

February 4, 2018
The Fifth Sunday after
the Epiphany



The Parish of St. Patrick

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The Episcopal Church in Thousand Oaks

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Our Mission Statement: "To love and obey God, to love each other and others and to let our light shine from this holy hill."

All are welcome to join us each and every Sunday morning for worship and to receive communion.

Rite I Worship Service: 8:00 AM

Rite II Worship Service: 10:15 with Choir & Sunday School

	At St. Patrick's	Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ	
Rector	The Rev. George Daisa	Youth Ministry Director	The Rev. George Daisa
Sr. Warden	Anna Merriman	Financial Administrator	Kathryn Walters
Jr. Warden	Debbie McDonald	Parish Administrator	Janet Enriquez
Music Director	Dr. Eric Kinsley	Sexton	Dave Mead
Children's Ministry Director	Patty Buffaloe	St. Patrick's Postulant	KC Robertson

Church office hours: Monday—Thurs from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

A Message from Your Rector

I Stand at the Door

By Sam Shoemaker, Episcopal Priest and Co-creator of Alcoholics Anonymous

I stand by the door.

I neither go too far in, nor stay too far out.

The door is the most important door in the world -

It is the door through which men walk
when they find God.

There is no use my going way inside and staying there,

When so many are still outside and they, as much as I,

Crave to know where the door is.

And all that so many ever find

Is only the wall where the door ought to be.

They creep along the wall like blind men,

With outstretched, groping hands,

Feeling for a door, knowing there must be a door,

Yet they never find it.

So I stand by the door.

The most tremendous thing in the world

Is for men to find that door - the door to God.

The most important thing that any man can do

Is to take hold of one of those blind, groping hands

And put it on the latch - the latch that only clicks

And opens to the man's own touch.

I admire the people who go way in.

But I wish they would not forget how it was

Before they got in. Then they would be able to help

The people who have not yet even found the door.

Or the people who want to run away again from God.

You can go in too deeply and stay in too long

And forget the people outside the door.

As for me, I shall take my old accustomed place,

Near enough to God to hear Him and know He is there,

But not so far from men as not to hear them,

And remember they are there too.

Where? Outside the door -

Thousands of them. Millions of them.

But - more important for me -

One of them, two of them, ten of them.

Whose hands I am intended to put on the latch.

So I shall stand by the door and wait

For those who seek it.

I had rather be a door-keeper

So I stand by the door.

For whom do we stand at the door?

Who stands at the door waiting for you?

As we consider this week what possesses us, and what can be done about it, may we reflect with gratitude those "door keepers" in our lives - our family and friends, neighbors and mentors, teachers and guides along the way - who stood at the door, and didn't ever give up on us.

What has this to do with God, you ask? "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will come in to them, and will dine with them, and they with me," Revelation 3:20.

What has this to do with God? Everything. It has everything to do with God, because God has everything to do with us.

Blessings!

George+

Sunday School

Nursery care for toddlers is available on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month in the sacristy wing. Children Pre-K-5th grade are welcome to our Sunday School program each Sunday morning. Gather at the entrance to church at the start of the 10:15 worship to meet with the SS Director and then process to class. SS registration is ongoing. This program includes bible stories, activities, games, crafts, and much more. For more details, contact Patty Buffaloe at [805-582-2644](tel:805-582-2644). **Volunteers are invited to assist the program. Thank you.**

The Altar Flowers are
Dedicated to the Glory
of God and in Honor of
KC Robertson in
Celebration of
Her Birthday

Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one (birthday, anniversary, memorial, etc.) with a floral dedication. Sign up on the flower chart at the church entrance. The suggested donation is \$40.00.

Checks to St. Patrick's Altar Guild with 'altar flowers' in the memo may be placed in the offertory plate.

For Those We Love

Lawrence Howard,
Lisa Johnson, Linda &
John Krulac,
Leonard, Loretta,
Jan Robertson,
Mary Ann and Kathlene

KC Robertson, St. Pat's
Postulant and Seminarian,
and Ryan Macias,
Postulant

Rest of the Soul

Nikki Whale-Melhorn
and Dick Winchester

Youth Formation

Middle School Youth Group (grades 6-8) meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month from 10:15-11:00 am in the Buena Vista Room.

Sr. High youth (grades 9-12) attend Sunday worship with their families or as a group. They meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4 pm in the church. Emphasis is placed on building a Beloved Community through fellowship, fun and service. Please contact Fr. George for more info at gdaisa@stpatschurch.org.

Isaiah 40: 21-31

Psalms 147: 1-12, 21c

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

Mark 1: 29-39

www.lectionarypage.net

Memorial Service for Nikki Whale-Melhorn

All are invited to a memorial service for Nikki Whale-Melhorn Thursday, February 1, at 4 pm. During her years at St. Patrick's, Nikki's deep faith and bright smile were a constant reminder of God's love to us all. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to be made in her name to St. Patrick's Music Ministry. Checks may be written to *St. Patrick's Church* with "Music Ministry in Memory of Nikki Whale-Melhorn" in the memo line. Her warm and loving presence will be greatly missed by many.

Souper Bowl Sunday

Choose the winner of the Super Bowl by dropping your cans of soup or chili in the basket of your team choice. Bring donations to church now through Feb. 1. Thank you.

Ash Wednesday Services

Ash Wednesday is February 14. Worship services, with the disposition of ashes, are 12 noon and 7:00 pm. You are also welcome to attend the Day School service at 8:30 am.

Wednesday Healing Service

Join Fr. George on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for this weekly Eucharistic celebration with healing prayers. **There will be no Healing Service on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14.**

Winter Shelter Program at St. Julie's

Meals are needed for the Winter Shelter Program hosted by St. Pat's on Sat., Feb. 10 at St. Julie's in Newbury Park. Please bring an entrée to serve 10-12 people to St. Julie's Church (2475 Borchard Rd.) by 6:00 pm. Volunteer servers are always welcome. If you can serve as an overnight volunteer, please call Bob Bland at 498-5682.

Crop Walk

Help end hunger, locally and globally. It's time to start training for **Conejo Valley CROP Hunger Walk!** Sunday, March 4, 1 p.m. start, at CLU Sports Complex. We'd love to sign up 20 walkers this year; 3 different walk distances: one is a guided, 20 minute "Campus Stroll" around CLU, there are also ~4 mile and ~ 6 mile walks. Register after church services on Sunday, or online: look for "Team St. Patrick's Episcopal Church" at Conejo Valley CROP Hunger Walk website. Please join us as a walker or a supporter. Thank you.

YEBO – Youth Episcopalian Believers Organization

Grades 6th–8th youth meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month for middle school youth formation. Please mark your calendars for a youth service opportunity on February 10 at 6:00 pm at St. Julie's Catholic Church in Newbury Park to help with the homeless dinner. St. Patrick's Church will be supplying the meal for the guests that evening. If you can attend to help and/or bring food please contact Merley Greenidge at greenidge763@gmail.com.

Show Your Support for CCC

The Conejo Compassion Coalition Gala will be held April 26 at the Palm Garden Hotel in Newbury Park. You can support the worldwide relief efforts of this organization by placing an ad in the full color, glossy magazine that is published in conjunction with every gala. The magazine, which highlights the accomplishments of the CCC is distributed to all gala attendees and published on line to reach an even greater audience. There are two ways to advertise: if you own a business you can place a traditional ad, if you do not own a business you can place a tribute ad. See Bob Bland or any CCC member to find out more information. Alternatively you can find the information at <https://www.ccc-calendar.com/advertisements>.

Word from Our Postulant KC Robertson

Greetings my beloved St. Patrick's family! Having taken a moment to breathe, I have finally updated my Amazon Wishlist for this upcoming semester and am excited to dive into courses such as liturgy (eek it's getting more real), round two of systematics, and discipleship. I

Homeless Dinner Program

The Parish of St. Patrick supports the Winter Shelter Program held at St. Julie Billiard on the 2nd Saturday of the month in February and March. See Bob or Shirley Bland for details.

Conejo Compassion Coalition

Visit conejocompassion.org or call Bob Bland, 805-498-5682, for information on the CCC.

Manna

Bring your donations of non-perishable food & hygiene items on Sundays to the baskets in the front of church.

Mad Attic Thrift Shop

Open Tuesday-Sat., 10:00-4:00. See Mary Ann Palmquist or Ruthanne England for info or to volunteer. Please do not leave donations in the front of the church. 805-497-1990.

The Order of St. Patrick's

Our OSP ministers provide love and connection in times of need. OSP makes phone calls to those who are ill or shut-in. If you wish to join OSP, please call Jill at 805-498-2616. If you know of anyone in need of a call, please call the church office.

Helping Hands

Helping Hands provides meals & baked goods to parishioners recovering from illness and other hardships. If you are interested in occasionally making a meal and joining this food ministry, please send your email to Jan Lyons at jelyons123@hotmail.com or call Jan at (818) 631-3089. Be a part of the pastoral team and show our love!

Yoga with Karen Daisa

Tuesdays at 10:30 am. \$12 is a suggested donation. Bring a yoga mat (non-toxic, please) and a towel. Meets in the hall.

St. Patrick's Day School

Contact

St. Patrick's Parish Day School at
805-497-1416 or
www.stpatricksdayschool.org

Support St. Patrick's

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am so grateful for your continued support and particularly for the grace and willingness to help me get back east after my family's recent medical challenges. I am asking for your consideration to be a part of my goal for a smooth transition back to seminary and am grateful for any and all assistance towards diving deeper and more passionately into this call. <http://a.co/gnaWBwP>

Sunday Service Participants

	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Lector 1	Bill Funk	Amelia Daisa
Psalm	Anna Merriman	Jim Leon
Lector 2	Anna Merriman	Karen Daisa
Intercessor	Bill Funk	Candy Shaw
Crucifer		Kayla Cox
Acolytes		Ashley & Lukas Fisher
LEM 1	Anna Merriman	Jim Leon
LEM 2		Travis Tokuyama
Ushers	Joe & Joan Maskrey	Bob Wichmann John Sahlman Susan Sahlman Cindy Weaver
Altar Guild	Lisa Martin, Barbara Powell, Stasia Simrall and Anna Merriman	
Coffee Hosts	8:00: Jill Murch	10:15: Jeff & Ken Cox