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



Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022

This Week: Isaiah 35:1-6A, 10; Psalm 146; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11 Next Week: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

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.

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.lv/StPatrickYouTube

WEEKLY CALENDAR Dec 11 - Dec 18

Sunday, Dec 11

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15 pm Masses
- 8:30 am Mass, Fr. Jason Tyler presiding
- All Masses, 2nd Collection, Religious Retirement
- 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 13

5:15 pm, Mass, Church

Wednesday, Dec 14

- NO 5:15 pm Mass
- 6:00 pm, Joy of Advent Small Group, Annex
- 6:30 pm, Advent Penance Service, Church

Thursday, Dec 15

- NO 5:15 pm Mass (Priests' dinner with Bishop)
- 7:00 pm, Choir Practice, Church

Friday, Dec 16

5:15 pm, Mass, Church

Saturday, Dec 17

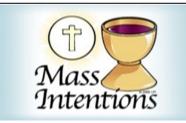
1:30 pm, Foote Park Caroling, Outreach Center

Sunday, Dec 18

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Today's Psalm Response

Lord, come and save us. (Psalm 146)



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

Dec 22, 5:15pm, +Anthony Biggers on the second anniversary of his death by Donna McLellan

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

www.stpatsmemphis.org

Click on Communications

May He Rest in God's Eternal Peace



Longtime parishioner Jerry Bettice passed away December 4, 2022. We offer our prayers and heartfelt condolences to his wife Judy, his family and friends.

A Mass of Resurrection will be Saturday, December 17 at 11:30 at St. Patrick Church, followed by a reception in the Champion Outreach Center.

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,

brownmmphs69@bellsout.ne

Welcome to St. Patrick Catholic Community! We're glad you're here.

- •No masks are required for vaccinated adults.
- •Feel free to continue to wear one for safety and peace of mind as your conscience dictates.
- •Those adults who are unvaccinated we ask that you continue to wear a mask.



Please pray for our St. Patrick community every day

Christmas Turkey Baskets



We expect to distribute **50 Christmas Baskets** to our neighbors on December 21.
If you are able to donate one (or more) turkeys, please bring them to the Champion Outreach Center during these times:

Sundays after morning Masses and

Tues -Thurs 12:00 - 2:00

Deadline: Tuesday, 12/20 Distribution: Wednesday, 12/21 10:30 - 12:00 Noon





As always, cash is gratefully accepted.



We currently have 62 families signed up for a Christmas Basket and 19 more families on a waiting list as of Friday - and we still have 10 days to go.

Please help if you can.



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

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 Grav. Floridia 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' grand-daughter), 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

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 <u>lindaopiel@comcast.net</u> Sandy Heiss <u>heisshouse@yahoo.com</u> 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

Second Collection Retirement Fund for Religious



Please follow us on social media!

And check out our website:

www.stpatsmemphis.org

Read recent Bulletins and Homilies online

A Reflection of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

by Shannon Curtis

When I talk about the first time I came to St. Patrick, I usually emphasize how my predecessor, Ro, treated me when I came in. It shaped how I think of hospitality and endeared me to this place immediately. But the latter half of this story is that I came to St. Patrick to go to confession before Mass. It had been a long time since I had made it to and made it through a confession. I had also denied myself the Eucharist because I felt that I was unworthy. Before that day, every time I would go to Mass I would sit in the pew and cry knowing that I had once again failed.

I think it's hard not to have anxiety about the Sacra-

ment of Reconciliation. It's countercultural to be vulnerable and let the weakest parts of ourselves be "known." I know that I was terrified that I would be rejected or worse if I really opened up. I still feel that way sometimes.

Penance Service Wednesday, December 14 6:30pm



We are having an Advent Penance Reconciliation 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.

Because of the primacy of conscience, God trusts us to be honest with ourselves about when we need to do better. Sometimes, even if we make the effort, we can still have bad experiences in Confession. Not only can we feel unreconciled, but also even more unmoored and unsure about where we stand or how we should be. I can't say that every experience "in the confessional" is going to be a good one. But I believe now that even when we have an experience where we feel dismissed or even abused, when we weren't complete in our confession, when we didn't really give it all up in the moment— God still reaches out and knows our hearts. When we have a good confessor, that person not only helps us toward absolution, but gives us guidance and work in the form of penance to set us up on a more righteous path. Thus we individually are trusted to make the effort to confront and undo patterns of sin.

I take a lot of comfort in the idea that though we are fallible and loving God and each other is a constant and difficult practice we are afforded grace and salvation through these sacraments and guides. We are given tools and roadmaps in our work building the Kingdom of God.

In our Óscar Romero-inspired Advent group, one of the reflection questions this week asked us "Where are the places in your life where the mighty bell of the Gospel needs to be rung?" What an excellent Examination of Conscience prompt! I can answer it for myself and I have smart, faith-filled friends who can talk with me about it. But it's nice knowing that I also have access to this space where I can go talk to an impartial yet engaged Other who will help me grab the rope and pull until I hear something.

That first day here at St. Patrick, I was instructed as part of my penance to receive Communion at Mass. Fr. Val didn't know me or know that I hadn't received Communion in years. He had never seen me crying in the back pew. But I have to believe that the Holy Spirit let him know that I needed that holy medicine.

And, you know, I still sat in the pew and cried, but this time out of gratitude and happiness that when I laid my burdens down, when I reached out and up— God was there.



The Joyful Journey of Advent

Wednesdays in Advent 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).

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

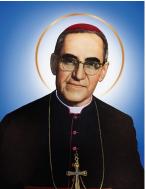
St. Patrick Catholic Church Pastoral Assistant
Personal Faith Journey

*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@ic.cdom.org

Advent Small Group



Weekly devotional based on friend of the parish, Cameron Bellm's "Illumination 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.





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.



St. Patrick parishioners and friends, thank you so much for the great response we have received! We really appreciate your help during these busy holidays to help to provide warmth, food and shelter for those who truly need it.



We always have an enjoyable evening with our guests!

What we still need:

Two side dishes and beverages (tea, lemonade, etc.) for 12-15 people, includes guests and volunteers.

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, <u>kvs1975@gmail.com</u>) or Jamie O'Brien 901.406.8893, <u>jamieheartsc@gmail.com</u>)

Offertory Donations



Offertory \$ 4,989 Parish Giving 3,852 Food Ministry 1,873 Other 90 Total \$10,804

Thank you for your generosity!





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.

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Penance Service

Tuesday, December 14 6:30pm

Caroling in Foote Park

Saturday, December 17 1:300pm

4th Sunday of Advent Peace

Sunday, December 18 8:30&11:00am,

5:15pm





Decorate Church for Christmas Thursday, December 22

Christmas Mass During the Night

Saturday, December 24 5:15pm

Christmas Day Mass

Sunday, December 25 11:00am

Vigil, Mary Mother of God Saturday, December 31

Saturday, December 31 5:15pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Sunday, January 1

day, January 1 8:30&11:00am, NO 5:15pm

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Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 8 8:30, 11:00am, 5:15pm

11:00am

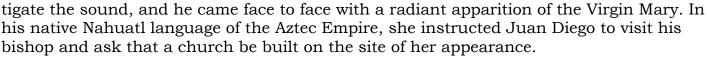


JEDI = **Justice** + **Equity** + **Diversity** + **Inclusion**

During the month of November, our bulletin featured a JEDI Spotlight on the Saints in observance of National Black Catholic History month. We read about Sr. Thea Bowman, Fr. Augustus Tolton, Helen Caldwell Day, and Julia Greeley – all with connections to St. Patrick's church, either physically or through parishioners. The JEDI group here at St. Patrick's is continuing this Spotlight on the Saints. For the next several Sundays we will be looking at a few of the many diverse appearances of the Blessed Virgin Mary in different times and throughout the world.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day, December 12

In the early morning hours of December 9, 1531, Juan Diego, a Mexican farmer, was on his way to Mass when he heard a strange and beautiful music. He left his usual path on Tepeyac Hill to inves-



The bishop was initially very skeptical and dismissed him. Juan Diego began to doubt himself. He returned to Tepeyac Hill where he hoped to receive some confirmation of the experience. Our Lady appeared again, as radiant as before, and instructed him to return to the bishop and ask again. At their second meeting, the bishop asked for a sign. Juan Diego promised that he would return with a sign from Our Lady.

But that evening, Juan Diego returned home to find his uncle suddenly terribly ill with a fever that was almost always fatal. Sad and frightened, Juan Diego set off, afraid his uncle might die before he returned with a priest. On the road, in his way, Our Lady appeared for a third time. "Am I not your mother? ... Are you not in the crossing of my arms?" she asked.

Juan Diego asked her for the sign he had promised to the bishop. She instructed him to climb to the top of Tepeyac Hill where he would find flowers unlike any he had seen before. He was to pick them, keep them hidden in his tilma (cloak), and take them to the bishop. For the third time, Juan Diego went in to see the bishop. When he opened his tilma, the roses cascaded to the floor. But more than the roses, both men were astonished to see what was left on his humble tilma - an exquisite image of Our Lady.

Our Lady of Guadalupe did not appear again, for her mission was complete. The church was built and remains there today, in what is now a suburb of Mexico City. Juan Diego's tilma, woven from cactus fibers, with a shelf-life of just 30 years at best, remains miraculously preserved almost 500 years later.



Parish Library

You are invited to visit our parish library.

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Call 901-527-2542 to make an appointment.

Baptismal Preparation Class For Parents and Godparents

If you plan to participate in a Baptism in the next few months, please call the parish office 901-527-2542 so we can schedule a preparation class.



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 **OLQPretreats.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 **OLQPretreats.com** & click on calendar *or call 731 548-2500 or email* <u>debbie.voyles@olqp.cdom.org</u>.





"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you."

Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest, deacon, sister or brother?

Visit www.memphisvocations.com

or call the Office of Vocations 901-373-1244

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	Rusty Ramsey	Bill Gaudet
Musician	Angelica Rendek	Angelica Rendek	Jorge Andres Ossa González
Altar Server	Linda Hernandez José Hernandez	George Espinoza	
Sacristan	Adriana Alcazar	Sylvia Gallaher	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	Carla Dennis		

December 18, 2022	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Mike Stengel	Sally Greene	Jan Kidder
Lector 2	Rhea Thomas	Bob Greene	Diane Flasch
EMHC	Patricia Split Patricia Papachristou Del Stiner	Margaret Calicott Oneata Windler	Carol Mangiante Donna McLellan
Cantor	John Killmar	Sandy Heiss	
Musician	Angelica Rendek	Angelica Rendek	Angelica Rendek
Altar Server	Jacob Burgess	Liam O'Connell Zackary Tenorio	
Sacristan	Tracy Burgess	Joe Birch	Gene Mangiante
Flowers	Advent		

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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.