

The Parish of St. Patrick The Episcopal Church in Thousand Oaks 1 Church Rd. Thousand Oaks, CA 91362 805-495-6441 (Office) 805-495-8061 (Fax) church@stpatschurch.org gdaisa@stpatschurch.org www.stpatschurch.org

We are Monday through Saturday followers of Jesus who worship together on Sundays. **Rite I Worship Service: 8:00 AM Rite II Worship Service: 10:15 with Choir & Sunday School**

Rector	The Rev. George Daisa	Youth Ministry Director	The Rev. George Daisa
Sr. Warden	Michael Eaton	Financial Administrator	Kathryn Walters
Jr. Warden	Debbie McDonald	Parish Administrator	Susie Ruth
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

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are called to follow Jesus. Simple, yet not simplistic. One key to our pursuit of the Jesus Way is the approach we take in our everyday lives in regards to our vocation. Key to our understanding of how we participate in the missio Dei - God's mission for the recreation of the world – is that each one of us is called by God to serve in a particular and unique way, to build-up the kingdom of God in the world for the good of the world. After all, we are called to be the hands, feet and heart of God. And at the center of this Anglican sacramental tradition lies the conviction that God loves the world. God chooses to make God's very self known to us through created matter: the matter of bread and wine, water and oil, and, of course, in Jesus, God with us. But God also selfdiscloses in the created matter of our lives-our families, work, parish, schools, and neighborhoods. We connect to God through the other created beings in the world, for as we love one another, says Scripture, we love God. This is where vocation comes in.

Vocation is a strong aptitude towards something that feels more like a call on your life than a job. It can be a career, but rarely is it something one does just for a paycheck or employment. As Margaret, a character in Gail Godwin's novel *Evensong* points out, "Something is your vocation if it keeps making more of you." Vocation calls us out of ourselves to something more, something beyond ourselves. Vocational ministry is naturally geared towards the other. Self-transformation however is but one result of this kind of ministry.

Vocational ministry then is the work of being attentive to and aware of the spiritual possibilities in what you are already doing. It is quite simply the work of being aware of the burning bushes all around you and making it your mission to help others see the burning bushes, too. God will show up in whatever you do in God's name, whether that's accounting, teaching, bus driving or preaching. God is already in it, no matter what it is. It's our 'job' to be attentive to the fact that what we do is holy work when we do it for the good of the world in God's name. Simple, yet not simplistic.

See you Sunday.

George+

The Altar Flowers are Dedicated to the Glory of God and in Thanksgiving for the Baptism of Bode Kroh

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

Arlyn Farrell, Suzanne Glover, Nancy Hawfield, Rich Malfatti, Marie Manos, Richard Platt, Mary Ann, and Jodi Spindel KC Robertson, St. Pat's Postulant and Seminarian, and Ryan Macias, Postulant

Sunday School

Nursery care for toddlers is available on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month in the sacristy wing. **Godly Play Sunday School for children pre-K-5th grade** are welcome to meet Ms. Patty every Sunday at the entrance to church at the start of the 10:15 worship and then process to class. Godly Play registration is ongoing. This program includes Bible stories, activities, games, crafts, and much more. For more details, contact Patty Buffaloe at <u>805-582-2644</u>. **Volunteers are invited to assist the program. Thank you.**

Youth Formation

Middle School Youth (grades 6-8) meet on the $2^{nd} \& 4^{th}$ 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 <u>gdaisa@stpatschurch.org</u>.

John 15:9-17



Announcements

Arts at St. Patrick Concert-May 18

The saxophone quartet Saxotopia returns to St. Patrick's to perform a concert of pieces from the Silent Film era on Friday, May 18 at 7:30 PM in Hager Hall. A free will offering will be accepted in support of the music program at St. Patrick's.

Wednesday Healing Service

Join Fr. George on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 AM for a weekly Eucharistic celebration with healing prayers.

Fun Fact!

This Sunday, the Sixth Sunday of Easter, is also Rogation Sunday! Rogation Sunday is the day when the Church traditionally offers prayer for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labors of those who produce our food. The word "rogation" is from the Latin *rogare*, meaning "to ask." Historically, the Rogation Days (the three days before Ascension Day) were a period of fasting and abstinence, beseeching God's blessing on the crops for a bountiful harvest. A prayer for Rogation Day is found on pg. 258 in **The Book of Common Prayer**.

Sunday Service Participants

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	8:00 AM	10:15 AM
Lector 1	Susan Sahlman	
Psalm	John Sahlman	
Lector 2	John Sahlman	
Intercessor Crucifer Acolytes	Susan Sahlman	
LEM 1 LEM 2	John Sahlman	Travis Tokuyama Cindy Weaver
Ushers	Jack Shafer	Greg Gerardis
	Carol Shafer	Ken Cox Doug Holmes Bernie Honey Anne Van Cott

Altar Guild <u>Team D:</u> Mary Ann Palmquist Paula Smith Marilyn Teagle Muriel Karr

Coffee Hosts 8:00: Jill Murch 10:15: Sharon Lexau

Outreach

Homeless Dinner Program

The Homeless Dinner Program serves meals here in Hager Hall on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm from the first Sunday in April through the last Sunday in November. Contact Bob or Shirley Bland at 805–498-5682 for more details.

Conejo Compassion Coalition

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

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 <u>jelyons123@ hot-</u> <u>mail.com</u> 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**

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