

Welcome to St. Patrick Catholic Church

Growing as Disciples of Jesus and Making Disciples for Jesus

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*"Come to me all you
who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest."*

MATTHEW 11:28

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Mass Schedule/ Horario de Misas

Mon-Fri/Lun-Vier 6:30 a.m.
Saturday/Sábado 8 a.m., 5 p.m.
Sundays/Domingo:
English 7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11 a.m.
Español 12:45 p.m.
Burmese 2:30 p.m.

School of Religion K-8 Catecismo K-8

Wednesdays/Miercoles 7 p.m.
(September—April)

RCIA Classes (Adults)

Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Sept—Easter

Adoration Suspended

Marriages/Matrimonios

Please notify the pastor
8-10 months prior to wedding.
Favor de notificar a la parroquia
8-10 meses antes.

Baptisms/Bautismos

By appointment only
Por cita solamente.

Confessions/Confesiones

3:30 p.m. Saturdays,
5:30 p.m. Tuesdays
or by appointment
Español— Martes a las 5:30 p.m.
Sabados a las 3:30 p.m.



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From Father Mark Mertes, Pastor:

***For my yoke is easy and
my burden is light.
(Matthew 11.30)***

Most of us have not seen a yoke of oxen! In the time of Jesus a prosperous land owner would have owned oxen and a plow so that his servants could cultivate the land and plant crops. The yoke was a harness placed over the animals' shoulders to guide them and keep them under control. No doubt the animals were happier if the yoke fit correctly.

I have had a similar experience carrying a backpack on camping trips. If your backpack fits correctly you are able to carry quite a bit of weight without getting back pains or chafing or irritations. But it has to fit correctly (a little training helps as well), and if it doesn't fit correctly, the hiking experience can be miserable.

This is exactly the reality that Jesus is referring to when he tells us ***my yoke is easy and my burden light***. When we are incorporated into Christ by baptism and the sacramental life, the burdens we carry and the sacrifices we make are all part of entering into a new life. And we can carry a lot!

St. Paul puts it this way: ***the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies, through his Spirit that dwells in you. (Romans 8.11)*** For Paul, living in the "Spirit" is accepting that all our sacrifices are leading us to the fullness of God.

For Paul, to live in the "***flesh***" is to run from the sacrifices that are a part of everyday discipleship; it is to reject Jesus' call to put on his "***yoke***" of self-giving.

Let us put on the yoke of Christ! Jesus will give us challenges that "fit" us perfectly.

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Let us freely give ourselves over to the challenges of life:

- ♦ Even though we are tired of adjusting to life with coronavirus, let us see today's limits as opportunities to reimagine our lives.
- ♦ Even though we might be burdened with worry and sadness, let us be lifted up by our confidence in Christ.
- ♦ Even though our crosses may seem insurmountable, let us hear Jesus' beckoning, ***Come to me, all who labor....and I will give you rest.***

All of our sacrifices can "fit"; all of our burdens and difficulties have a higher goal. May they lead us into the new life Jesus is bringing us.

**7th Annual Pitching for Priests Softball Game
Friday, July 31 at 7 pm
Community America Ballpark**

*Due to COVID 19, seating is limited to 2,000 people. We will leave every other row empty. If regulations change before the game, more tickets will be offered for sale. We will also provide updates regarding city requirements (masks, etc). There won't be baseball cards this years but we plan to have baseball cards and t-shirts next year! If the game gets canceled because of COVID, we will refund tickets immediately, keeping \$3.50 per ticket for lost expenses. Thank you for your understanding! For tickets, visit PitchingforPriests.com.

First Holy Communion Masses:

School of Religion Students:

Saturday, August 1 at 10 AM

St. Patrick School Students:

Saturday, August 15 at 10 AM

Scripture Readings for Week of July 6-12

Mon/Lun:	Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26
Tue/Mar:	Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38
Wed/Mie:	Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7
Thur/Jue:	Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9; Matthew 10:7-15
Fri/Vie:	Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23
Sat/Sab:	Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33
Sun/Dom:	Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

Desde Padre Mark Mertes:

Para mi yugo es fácil y mi carga es ligera. (Mateo 11.30)

¡La mayoría de nosotros no hemos visto un yugo de bueyes! En el tiempo de Jesús, un próspero propietario de la tierra habría tenido bueyes y un arado para que sus sirvientes pudieran cultivar la tierra y plantar cultivos. El yugo era un arnés colocado sobre los hombros de los animales para guiarlos y mantenerlos bajo control. Sin duda, los animales estaban más felices si el yugo encajaba correctamente.

He tenido una experiencia similar llevando una mochila en viajes de campamento. Si su mochila se ajusta correctamente, puede cargar peso sin tener dolores de espalda, roces o irritaciones. Pero tiene que encajar correctamente (un poco de entrenamiento también ayuda), y si no encaja correctamente, la experiencia de senderismo puede ser miserable.

Esta es exactamente la realidad a la que Jesús se refiere cuando nos dice que ***mi yugo es fácil y mi carga es ligera***. Cuando somos incorporados a Cristo por el bautismo y la vida sacramental, las cargas que llevamos y los sacrificios que hacemos son parte de entrar en una nueva vida. ¡Y podemos llevar mucho!

San Pablo lo pone de esta manera: ***el que resucitó a Cristo de la muerte dará vida a sus cuerpos mortales, a través de su Espíritu que mora en usted. (Romanos 8.11)*** Para Pablo, vivir en el "Espíritu" es aceptar que todos nuestros sacrificios nos llevan a la plenitud de Dios. Para Pablo, vivir en la "**carne**" es huir de los sacrificios que son parte del discipulado cotidiano; es rechazar el llamado de Jesús de ponerse su "**yugo**" de entrega.

¡Pongámonos el yugo de Cristo! Jesús nos dará desafíos que nos "encajan/quedan" perfectamente.

Entreguémonos libremente a los desafíos de la vida:

- ♦ Aunque estamos cansados de adaptarnos a la vida con el coronavirus, veamos los límites de hoy como oportunidades para reinventar nuestras vidas.
- ♦ A pesar de que podríamos estar agobiados por la preocupación y la tristeza, déjenos elevarnos por nuestra confianza en Cristo.
- ♦ Aunque nuestras cruces puedan parecer insuperables, escuchemos el llamado de Jesús, ***Ven a mí, todos los que trabajan... y les daré descanso.***

Todos nuestros sacrificios pueden "encajar"; todas nuestras cargas y dificultades tienen un objetivo más alto. Que nos lleven a la nueva vida que Jesús nos está trayendo.

Limpieza de la Iglesia

La limpieza de la iglesia a sido pospuesta.

Si le gustaría hablar con el Padre Mark por favor de llamar al 913/299-3370 en la oficina parroquial. También, si necesitan ayuda en español por favor de llamar al 913/299-3370, ext. 104.

Ministerios

Si usted desea inscribirse o informarse sobre los ministerios de Lector, Ministro Extraordinario de la Comunión, Hospitalidad, limpieza de los viernes, Coro, o Monaguillo, por favor de mandar un correo electrónico a jcarpio@stpatrickkck.org. Su parroquia los necesita.

Father Mark's Bible Study!

Thursdays, Facebook Live, 7 pm

Fridays Facebook Live (Spanish), 7 pm

Father Mark invites you to join him on Facebook Live for a study on the upcoming readings every Thursday evening at 7 pm. You're welcome to ask questions in the comments!

If you can't join him live, watch the video to prepare for Sunday Mass!

Parish Updates!

1. Online registration for Mass will no longer be offered. When you come to Church, please bring a piece of paper with your name and phone number and place in the basket provided. You may also write your name and phone on paper provided in the vestibule.
2. You are invited to take a missalette home with you for your use at Sunday Masses. Please take only the paper copy and leave the blue plastic cover in the vestibule. You're welcome to bring the missalette with you every week to Mass for your own personal use.
3. The parish office is open to the public. Please wear masks when entering the office and observe social distance. The Parish Center is available for meetings by appointment only. To schedule a meeting, call 913-299-3370. Guidelines for use of the space will be offered when you book your gathering. Sports will not be allowed in the center until further notice.

Confirmation Masses:

St. Patrick School Students: Wed, Aug 5 at 7 pm

School of Religion Students:

Mr. Streit's Class: Wed, Aug 12 at 7 pm

Ms. Williams' Class: Wed, Aug 19 at 7 pm

New Foster Care Ministry Website

Because care of the orphan and works of mercy are part of the mission for all baptized Catholics, the Church is the solution to an overwhelmed Kansas foster system. Visit the new Archdiocesan Foster Care Ministry Website, www.archkcks.com/foster to learn how to help children in our community and support families who have answered the call to love and protect these children. If you are currently fostering or have adopted child/ren from foster care, we want to support you on your journey! Join the Archdiocesan Foster Family by registering at www.archkck.org/fostercaredatabase.

Like us on Facebook for

Parish Updates! @StPatrickKCK

Father Mark Mertes will post Sunday Masses and reflections or discussions on our page including Spanish content.

Website Updates in Progress!

Facebook will have the most updated information but new bulletins, etc. will be added to the parish website, www.stpatrickkck.org.

Mass Intentions

(Intenciones)

SUNDAY, JULY 5—14th Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Mass Int: Ted Watskey †

9:15 a.m. Mass Int: People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Mass Int: Billy T. Plake †

12:45 p.m. (Spanish) Int: Gustavo Hernandez †

2:30 p.m. (Burmese) Mass Int: St. Patrick's

MONDAY, JULY 6—St. Maria Goretti

6:30 a.m. Mass Int: Paul Ries †

TUESDAY, JULY 7

6:30 a.m. Mass Int: Holy Souls in Purgatory †

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

12:15 p.m. Mass Int: Mark Powell †

THURSDAY, JULY 9—St. Augustine Zhao

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6:30 a.m. Mass Int: Raymond Stokes, Sr. and Anne Stokes †

FRIDAY, JULY 10

12:15 p.m. Mass Int: Healing of the Sick

SATURDAY, JULY 11—St. Benedict

8:00 a.m. Mass Int: Richard Kost †

5:00 p.m. Mass Int: Michael Brenner

SUNDAY, JULY 12—15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 a.m. Mass Int: Anna Madruga †

9:15 a.m. Mass Int: People of the Parish

11:00 a.m. Mass Int: Angie Lewis †

12:45 p.m. (Spanish) Int: Juan Sanchez Huizar †

2:30 p.m. Burmese Mass Int: St. Patrick's

Confession Schedule:

Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. (English and Spanish)

Saturdays 3:30 p.m.

Faithful Citizenship

Register to Vote

One of the key tenets of being a faithful Catholic is faithful citizenship. Every Kansas State Representative and State Senator office will be on the ballot in 2020. One of the most effective ways to ensure fair and just public policy (laws) is by electing people into office who share Catholic values and the ultimate goal of serving the common good. To vote in the upcoming August 4 KS State Primary Election, citizens must be registered to vote by July 14. Visit www.kansascatholic.org to register. It's important to register especially if you recently turned 18, recently moved, have not voted in recent elections, or if you are unsure if you have registered in the past. Registering to vote ensures that you are able to vote and that you are voting at the correct polling location.

	June 14	Year to Date/ Hasta hoy
Budget/ Presupuesto		
Total Weekend Collection (Online)		
Weekday Receipts by mail or electronic giving/Recibido en fin de semana	Will be updated next week!	
Total Collection Through 6/19/20 Collecta Total hasta el 6/19/20		
UNDER Budget		

Need an Appointment?

It's been a pleasure to resume appointments with parishioners for marriage prep, baptism preparation, annulments, mentoring and pastoral needs. Please contact us to make an appointment. We'll help you schedule it and review safety guidelines. We look forward to seeing you! God bless!

Nominations for Pastoral Council Welcome!

Father Mark invites nominations for Council members, persons who are faithful to the Church and involved in parish life. Please email your suggestions to Theresa Smith, tsmith@archkckcs.org or call her at 913-299-3370.

Training is required before volunteering with children at the parish or school.

To volunteer with children in the parish or school, you must first attend a Virtus "Protecting God's Children" session and pass a background check. Trainings can be found at www.virtusonline.org. Your account must remain current with assigned articles. Contact Betty Ann Battson, Virtus Coordinator, 299-3728 or bbattson@stpatrickkck.org.

Reporting Suspected Abuse

Archdiocese remains committed to investigating any allegation of abuse of a minor made against any member of the clergy or any church employee or volunteer—no matter the age of incident or current age of the victim. Individuals are encouraged to call confidential report line at 913-647-3051 or archkck.org/reportabuse to make a report to Jan Saylor, archdiocesan report investigator, and to call law enforcement directly. If a child or vulnerable adult is in immediate danger, call 911.

We begin a new prayer list for the sick every 6 months. Please contact Theresa Smith, 913-299-3370 or tsmith@archkckcs.org to add or remove a name. Only family members may add names because of privacy.

Please pray for the sick: Vincent Anderjaska, Velma Andrisevic, Al Arendt, Andrew Becker, Donna Bileck, Ray Bond, Shirley Bowline, Douglas Braman, Victor Braman, Mary Ann Bush, Hannah Buttaccio, Bob Butters, Donald Cook, Marcia Cooper, Raymond Cote, Vernon Cox, Thresa Ehrhart, Connie Galvan, Bill Ghale, Cora Grant, Bob Holek, Shirley Imhoff, Dorothy Isabell, Mike Kerns, Michael Killian, Mary Elaine Kohler, Joyce Leiker, Debbie Martin, Martha McCarty, Fred McClain, Andrea McNeely, Laraun McNeely, Willetta Minters, Ashley Mizell, Alice Neal, Belinda Ogan, Josephine Ogan, Dennis and Stephanie Seufferling, Linda Shalz, Helen Sims, Jack Sixta, Tom Sixta, Leo Storm, Margaret Struzzo, Joseph Tayler, Deacon Charlie Voss, Glenn Waltsak, Bob Williams, Joe Wingerter

Ministers to the Homebound:

This ministry is suspended to protect the health of our homebound. We will resume when it's safe to do so.

Anointing of the Sick

If you are scheduled for surgery, please call the parish office, 299-3370, to receive the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before your hospital stay.

If your condition worsens, you need additional surgery, you recover then become seriously ill again or are facing additional health challenges due to aging, it's appropriate to be anointed again.

Grief Support Group Suspended Through Summer

Our parish Grief Support Group will resume meeting in September if it is safe to do so. We encourage all those who have lost a loved one to call the parish office or a family member or trusted friend when you need to talk. God bless you and know that you will be remembered in prayer.

FORMED: New FREE Content

Download FORMED app to your phone or visit FORMED.org, click "I belong to a parish" then put in parish name or zip code. Follow instructions to access our subscription and enjoy live broadcasts, ebooks, movies, and studies! Explore Faith at Home and Fe en Casa with resources in English and Spanish!



MAN AND WOMAN

Key Truths about Redefining Human Sexuality

For more resources, please visit www.marriageuniqueforareason.org



The Supreme Court

The U.S. Supreme Court recently ruled that a federal law that bans discrimination on the basis of “sex” also applies to “sexual orientation” and “transgender” status. Unjust discrimination against anyone is wrong. This decision may be an attempt to address that but instead they harm the common good. In effect, it legally redefines human sexual identities to no longer mean man and woman – who are made for each other and form the foundation of the family – and requires people to honor one another’s asserted gender identities and sexual conduct.

Definitions Matter

It is not just to disregard the truth, goodness, and reality of who we *are* as created male or female. Nor does accepting this reality require adhering to rigid stereotypes or social roles. It is also unjust to elevate “sexual orientation” as if a sexual attraction is an inherent aspect of one’s “sex.”

Sexual Difference is a Gift

God created humanity male and female, made to live in relation *to* each other, and found His creation very good. This is therefore a *good* thing and we are all called to accept and embrace our God-given sexual identity. Sexual difference, male and female, is essential for marriage and children. Our bodies matter—we don’t just *have* a body but *are* an ensouled body.

Marriage and Children

A man and a woman, in marriage, are irreplaceable and not interchangeable. Marriage is a natural institution that predates government. Every human society has acknowledged that the sexual union of man and woman matters because it creates the next generation. Children have a right to be raised by a mother and a father whenever possible. This enables society to flourish.

Love and Community

Love, in the Christian sense, is not a feeling nor unconditional niceness, but rather willing the good of another person. The marital relationship involves a unique type of love. When we disconnect sexual

activity from the permanence of marriage or from openness to children, or when we deny our God-given sexual identity, we make our relationships more about *us* and *our* feelings than about giving ourselves or serving others. On a large scale, this can have an effect on the whole community as well.

Dignity of the Human Person

All persons have inviolable dignity and deserve love and respect. Effectively redefining human sexuality in law furthers no one’s rights, least of all those who struggle with their sexual identity.

Equality and Rights

Affirming the true definition of “sex” denies no one their basic rights as a human being. Rather, it affirms the equal dignity of women and men in society and under law.

Discrimination

Unjust discrimination is wrong. Treating different things differently is not unjust discrimination. For example, only man and woman can form a conjugal union that brings forth children. Protecting the foundation of the family is a matter of justice.

Same-Sex Attraction or Gender Incongruence

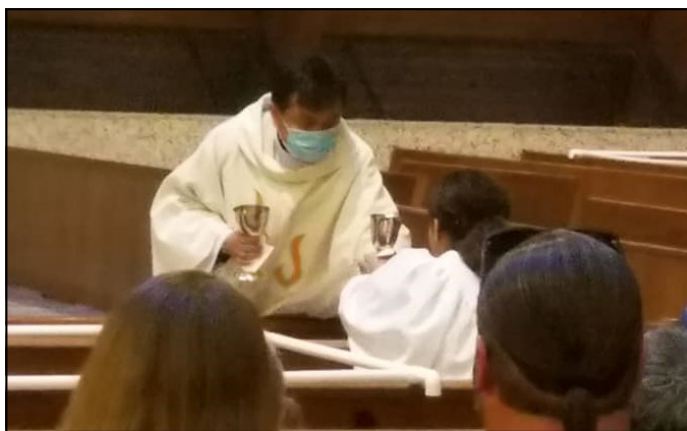
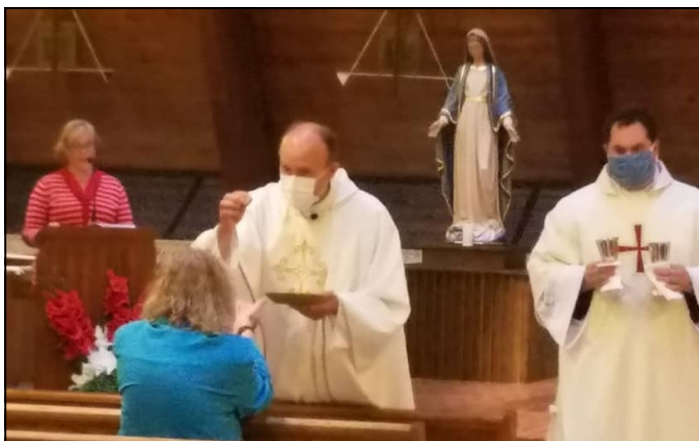
Experiences of same-sex attraction or gender incongruence are realities that call for compassion, sensitivity, and pastoral care. Support groups, such as Courage and Encourage, are an important part of the Church’s pastoral ministries.

Religious Freedom and Advocacy

Redefining human sexuality under the Civil Rights Act will likely change numerous other laws. It sets the Church’s teaching, witness, ministries, and service organizations – who serve everyone but must do so in accord with the truth – in opposition to the law. It will cause innumerable conflicts between the state and religious institutions and individuals. There are, in fact, already numerous examples of this in schools, hospitals, shelters, and small businesses. The faithful are encouraged to stay engaged with their policymakers on these matters to help advance just outcomes wherever possible.



RCIA Sacraments, Part II: Confirmations and First Holy Communions!
 Congratulations Leah Coons, Sherry Malcolm, Daniela Medina and Chelsea Lopez!



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Carroll and Katie Macke

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Glenn Miller

Parish Mission Statement/Misión

St. Patrick Parish is called to love and
serve the Lord, to grow in knowledge,
virtue and holiness and to spread the Gospel.

La parroquia de San Patricio esta llamada a
amar y servir al Señor, a crecer en conocimien-
to, virtud y santidad y a compartir el evangelio.

Core Values: Christ-Centered, Evangelization,
Formation for All Ages, Family (Individual Fami-
lies and Parish Family), Stewardship