the song came together. How was I to know that evening I would meet a homeless man whose sister I had attended high school with, and the middle aged man who had just found

out he had cancer, not knowing what his outcome would be. There was Tony who prayed a beautiful blessing before our meal, asked me to spell his name backwards – YNOT. The whole evening was a blessing for me and everyone who was there to serve. Taken from the book *Radical Hospitality* written by Fr. Homan and Lonni Pratt, hospitality is not about what you do, it is about who you are becoming. You can press the linens, invite the homeless, and serve the ham, but unless you are willing to let people into your locked up secret place, you will remain alone and so will they. Not knowing what to expect when I arrived Wednesday evening, my heart slowly opened and was touched by each person there.

PARISH NEWS

ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Saturday
December 17, 2022
1:30pm
Meet in the St Patrick
Outreach Center



***Neighborhood Caroling
at Foote Park***

**Retirement Fund for Religious
Next Sunday, December 11**



Please give to those who have given a lifetime.
Retirement Fund for Religious

Offertory Donations



Offertory	\$13,066
Parish Giving	3,702
Food Ministry	100
Other	25
Total	\$16,893

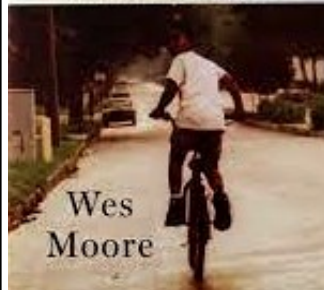
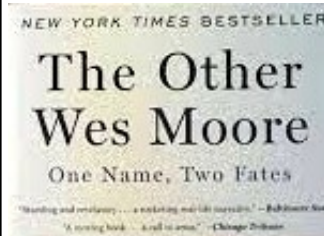
Thank you for your generosity!

Parish Giving

<http://bit.ly/StPatrickgiving>

Black Authors Matter!

**All are welcome
to join a Zoom-based discussion of
*The Other Wes Moore:
One Name, Two Fates*
Saturday, December 10 @ 1:00 p.m.**



The Other Wes Moore, part biography, part memoir, is the true story of two kids with the same name from the city: One went on to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated combat veteran, White House Fellow, business leader, and governor-elect of Maryland. The other is serving a life sentence in prison. The author says, "The chilling truth is that his story could have been mine. The tragedy is that my story could have been his."

Contact Jan Kidder
jan.kidder62@gmail.com
for more information or to
receive the Zoom link.



WELCOME

Thank you for choosing to worship with us today! If you are passing through town, we wish you a safe and happy visit. If you are interested

in joining the St. Patrick community or just looking for more information, please let us know. Feel free to approach a parishioner, call the office at 901-527-2542, complete a registration form (at the back of the church) or visit us on line on Facebook or at www.stpatsmemphis.org.

PARISH NEWS

St. Patrick Community Outreach, Inc.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Saturday, December 10th at 8:30 AM

St. Patrick Catholic Church

4th St. & Dr. Martin Luther King Ave

across from FedEx Forum

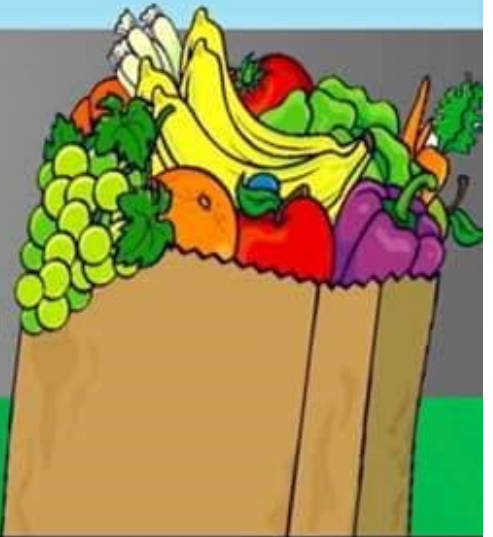
Volunteer Shifts:

Volunteers Check In: 7:30

Gates Open: 8:30

Second Shift: 10:00

We are done by 12:00 Noon



MUST HAVE PROOF OF ADDRESS & TRANSPORTATION

Contact: (901) 527-2542

(Proof of address examples: MLCW bill, Mail addressed to you, etc.)



AROUND THE DIOCESE

Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center

Imagine having all the questions you have regarding “The Holy Mass” answered in a one day event hosted at Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center.

Would you like to appreciate the deep spirituality of the Mass more?

Would you like to live out the Mass more fully in your daily life?

The Centerpiece of the day’s event will be a “Teaching Mass,” where the Priest will explain all the aspects, components, and rituals of The Holy Mass.



Saturday April 22, 2023

Agenda/Schedule:

9:15 arrival

9:30 Opening Morning Prayer and talk

10:30 break

10:45 Mass

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Open Dialogue and Discussion

2:30 Dismissal

\$25.00 per person includes lunch & beverages

To register, log on to OLQPre retreats.com & click on calendar, email debbie.voyles@olqp.cdom.org or call 731 548-2500

“They recognized Him in the breaking of the Bread”

Retreats being held at Our Lady Queen of Peace

- o Why we believe in the Real Presence, Transubstantiation, Fruits of Holy Communion and how to prepare for the sacrament
- o For the first time we will present the Eucharistic Stations
- o **Men:** Feb. 10-12, 2023
- o **Women:** March 24-26 and Aug. 4-6, 2023
- o **Women & Men:** Jan. 13-15, 2023, Mar. 3-5 and May 5-7, 2023

To register, log on to OLQPre retreats.com & click on calendar or call 731 548-2500 or email debbie.voyles@olqp.cdom.org.

Outreach Center Activities

Tiny Blessings



New Schedule

Mon

9:00 - 3:00

Tue - Fri

9:00 - 11:30

Daily Lunch Bag

Tue - Thu

Noon - 3:00



Food Pantry



Tue - Thu

1:00 - 2:30

Soup Kitchen

Sun

1:00 - 2:00



“Are you called to be “A herald’s voice in the desert” preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people?”



If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, visit

www.memphis vocations.com

or call the Office of Vocations 901-373-1244



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December 4, 2022	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Emanuella Wadie	Beth Trouy	Dave Smith
Lector 2	Rhea Thomas	Joe Birch	Jan Kidder
EMHC	Kathleen Allos Lucy Venturella Gerry Russo	Patricia Split Oneata Windler	Matthew Bowles Laura Carpenter
Cantor	John Killmar	Ronnie Vinson	Matthew Bowlin
Musician	Angelica Rendek	Angelica Rendek	Angelica Rendek
Altar Server	José Salazar	Avery Kjellin	
Sacristan	Aletta Roebuck	Marlene Keenan	Anita Houk
Flowers	Advent		

December 11, 2022	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Wayne Fuller	Chris Claude	Donna McLellan
Lector 2	Emanuella Wadie	Margaret Calicott	Linda Jackson
EMHC	Tobia Fuller Patricia Papachristou Hugh Taylor	Valerie Espinoza Mike Watermeier	Jeanine Blackwell Donna McLellan
Cantor	Dell Stiner Gerry Russo	Rusty Ramsey	Bill Gaudet
Musician	Angelica Rendek	Angelica Rendek	Jorge Andres Ossa Gonzales
Altar Server	Linda Hernandez Jose Hernandez	George Espinoza	
Sacristan	Adriana Alcazar	Sylvia Gallaher	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	Carla Dennis		

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Please contact any of these people with comments,
suggestions, or offers of help!

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Parish Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm

Procedure for Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone who has knowledge of or who has cause to suspect an incident of sexual abuse should report the information to the appropriate civil authorities first at 1-877-237-0004, then to the Diocesan Director of Child & Youth Protection at 901-359-2027 or the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 901-652-4066.