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



## ***Fourth Sunday of Advent***

**December 18, 2022**

This Week: Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 24; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-24

Christmas Mass During the Night: Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalm 96; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

Christmas Mass During the Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-5, 9-14

### **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

## 11am MASS



Live streamed Every Sunday at  
[www.bit.ly/StPatrickFacebook](http://www.bit.ly/StPatrickFacebook)

Worship Aid Available  
Readings and Music  
[www.stpatsmemphis.org](http://www.stpatsmemphis.org)  
Click on Communications



Replayed on YouTube after 1:00 pm  
[www.bit.ly/StPatrickYouTube](http://www.bit.ly/StPatrickYouTube)

## WEEKLY CALENDAR Dec 18 - Dec 25

### Sunday, Dec 18

- 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 20

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Church
- 7:00 pm, Choir Dress Rehearsal, Church

### Wednesday, Dec 21

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

### Thursday, Dec 22

- 11:00 am, Decorate Church
- 5:15 pm, Mass, Church

### Friday, Dec 23

- 5:15 pm, Mass, Church

### Saturday, Dec 25

- 3:30 pm, Choir Practice
- 4:35 pm, Musical Prelude
- 5:15 pm, Christmas Mass during the Night
- Second Collection - Villa Vianney

### Sunday, Dec 25 Christmas Day

- 11:00 am Mass
- Second Collection - Villa Vianney
- 11:00 am, Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 12:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

## Homilies, Worship Aids, & Bulletins

[www.stpatsmemphis.org](http://www.stpatsmemphis.org)  
Click on Communications

## Today's Psalm Response

*Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.  
(Psalm 24)*



Dec 22, 5:15pm, +Anthony Biggers on the second anniversary of his death by Donna McLellan  
Dec 30, 5:15 pm, +Rudy Rendek and +Francis Urban on the anniversary of their deaths by Angelica Rendek

## 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 \$15,000 in end-of-year gifts!

***Thank You for Your Support!***



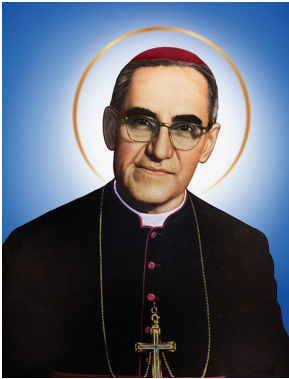
## Sacrament of Reconciliation

*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.

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## 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](mailto:shannon.curtis@stpat.cdom.org)  
901-308-6831

## The Joyful Journey of Advent

Wednesdays in Advent

12/21

Led by Rebekah Rojcewicz

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



Join us for Mass at 5:15, followed by a soup supper, then reflection and prayer.

A beautiful interview with St. Pat's commu-nity member, [Kirk Whalum](#) in the [Black Catholic Messenger](#). Much love and many blessings!



<https://www.blackcatholicmessenger.com/kirk-whalum-interview/>

## 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.



**Today after  
the morning  
Masses**

**As always,  
cash is gratefully accepted.**

 **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

**January 3, 2023:**  
**Sister Cathy Galaskiewicz, O.P.**

Dominican Sisters of Peace  
My Life as a Religious Sister and Educator

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](mailto:CMGLP@ic.cdom.org)

# PARISH NEWS

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

**Deacon Eddie Ramsey**, 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



## 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](mailto:ppapachr@cbu.edu)

**A Prayer Circle**  
**Monday – Friday**  
**9:00 a.m. for about 30 minutes**  
Jan Kidder [jan.kidder62@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:lindaopiel@comcast.net)  
Sandy Heiss [heisshouse@yahoo.com](mailto:heisshouse@yahoo.com)  
Jan Kidder [jan.kidder62@gmail.com](mailto:jan.kidder62@gmail.com)

**Sunday by Sunday  
Faith Sharing Group**  
**Thursday, 10:30 - noon**  
Judy Bettice  
Call 901-327-8068  
Text 901-216-7208

## 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.

**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



Please follow us on social media!

And check out our website:

[www.stpatsmemphis.org](http://www.stpatsmemphis.org)

Read recent Bulletins and Homilies online



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# CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



<b>Decorate Church for Christmas</b> <b>Thursday, December 22</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Musical Prelude</b> <b>Christmas Mass During the Night</b> <b>Saturday, December 24</b>	<b>4:35pm</b> <b>5:15pm</b>
<b>Christmas Day Mass</b> <b>Sunday, December 25</b>	<b>11:00am</b>
<b>Vigil, Mary Mother of God</b> <b>Saturday, December 31</b>	<b>5:15pm</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</b> <b>Sunday, January 1</b>	<b>8:30&amp;11:00am, NO 5:15pm</b>
<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> <b>Sunday, January 8</b>	<b>8:30, 11:00am, 5:15pm</b>

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

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.

### What we still need for December 28:

One side dish 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, [kvs1975@gmail.com](mailto:kvs1975@gmail.com))  
or Jamie O'Brien 901.406.8893, [jamieheartsc@gmail.com](mailto:jamieheartsc@gmail.com))

# PARISH NEWS

## 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 Knock

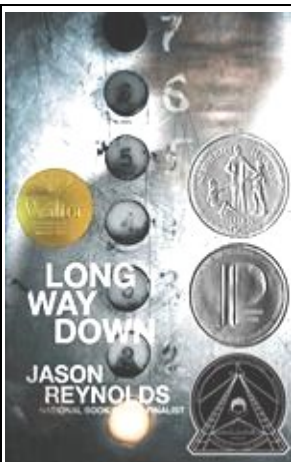
On the evening of August 21, 1879, Mary McLoughlin, the housekeeper to the parish priest of the village of Knock, County Mayo, Ireland, was astonished to see the south wall of the parish church bathed in a mysterious light, as she rushed through the rain to her friend Margaret Byrne's house. After a short visit, Mary McLoughlin left her friend's house, and Margaret's sister Mary Byrne agreed to walk home with

her. As they passed the Church of St. John the Baptist again, both saw on the outside wall of the church a tableaux of fully rounded, glowing figures that appeared to be alive. Mary Byrne ran to tell her family while Mary McLoughlin gazed at the apparition. Soon 15 other persons gathered, ranging in age from 5 to 75 years. Everyone who came saw the same apparition of Mary, wearing a white garment with a golden sash and a white cloak. Our Lady was described by the witnesses as being incredibly beautiful. She wore a bright golden crown, and appeared to be praying. On her right was Saint Joseph, his head inclined toward her, and on her left was Saint John the Evangelist. Saint John wore a miter, and appeared to be preaching. To the left of Saint John was an altar on which stood a cross and a lamb.

In many other apparitions of Mary, as at Fatima and Lourdes, Our Lady has spoken a message. In the apparition of Our Lady of Knock, none of the figures spoke, but the biblical and liturgical images convey a symbolic message. The Lamb on the altar calls to mind the presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The apparition of Our Lady of Knock is therefore considered a Eucharistic apparition as well. Since Mary is portrayed as the main worshiper, her symbolism is comprehensive: she is the ideal model which the Church is called to imitate. Pope Francis said that Our Lady of Knock's silence contains yet another important message: "The message which comes from Knock is that of **the great value of silence for our faith.**"



Others have pondered, as well, the significance of this apparition of Mary in Ireland at this particular time. It seems likely that Mary's silence echoes the silencing of the Irish in the 1800s—for if anyone knows the plight of those who suffer in silence, it is the Blessed Mother. Ireland had gone through radical social and spiritual upheaval since the 1600s. The "Curse of Cromwell," named after Oliver Cromwell's anti-Catholic invasion of Ireland, plagued the Irish throughout the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. Few Irish owned land; most property remained in English landowners' hands. Despite persecution from Protestant English landowners and nobles, famine, and the suppression of the Irish language, many of the native Irish had remained Catholic. The silenced people of Ireland received, in the apparition of Our Lady of Knock, a silent visit from saintly protectors.



## B.A.M.!

### Black Authors Matter!

**BAMI is an open discussion group that seeks the wisdom of Black authors.**

**All are welcome to join our Zoom-based discussion of *Long Way Down* Saturday, January 14 1:00 p.m.**

**Contact Jan Kidder  
[jan.kidder62@gmail.com](mailto:jan.kidder62@gmail.com)  
for more information  
or to receive the Zoom link**

*Long Way Down* (2017) by Jason Reynolds is a free verse narrative about Will, a young Black boy struggling to cope with the shooting death of his brother Shawn. Will plans to seek revenge, but during a sixty-second elevator ride from his apartment to the street, he is greeted by a series of ghosts who complicate his perspective on Shawn's death and on revenge killing.

# PARISH NEWS

## Offertory Donations



Offertory	\$ 9,384
Parish Giving	5,154
Food Ministry	350
Other	115
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,003</b>

Religious Retirement Fund \$1,298

*Thank you for your generosity!*



<http://bit.ly/StPatrickgiving>

## Villa Vianney

Father Val's Future Home

Christmas Second Collection



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



***“When Joseph awoke he did as the angel of the Lord directed him.”***



Are you prayerfully vigilant about discovering your vocation in Christ? Might He be inviting you to the priesthood or consecrated life?

Visit

[www.memphisvocations.com](http://www.memphisvocations.com)

or call the Office of Vocations  
901-373-1244



# 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](http://www.stpatsmemphis.org).

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



## Outreach Center Activities

Tiny Blessings



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



## 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.

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December 18, 2022	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Mike Stengel	Sally Greene	Jan Kidder
Lector 2	Rhea Thomas	Bob Greene	Jeanine Blackwell
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		

	December 24 5:15	December 25 11:00
Lector 1	Jan Kidder	Rodney Schmitz
Lector 2	Gene Mangiante	Andrea Nichol
EMHC	Kate Pera Joe Birch Carla Dennis	Carla Dennis
Cantor	Choir	Russell Moose
Musician	Angelica Rendek	Angelica Rendek
Altar Server	Avery Kjellin	Jacob Burgess
Sacristan	Chuck and Jeanine Blackwell	Tracy Burgess
Flowers	Christmas!	

## **ST. PATRICK PARISH STAFF**

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 Verna Hawkins - Housekeeping

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## **ST. PATRICK OUTREACH CENTER**

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## **ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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.