

# St. Patrick Parish

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December 10, 2017  
Second Sunday of Advent



## TO REGISTER IN THE PARISH

Come visit us  
at the Parish Office  
or phone  
415-924-0600

## St. Patrick's Thrift Shop

457 Magnolia Avenue  
Larkspur CA 94939  
Phone: 415-924-5393

### Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Saturday: Noon - 4:00 p.m.

## Mass Schedule

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m., Tuesday through Friday  
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.  
Last Sunday of the Month: 10:00 a.m. Family Mass

## Parish Staff

Monsignor Michael Padazinski, Pastor	Terry Rosser & Phyllis Rybensky, Helping Hands Coordinators
Cathy Plocki, Liturgical Coordinator	Daniel Savio, Musician
Barbara Cavalier, Hospitality Coordinator	Deborah Benedict, Adult Choir Director
Judy Kostelni, Director of Religious Education	Linda Kinkade, School Principal
Agata Konopka, Parish Office	

**Parish Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. (Monday—Friday)**

St. Patrick  
K-8 School  
415-924-0501

St. Patrick  
School of Religion  
415-924-0600 x15

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday  
4:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.  
or another time  
by appointment.

## No "Two-For-One" this Christmas Eve

My dear Parishioners,

At this busy time of year, we have an exceptional opportunity the weekend of Dec. 24 to participate fully in the cycle of the liturgical year by attending holy Mass on the 4th Sunday of Advent and then again, on Christmas Day.

In a newsletter issued earlier this year, the U.S. Catholic bishops addressed questions regarding whether Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligations can be fulfilled with a "two-for-one" Mass attendance at Christmas this year.

In a "relatively rare" situation which last occurred in 2006, Christmas Day this year falls on a Monday.

Because Catholics are obliged to attend Mass for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, some have asked whether a Sunday evening Mass on Christmas Eve would fulfill both the obligation for a Sunday Mass and the obligation for a Christmas Day Mass.

The U.S. Bishop's Committee on Divine Worship has said the faithful should attend two Masses to fulfill their Sunday and Christmas Mass obligations.

Since the mid-twentieth century, the Church has allowed for Catholics to attend vigil, or anticipated, Masses for Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation as "a convenience for many of the faithful."

This means that the Sunday obligation for Dec. 24 (4th Sunday of Advent) can be fulfilled on Sunday morning, or at the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Dec. 23, and the Christmas Mass obligation can be fulfilled on Monday, or at the 4:00 p.m., 6:00 p.m. or 9:00 p.m. Masses on Dec. 24.

I hope this is helpful to you as you prepare to celebrate this most wonderful time of the year!

Please know that I wish you and yours the warmest blessings and graces of this Advent season as we continue our journey together.

Monsignor Padazinski

### Mass Intentions December 9 - 17

Saturday December 9	5:00 pm	Peggy Walker
Sunday December 10	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:00 am	Antonio & Maria Vargas †
	11:30 am	Vecchiola & Moretti Families †
Monday December 11	<b>No Mass</b>	
Tuesday December 12	8:00 am	Carl Thoelecke †
Wednesday December 13	8:00 am	Aldo & Anna Maria Obertello †
Thursday December 14	8:00 am	Sue Chapot †
Friday December 15	8:00 am	Susan Lanzi †
Saturday December 16	5:00 pm	Bob Rybensky †
Sunday December 17	8:00 am	Denis Melk †
	10:00 am	Leon Garicoitz †
	11:30 am	People of the Parish

## Christmas Schedule 2017

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

#### **Confessions:**

Tuesday, December 19

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 23

3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

### Christmas Masses

#### **Christmas Eve**

##### **Sunday, December 24**

*Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord*

4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Mass

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

8:15 p.m. Christmas Concert by the Parish Choir

9:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

#### **Christmas Day**

##### **Monday, December 25**

8:00 a.m. Christmas Mass

9:40 a.m. Mini Concert by the Parish Choir

10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass with Parish Choir

11:30 a.m. Christmas Mass

Immaculate Heart Radio 

1260 AM

## Why is Monday, December 25, 2017 a Holy Day of Obligation, while a week later, Monday, January 1, 2018 is not a Holy day of Obligation?

First of all, it is helpful to understand which days are considered days of “obligation,” when the faithful attend Mass (either on the Feast Day or the evening preceding) and are to “abstain from those works and business which hinder the worship to be rendered to God, the joy proper to the Lord’s day, or the suitable relaxation of mind and body” (Canon 1247). According to Canon 1246 §1, the universal Church recognizes, apart from Sunday, which she calls “the primordial holy day of obligation,” ten days as holy days:

- The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, December 25
- The Epiphany, January 6
- The Ascension, Thursday of the 6th week of Easter
- The Body and Blood of Christ, Thursday after Trinity Sunday
- Holy Mary the Mother of God, January 1
- The Immaculate Conception, December 8
- The Assumption of Mary, August 15
- The Feast of St. Joseph, March 19
- Peter and Paul the Apostles, June 29
- All Saints, November 1

The universal Church law allows for local conferences of bishops, with the Vatican’s approval, to suppress some of these days or to transfer them to a Sunday (Canon 1246 §2). Some countries even add to this list of holy days of obligation the celebration of certain feasts or saints of local importance, such as St. Patrick in Ireland. In the United States the obligatory character of St. Joseph (March 19) and Sts. Peter and Paul (June 29) has been suppressed. The Solemnities of the Epiphany (January 6), the Ascension (Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter), and the Body and Blood of Christ (Thursday after Trinity Sunday) have been transferred to Sunday. (Some dioceses in the United States, it should be noted, still observe as a day of obligation Ascension on the Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter). In these cases, the Solemnities are no longer strictly speaking holy days “of obligation,” yet the obligations attached to them remain insofar as they now fall on a Sunday.

For dioceses in the U.S., there are five days remaining that can be called “holy days of obligation”: Mary the Mother of God (January 1), the Assumption of Mary (August 15), All Saints Day (November 1), the Immaculate Conception (December 8), and Christmas (December 25). But of these five days, three of them have an “exceptional” quality. Whenever one of the first three solemnities—Mary the Mother of God, the Assumption, and All Saints Day—falls on a Saturday or a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass and refrain from unnecessary work is lifted. In other words, these days are still observed (Monday, January 1, 2017 will still be the Solemnity Mary, the Mother of God), but the obligations attached to them are removed. The last two of these five Solemnities—the Immaculate Conception and Christmas—always retain the obligation, regardless of whether they fall on a Saturday or Monday. The reason is that both of the December holy days have such high importance: Christmas because it marks, after the Passion, the most important moment in the life of Christ, and the Immaculate Conception because Mary, under this title, is the Patroness of the United States.

— by Christopher Carstens, *Adoremus Bulletin*, November 11, 2017

### **Second Collection Today:** **Retirement Fund for Religious Annual Collection**

The women and men Religious of the Archdiocese are appreciative of any help you can give and count on your assistance as they face retirement with limited resources. More importantly, though, please remember in your prayers the more than 500 women and men religious living and serving in the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

### **A DIFFERENT CHRISTMAS.....**



**Where:** [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)  
**How:** register using our parish code NZNDPT  
**Search:** ANIMA

## Looking for ONE Good Aide!

St. Patrick School, a K to 8 Catholic school in Larkspur, is looking for a Teacher's Aide for our Jr. High. The ideal candidate should be organized, a self-starter, comfortable with young teens, able to correct papers, and proofread accurately. In addition, the ideal candidate must possess basic office skills (Xeroxing, filing, computer skills). Flexibility is important.

Other details:

Work days: Monday - Thursday: 10:10 to 3:15

Wednesday and Thursday: 10:30 to 3:15

Weekly hours: 18 hours 10 minutes per week

Additional duties: Two recess yard duties per week

Day off: Friday

Our environment is warm, friendly, supportive, and fun! If you are interested send resume to [e\\_ogden@stpatricksmarin.org](mailto:e_ogden@stpatricksmarin.org).

### *St. Patrick's Parish Giving Tree Program*



**Bring your gift to the church on  
Sunday, December 10 by 11:30 a.m.**

ADVENT RETREAT WITH DAN SCHUTTE  
AT ST. ANSELM CHURCH, 97 SHADY LANE, ROSS

DECEMBER 16, 10 AM TO 4:30 PM,  
FOLLOWED BY PARISH MASS

The day will consist of prayer, reflection and meditation inspired by some of his well-known compositions, such as Christ, Circle Round Us, City of God, Beyond the Moon and Stars, among others. Come join in an uplifting day of joyful prayer!

\$20 donation requested. Bring a lunch; beverages will be provided.

RSVP by December 7 to Sissy Ratto at 415-453-2342, ext. 10, or [info@saintanselm.org](mailto:info@saintanselm.org).

### *St. Patrick's Thrift Shop*

On Tuesday, December 12th,  
the Thrift Shop will be CLOSED to the public and  
our parking lot will be unavailable from 8am – 4pm.

We will be hosting St. Patrick School's  
Annual Christmas Store.

COME TO THE MIRACLE!  
ALL ARE INVITED!

Join the Corte Madera and Larkspur  
Church Choirs

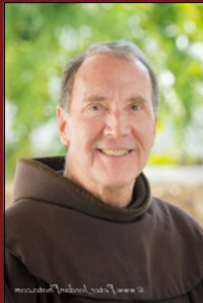
TELLING THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS  
AT  
LESSONS AND CAROLS  
AN HOUR OF SCRIPTURE AND SONG

St. Patrick Church  
Sunday, December 10  
3:00 p.m.

*Donations Gratefully Accepted*



St. Patrick Advent Speaker Series  
December 11  
6:30-8:00pm  
(6:30-7:00pm quiet reflection in Church;  
7:00-8:00pm Speaker Presentation)



### Waiting on the Lord

Fr. Charles Talley is a Franciscan priest and friar presently in residence at San Damiano Retreat in Danville, California. Fr. Charles is Director of Communications for the Franciscan friars of the Province of St. Barbara (California).