Saint Patrick Catholic Church

All are welcome
at St. Patrick Catholic Church

Todos son bienvenidos en la
Iglesia Católica San Patricio

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St. Patrick Church is a Catholic, multicultural parish within a collegiate, agricultural and industrial community. The parish's mission is to worship and work together so our community will grow more in love and acceptance of one another and be apostles as Christ teaches us. We accept that we have differences and will use them to unite us as one in Christ. We will pursue this mission faithfully through the power of the Holy Spirit and the gifts and talents of our members.

La Iglesia San Patricio es una parroquia Católica multicultural dentro de una comunidad collegial, agrícola y industrial. La misión parroquial es dar culto y trabajar juntos para que nuestra comunidad crezca en amor y aceptación del uno y otro y ser apóstoles como Cristo nos enseña. Estamos de acuerdo que temenos diferencias y las usaremos para hacernos uno en Cristo. Seguiremos esta misión fielmente por medio del poder del Espirítu Santo y los dones y talentos de nuestros miembros.

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July 24, 2022
17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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24 de julio 2022
XVII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

As a young and newly converted child to the Catholic Church, I was fascinated by the ritual, statues and paraphernalia that was utilized in liturgy and private devotion. It was during this time that "glow-in-the-dark" statues and rosaries became popular. The Catholic school I was attending had a raffle and one of the prizes was a glow-in-the-dark statue of the Virgin Mary. I imagined the Mother of God gazing down upon me as I slept and wanted THAT statue. So, believing that God answers all prayers, I bought a ticket and expected to win. I prayed. Again, again and again I recited the Hail Mary and Our Father expecting to take home that blessed image. I was devastated! Someone else took that statue home. I was left wondering, "Why?".

It seems that this approach to prayer is quite common. People tend to call upon God when they need or want something. He is the invisible and avoided God until we have no place else to turn. Then, and only then, do most people try to establish a relationship with Him. He is the forgotten "Father". Today's Liturgy of the Word is about prayer and about the Father who has invited and adopted us into His family. It is not surprising that with the decline of the traditional family there is a decline in the Divine Family as well. Like children, humans tend to fulfill their desires and neglect the needs of the Family into which God has granted them admission. Man is primarily concerned with himself. Only when we are confronted . . . .

IN OUR PARISH ❖ EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

Con la ayuda de Ramón Martínez (Gerente de Participación Comunitaria de Independencia), St. Patrick's está organizando una

FERIA DE RECURSOS COMUNITARIOS

DOMINGO 24 DE JULIO

Después de la Misa de 11:30 am

En la salon

Los representantes de varias organizaciones que ofrecen servicios en Independence estarán disponibles para obtener información y ayuda. ¡El camión de comida Tamales de Vianney también estará en el lugar durante este evento!

With the help of Ramon Martinez (Independence's Community Engagement Manager), St. Patrick's is hosting a

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

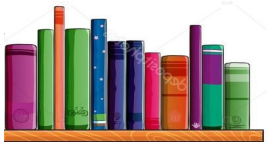
SUNDAY, JULY 24

After the 11:30 am Mass In the Hall

Representatives of several organizations who offer services in Independence will be available for information and help. Vianney's Tamales food truck will also be on site during this event!

NEEDED: A person, a family or a group that will be the coordinator(s) for the **ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC** on Sunday, September 11. If you are interested in finding out what the coordinator has to do, please talk to Father Kiko ASAP.

SE NECESITA: Una persona, una familia o un grupo que serán los coordinadores del **PICNIC ANUAL PARROQUIAL** el domingo 11 de septiembre. Si está interesado en saber qué tiene que hacer el coordinador, hable con el padre Kiko lo antes posible.



FREE BOOKS! DVDs! ROSARIES!

Check out the selection of religious books, DVDs and rosaries available on the 2 bookshelves in the vestibule. They are <u>FREE!</u> Or you can make a donation in the gray box in the church.

July 16-17, 2022

Envelopes	$	2,337.00
Loose	$	896.00
Faith Formation	$	575.00
Taco Booth Donations	$	275.26
On-Line	$	255.00
TOTAL	**$**	**4,338.26**

July 24: Youth Ministry

July 31: Pennies for Heaven

WEEKLY & SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

COLECCIÓNS SEMANAL Y ESPECIAL

ALGO NUEVO: El sitio web de la parroquia, stpatrickindependence.org, ahora tiene una página web de NOTICIAS para publicar enlaces a noticias importantes para nuestra parroquia y para los católicos en general. Para sugerir un enlace, envíe un correo electrónico a Fr. Kiko en: frfranciscobringuela@yahoo.com

RECORDATORIOS DEL PADRE KIKO

- No fuerce la puerta de entrada automática de la iglesia para cerrarla. ¡Se paciente!
- No responda a correos electrónicos fraudulentos o mensajes de texto míos. Te llamaré o hablaré contigo en persona cuando necesite tu ayuda.

- Necesitamos voluntarios para cortar el césped y el campo semanalmente. Por favor llámeme si puede hacerlo al menos una vez entre ahora y noviembre.

- Necesitamos familias que se encarguen de conseguir donas y preparar Coffee & Donuts una vez al mes, para 2023. Por favor llame a Norma en la oficina para inscribirse.

- Los kits de prueba gratuitos de CoVid están disponibles en la oficina parroquial. ¡Venga en cualquier momento que la oficina esté abierta y obtenga uno!

- Si es el último en una habitación o edificio, cierre y bloquee TODAS las puertas y ventanas.
- Si quieres la heladera vieja de la cocina, será gratis para la primera persona que me llame y quede para recogerla en septiembre.
- Solo los grupos que han programado sus reuniones a través de Norma, en el calendario parroquial, pueden acceder a esas salas. A cualquiera que no esté programado se le pedirá que se retire.

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Father Kiko

LIVING IN FAITH ❖ VIVIENDO EN LA FE

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY SEEKS MORE VOLUNTEERS

Rich and Chris Block are asking for additional volunteers to visit those who are unable to come to Mass and take the Holy Eucharist to them. Please consider joining this special ministry soon! Call 503-623-2864 to find out more!

*If Home Visits are not your cup of tea, consider becoming part of the **PRAYER CHAIN**! Chris will contact you whenever prayer requests come in. It's up to you how often you will pray for those in need. Call Chris today at 503-623-2864*

Pope Seeks Prayers

Pope Francis on July 17 asked for prayers to accompany him on what he called his "penitential" pilgrimage to Canada to apologize to the Indigenous groups for abuses inflicted by the Catholic Church

Greeting the public in St. Peter's Square, Francis noted that on July 24, "God willing", he will begin a 7-day trip to Canada.

"I will make a penitential voyage that I hope, with the grace of God, can contribute to the path of healing and reconciliation already undertaken", said Francis, appealing to the faithful to "accompany me with prayers" during the pilgrimage.

Donations for the Ella Curran Food Bank still needed

FILL THE GREEN CART!

¡LLENE EL CARRO VERDE!

REGULAR MASS & ADORATION SCHEDULE

Tuesday/Martes 6:00 pm: Mass in English
Wednesday/Miercoles 5:00 pm: Adoration
6:00 pm: Misa en español
Thursday/Jueves 10:00 am: Misa en español
Friday/Viernes 10:00 am: Mass in English
(First Friday of each month is a healing Mass / El primer viernes de cada mes es una misa de sanación)
3:00—5:00 pm: Adoration
5:00 pm: Stations of the Cross (during Lent)
Saturday/Sabado 5:00 pm: Vigil Mass in English
7:00 pm: Misa de vigilia en español
Sunday/Domingo 9:00 am: Mass in English
11:30 am: Misa en español

Para aquellas familias que planean bautizar a su hijo:

1) Debe estar registrado en esta parroquia durante al menos 6 meses antes de entregar el formulario de solicitud de bautismo.

2) Los padres y padrinos deben presentar prueba de confirmación con la solicitud.

3) Los padres y padrinos (si están casados) deben presentar prueba de matrimonio católico con la solicitud.

4) Después de completar y entregar la solicitud (con las pruebas), tanto los padres como los padrinos deben asistir a las clases de preparación para el bautismo. Si los padrinos son de otra parroquia, deben presentar prueba de asistencia a las clases de prebautismo antes de la fecha del bautismo.

5) Se puede programar la fecha del bautismo.

6) Las excepciones a cualquiera de estas instrucciones deben ser aprobadas por el Padre Kiko.

START THINKING & PRAYING NOW about becoming a Catechist for the 2022-2023 school year.

This is a very important ministry and we can only serve as many students as we have catechists to teach and share their faith with them. We need teachers and aides at all levels—pre-school through high school.

Maybe this is how YOU can start: Become an aide for a year and then decide if you want to be the lead catechist. Sign-up at the parish office before September!

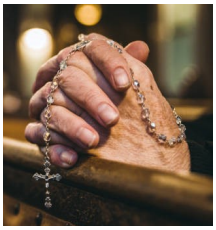
Finalists for the Knights of Columbus fundraiser **Raffle for the Ukraine** from our parish are:

Los finalistas de la Rifa de recaudación de fondos de Caballeros de Colón para Ucrania de nuestra parroquia son:

Juan Macias (grand prize / gran premio)
Carlos Cardenas
Anthony V.

PLEASE PRAY FOR // POR FAVOR ORE POR:

- The repose of the souls of :// El reposo de las almas de: Mark Hanson, Javier Prado, Guadalupe Adame L., Nicolaza Montaño, Cruz Hernandez
- Hanson & Sangster families
- Peggy Nosbisch
- Endelia Trevillo
- All those who have had CoVid
- Hermie Collier



THIS WEEK in the PARISH ❖ ESTA SEMANA en la PARROQUIA

CALENDAR ❖ CALENDARIO

SUNDAY / DOMINGO JULY 24 / 24 de JULIO

- Rosary, 8:35 am, in the Church
- Mass, in English, 9:00 am, in the Church
- Rosario, en Español, 11:05 am, en la Iglesia
- Misa, en Español, 11:30 am, en la Iglesia
- Presentacion, despues la Misa, en el Salon
- Clase de Preparacion para Bautismo, 12:30 pm, en el Anexo

MONDAY / LUNES JULY 25 / 25 de JULIO

- Grupo de San Juan Diego (Hombres), 6:00 pm, in SJD West
- Music Practice (SJD Hombres), 6:00 pm, in SJD East
- Cresimientos Grupo Caresmatico, 6:00 pm, en el Salon

TUESDAY / MARTES JULY 26 / 26 de JULIO

- Misa Diaria, 6:00 pm, en la Iglesia
- San Juan Diego Mujeres' Music Practice, 6:30 pm, SJD East

WEDNESDAY / MIERCOLES JULY 27 / 27 de JULIO

- Adoration, 5:00 pm, in the Church
- Daily Mass, 6:00 pm, in the Church
- Neo Catechumenal Way #2, 6:30 pm, San Juan Diego East
- Finance Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, in the Hall

THURSDAY / JUEVES JULY 28 / 28 de JULIO

- Misa Diaria, 10:00 pm, en la Iglesia
- SJD Mujeres Grupo de Vida, 6:00 pm, en el Salon
- Meraz Quinceañera Rehearsal, 6:00 pm, en la Iglesia
- Betancourt Wedding Rehearsal, 6:630 pm, in the Church
- NeoCatechumenal Way #2, 7:00 pm, in San Juan Diego East
- Grupo Carismatico, 7:00 pm, en la Iglesia

FRIDAY / VIERNES JULY 29 / 29 de JULIO

- Daily Mass, 10:00 am, in the Church
- Benediction & Adoration, 3:00 pm, in the Church
- Apostales de Palabra, 7:00 pm, in the Annex

SATURDAY / SABADO JULY 30 / 30 de JULIO

- Baptisms for Padilla Valdez, Galvan, Gonzalez, 10:00 am, in the Church
- Meraz Quinceanera, Media Dia, en la Iglesia
- 25th Anniversary (Betancourt-Munios), 2:00 pm, en la Iglesia
- Confessions , 3:30 pm, in the Church
- Neo-Catechumenal Way #2, 5:00 pm, San Juan Diego East
- Vigil Mass, 5:00 pm, in the Church
- Neocatechumenal Way, 7:00 pm, St. Michael Building
- Misa de Vigilia, 7:00 pm, en la Iglesia

There will be no Mexican Food Sale at church in July.
No habrá Venta de Comida en la iglesia en julio.

DAILY READINGS LECTURAS DIARIAS

Sunday, July 24
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Genesis 18: 20-32
Psalm 138
Colossians 2: 12-14
Luke 11: 1-13

Monday, July 25
St. James
2 Corinthians 4: 7-15
Matthew 20: 20-28

Tuesday, July 26
Sts. Joachim & Anne
Jeremiah 14: 17-22
Matthew 13: 36-43

Wednesday, July 27
Jeremiah 15: 10, 16-21
Matthew 13: 44-46

Thursday, July 28
Jeremiah 18: 1-16
Matthew 13: 47-53

Friday, July 29
Sts. Mary, Martha & Lazarus
Jeremiah 26: 1-9
John 11: 19-27

Saturday, July 30
St. Peter Chrysologus
Jeremiah 26: 11-16, 24
Matthew 14: 1-12

Sunday, July 31
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23
Psalm 90
Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11
Luke 12: 13-21

Domingo, 24 de julio
XVII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Genesis 18, 20-32
Salmo 137
Colosenses 2, 12-14
Lucas 11, 1-13

Lunes, 25 de julio
Santiago
2 Corintios 4, 7-15
Mateo 20, 20-28

Martes, 26 de julio
Santos Joaquin y Ana
Jeremias 14, 17-22
Mateo 13, 36-43

Miercoles, 27 de julio
Jeremias 15, 10. 16-21
Mateo 13, 44-46

Jueves, 28 de julio
Jeremias 18, 1-16
Mateo 13, 47-53

Viernes, 29 de julio
Santos Marta, Maria y Lazaro
Jeremias 26, 1-9
Juan 11, 19 -27

Sabado, 30 de julio
San Pedro Crisologo
Jeremias 26, 11-16. 24
Mateo 14, 1-12

Domingo, 31 de julio
XVIII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
Eclesiastes 1,2; 2, 21-23
Salmo 89
Colosenses 3, 105. 9-11
Lucas 12, 13-21

JOIN US! ÚNETE A NOSOTROS!

Is your family registered as members of St. Patrick Parish? If not, forms are available by the parish office. It is always helpful for the office to have your name(s) and contact information on file.

¿Está su familia registrada como miembros de la parroquia de San Patricio? Si no, los formularios están disponibles en la oficina parroquial. Siempre es útil que la oficina tenga su(s) nombre(s) e información de contacto en el archivo.

Reflections on the Readings for This Sunday

. . . . with seemingly insurmountable problems do we turn to God. Today, this relationship is unveiled for our perusal. We are asked to consider the Divine Family and prayer.

In our first reading from the Book of Genesis, the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah is discussed. These two ancient cities have committed grave sins – sins that justify final destruction. As the anticipated fate is adjudicated, Abraham acts as an intermediary and intercessor for mankind. Abraham inquires if it is "just" to destroy innocent people with the wicked. He begins to negotiate or talk with God. This conversation is prayer. Abraham does several things. First, he praises God and affirms the creature's own status and sub servitude to the Almighty. This recognition of proper status allows God the opportunity to hear and to bestow the mercy requested. The sinners, the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, have put themselves first. Their exhibited hubristic actions have brought justifiable condemnation. Abraham, the intercessor, pleads for mercy. Recognizing the apparent injustice of punishing even the innocent, Abraham starts at fifty innocent people as a point of reference for mercy. Then, Abraham negotiates for mercy if only ten just people are found, revealing God's willingness and desire to bestow mercy. The passage, today, demonstrates that mercy exists in both God and man. God, the Creator and Father of man wishes to give it and man, represented by Abraham, seeks it. Both God and Man seek to bestow mercy if only there is found a crack in the resistance that mankind erects through his own actions. The cause and responsibility for destruction does not rest with God. It is found in mankind and the choices he makes for himself. Sodom and Gomorrah need not experience destruction; rather, they choose to bring it about upon themselves through the hardening of their hearts and their selfish ways. They have not recognized their own culpability. It takes another intercessor, Abraham, to intercede for them. Unfortunately, we know how the story ends – mankind's hubris makes mercy impossible.

It is this same choice that St. Paul addresses in his Letter to the Corinthians. Paul highlights that the newly converted Christians had lived freely and willingly in their transgressions. When presented with the Good News, those who chose Baptism received the mercy of the Divine through Christ. The question of ritual circumcision was moot. Through the Cross and Baptism, they were adopted into the Chosen People of God. Through adoption, as in physical adoption under Roman law, their previous debts were erased and they subjected themselves to the will of the Father. Through the intercessor, Jesus, mercy will be shown to those who are faithful to the Gospel. The loss of pagan hubris and the assumption of Christ's humbleness secures that fissure in the human heart through which the mercy of God can enter.

Today's Gospel according to Luke gives us a proper perspective on what prayer is and how it should be used. It is through the Son of God that the proper perspective to prayer is revealed. Prayer, according to Jesus is not just a private process – it is communal. It is not just a conduit to receive something that gratifies the senses. It is something that needs to be practiced constantly in order that Divine Guidance can be given daily and received – not just in an emergency. Today's Gospel has imbedded within it the very nature of prayer and how it should be used. The Gospel begins with the disciples of Jesus asking Him how to pray. Obviously, the dialogue with God is not something that comes naturally to them. Jesus responds with teaching them the Our Father – a prayer that reveals the familial nature of man and God. Christ taught that first prayer needs to recognize the role of God as Father. After recognition comes praise and a pledge of obedience. It is at this point of Jesus' prayer that our true desire and need is expressed. Our translated words of Christ are, "Give us this day our Daily Bread…"; however, this translation is weak from the intended connotation. Instead, Jesus words call for the true "bread from Heaven" that gives true life and sustenance to those who consume it. It is supernatural Bread – the Bread of Angels. With this "bread" comes the request for mercy and forgiveness in accordance with that mercy demonstrated by the those praying. Finally, Christ instructs his disciples to end their prayer with a request that God, "lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil." Once again, this translation from the Greek is inadequate and misleading. Since God does not direct anyone to sin, a closer look at the Greek word used is mandated. The connotation used by Jesus actually requests that God gives the individual strength to overcome the great trial or test that may result because of sin. Thus, when we pray, "…Deliver us from Evil", we are requesting God's Grace and strength while submitting our own will to the Father – imitating Christ's own submission and acceptance of His Cross. Finally, the Gospel ends with an admonition. Jesus points out that even the frail and flawed human father cares enough for his children to meet their daily needs. The human father will not give anything that is harmful or threatening to his child. If humans will show their love and concern for their own, then, how much more will the Heavenly Father meet the needs of His children.

Holy Mother the Church uses today as the day through which God reminds us of the importance of prayer and how it should be used. It is not a tool to be taken out in times of trouble only. It is a means of communicating with our Heavenly Father and aligning our life with His. Its process and timing should be the center of our life if we wish to succeed in restoring the Heavenly Kingdom on Earth. Jesus taught us the perfect prayer and revealed the secret to true happiness if only we take the time to embrace it. As a child, I was misusing prayer. I was using it to meet my own wishes and desires. If I would have won that statue, I would have found myself using prayer as a "magical" talisman that would only have led to superstition and failure in the Final Test to come. My prayers were answered because God did not allow me to yield to my selfish request. It took years and maturity to fully realize the blessing that I received that night when someone else won that luminous statue of the Virgin Mary.

Deacon Rob