



*Diocese of Phoenix*

**St. Patrick Catholic Community - December 17, 2023**

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday: 8:30 am - 8:00 pm  
Friday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

## LITURGY:

**Weekend Mass:** Saturday 4:30 pm and Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 5:00 pm

**Weekday Mass:** Monday through Friday 8:00 am

**Holy Days:** 8:00 am, 12:05 pm and 5:30 pm

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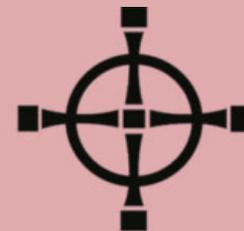
**Baptism:** To arrange a baptism and begin the required preparation class, call 480-998-3843 a minimum of three months in advance.

**Marriage:** Arrangements must be made a minimum of nine months in advance. Call the Parish Office for an appointment.

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 3:00 - 4:00 pm

**Anointing of the Sick or Communion to the Sick:** To request either sacrament, call the Parish Office.

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# First Down with Fr. Eric



Dear Friends,

The season of Advent is the beginning of a new year in the Church. We start a new cycle of following the life of Jesus and this year we use the Gospel of Mark, which is the shortest Gospel, and his desire to not waste anytime in responding to following Jesus.

This might be the time of year that we renew our commitment to follow Jesus by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To remove any obstacles that keep us from loving God and our neighbor. To be released from anything that is our burden in our lives or on our souls.

This Wednesday, December 20 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm we will have six priests scheduled to hear confessions in the church. I invite parishioners to seriously consider taking some time to come and spend time renewing our relationship with God.

Since Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday this year, we will have the Saturday evening 4:30 pm Mass. Sunday morning will be one Mass at 8:30 am. Those Masses will be for the Sunday celebrations. The Christmas Eve Masses start at 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm, 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm. On Christmas Day we will have the 10:30 am Mass.

Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and a special time with loved ones and friends.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Eric

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## ***Liturgy & Sacrament Schedule***

### **Mass:**

Saturdays: 4:30 pm (Vigil)

Sundays: 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 5:00 pm

*(The 10:30 am Mass is live streamed to our YouTube and Facebook)*

Monday - Friday: 8:00 am in Daily Mass Chapel

### **Reconciliation:**

Saturdays: 3:00 - 4:00 pm in Church Classrooms

### **During Advent:**

December 20: 6:00 - 8:00 pm - six priests

December 23: 3:00 - 4:00 pm - two priests

### **Advent Penance Service:**

Available online.

Christian Disciples in Mission Living Beyond Sunday

BY MARY PERMODA,  
Director of Pastoral Activities



Parish Office closed December 25, 26, 27, 29 and January 1.  
The Parish Office will be open December 28.

**Did you know?** Catholic Charities offers counseling at St. Patrick on Mondays 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. For an appointment call 602-749-4405. Catholic Charities offers counseling services throughout the valley during the week as well.



Christian Disciples in Mission!

Cabinet Executive Officer (CEO) and Tribal Liaison of the Governor's Office of Youth, Faith and Family, Tonya Hamilton and a couple of her staff came for a meet and greet here at St. Patrick! They were extremely impressed with the work - YOU - St. Patrick parishioners are involved in. The Governor's Office of Youth, FAITH and Family is added to our partnerships!

L to R: Mary Permoda, Grace Kuruvilla, *Communications Specialist*, Tonya Hamilton, *CEO*, Olivia Christiani, *Director of Communications*, and Rchard DiCarlo



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A portion of the harvest is set aside for the poor and the stranger. Leviticus 19:9-10



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**Stewardship**

Do most modern Christians really want to be holy, or are they content to be “good enough”? Do you really seek holiness, or do you still feel as though you can keep one foot in two camps? If you really, truly desire holiness, is there anything you can think of in your life that you could/should change?

What’s stopping you?

This week’s readings are a gut check for the Christian soul. In the second reading, St. Paul gives us very practical suggestions to aid us in our daily pursuits of holiness. We’re told to rejoice, to pray, to give thanks, to test everything, and to retain only what is good. We’re warned against quenching the Spirit, despising hard prophecies, and accepting any evil. Why? Because God doesn’t just want us to be holy – he wants us to be perfectly holy.

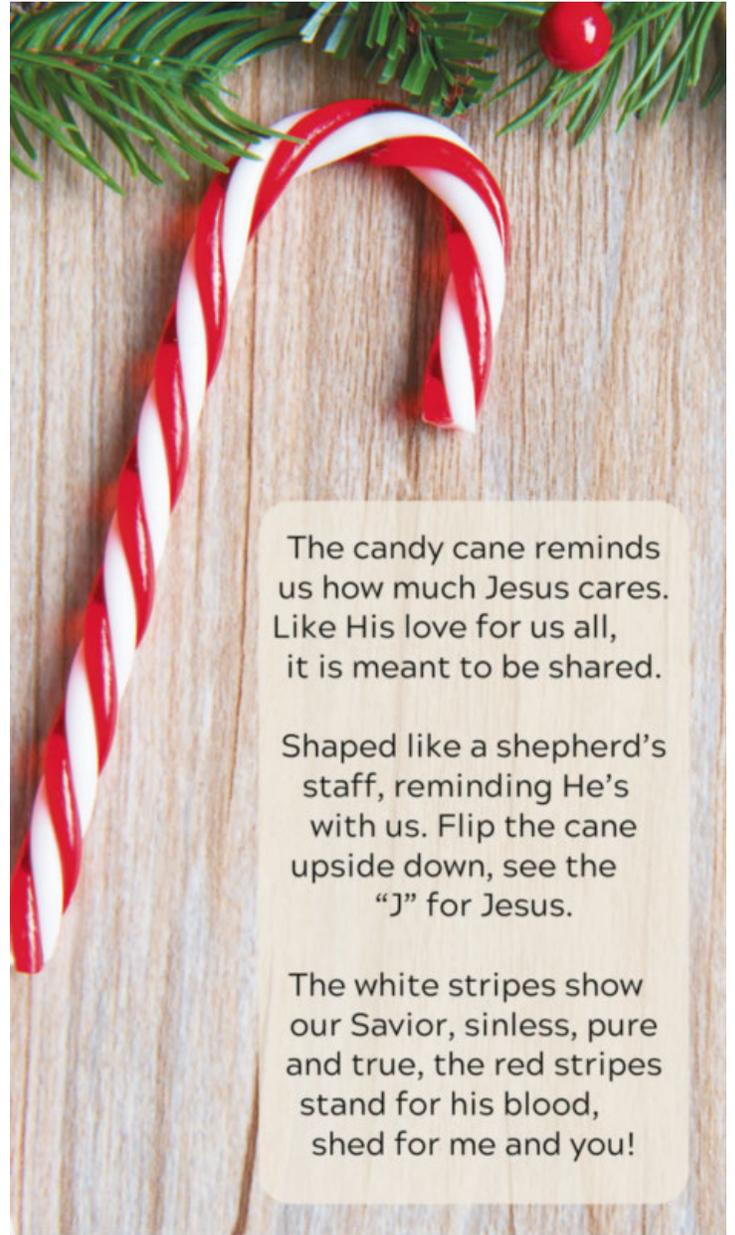
The initial reaction to that message is usually, “Ouch. Can’t I just be ‘good enough’, God? That’s still better than most!” Isaiah answers this question in the first reading. This is not a rags-to-riches story. God doesn’t just want to make small strides with us; God wants to take us from rags and ruins, and make us royalty. We are the poor, the brokenhearted, the captive, and the imprisoned. And God wants to give us a robe, a crown, and Jewels. How will God accomplish such an audacious task? By sending the only one who can rescue us: himself.

We could be made perfectly holy by virtue of our relationship and intimacy with the One who is perfect holiness. This is why we have reason to rejoice on this Gaudete (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday of Advent. Say goodbye to the rags, for the Lord is offering you the whole kingdom.

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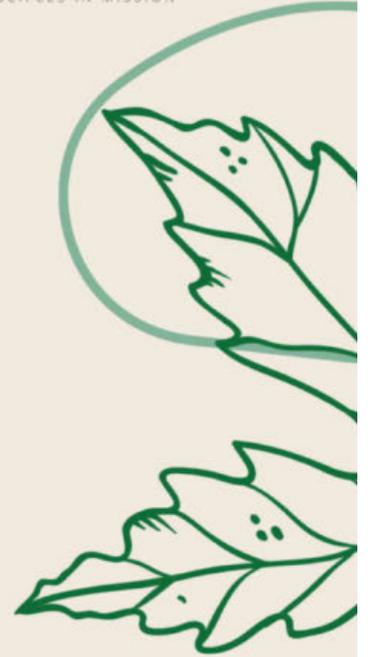


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Spring session begins  
Tuesday, January 9, 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
House of Mercy: Pope Francis Room

It's not about moving on, it's about moving forward.

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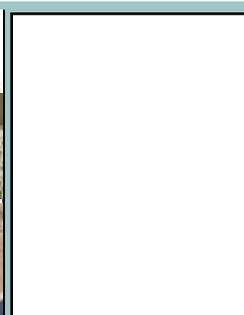
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# Cookies & Carols

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**Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30 pm**

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**Dessert Potluck Reception to follow.**

**Please drop off your desserts in Fenlon Hall before the Carols.**

# Reconciliation for the Christmas Season

Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00 pm in Church Classrooms

## **During Advent:**

December 20: 6:00 - 8:00 pm - six priests

December 23: 3:00 - 4:00 pm - two priests

# Masses for the Christmas Season

## **4th Sunday of Advent | DECEMBER 23/24**

4:30 pm (Saturday)      *Mass in the Church*

8:30 am                      *Mass in the Church - no 10:30 am or 5:00 pm*

## **CHRISTMAS EVE MASS | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**

2:00 pm                      Church and Fenlon Hospitality Center

4:00 pm                      Church and Fenlon Hospitality Center

7:00 pm                      Church

10:00 pm                      Church

## **CHRISTMAS DAY | MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**

10:30 am                      Mass in the Church

## **HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY | DECEMBER 30/31**

4:30 pm (Saturday)      Mass in the Church

8:30 am & 10:30 am      Mass in the Church - **no Sunday 5:00 pm**

## **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD | JANUARY 1**

8:00 am                      Mass in the Church



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# **FAMILY CHOIR** *Christmas Eve Mass*



**December 24 at 4:00pm**

We are inviting families of any size who love to sing to join us and lead the singing at the 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24. Children should be in the 1st grade and above. Seniors are welcome as well!!! Or, grandma and her grandkids!!! It could be an excellent opportunity to share the Christmas spirit for families of one to ten people!!! We will have one rehearsal on Sunday, Dec. 17 from 12:15 - 1:15 pm. All are welcome. Please RSVP to Paul Hillebrand at 480-264-4212 with the number of people who will be attending.

Thanks for joining us in the celebration of Christ's Birth!!!





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## Social Justice

### ADVENT SOCK DRIVE

During the weekend Masses in Advent, we will be collecting socks for our Annual Sock Drive. Bins will be placed at the altar where our parishioners and visitors can deposit their gift of socks which will go to nonprofit and faith organizations in our community who help those in need.



If you choose to donate socks for this charitable drive, we kindly ask that you please purchase new/unused socks. They will be collected the weekends of December 16/17, and 23/24.

Our **Charitable** aspect of social justice recognizes that our faith calls all of us to acknowledge the Community & Common Good and to serve those who do not have the very basic needs for their everyday life. We are asked to give generously from our abundance.

The **Justice** component of our faith realizes that socks are an afterthought for most people and that this piece of clothing does not seem too significant. However, for those who are unsheltered, socks are a very needed article. Socks wear out very quickly when living on the street. Socks provide warmth, comfort, and play a role in a person's everyday hygiene by helping avoid blisters and bacteria. With this, we recognize the **Dignity of the Person**.

Organizations we will be assisting this year are André House, Paz de Cristo, and Justa Center. We will also be assisting Monte Vista Baptist Church who provides outreach to those seeking asylum. This faith organization graciously hosted our Just Faith Migration class from St. Patrick who recently visited and helped serve over 150 single men, women, and families with children.

## Mass Readings

### Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

*Next Sunday:*

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Monday, December 18

8:00 am †Joseph Michalowski

### Tuesday, December 19

8:00 am †Fatima Pereira

### Wednesday, December 20

8:00 am †Linda Protocollo

### Thursday, December 21

8:00 am †Phil Longobardi

### Friday, December 22

8:00 am For the people

### Saturday, December 23

4:30 pm †Joe Medeiros

### Sunday, December 24

2:00 pm †John Francis Cavolo

4:00 pm †Mary Lou Barba

7:00 pm †Christopher Tweeton

10:00 pm †Art & Adelina Britt

If you would like a specific Mass Intention offered for someone, living or deceased, please come to the Parish Office to schedule one.

Nurses Corner

Tips on Managing Stress during the Holidays  
WEEK 2

- **Set boundaries.** Family dynamics can be complex. Acknowledge them and accept that you can only control your role. If you need to, find ways to limit your exposure.
- **Practice relaxation.** Deep breathing, meditation and progressive muscle relaxation are good ways to calm yourself.
- **Taking a break to refocus can have benefits beyond the immediate moment.**
- **Exercise daily.** Schedule time to walk outside, bike or join a dance class. Whatever you do, make sure it's fun. Daily exercise naturally produces stress-relieving hormones in your body and improves your overall physical health.
- **Set aside time for yourself and prioritize self-care.** Schedule time for activities that make you feel good, read a book, go to the movies, get a massage, listen to music you love, or take your dog for a walk. It's okay to prioritize alone time when you need to recharge.
- **Eat well.** With dinners, parties, and cookie trays at every turn, our eating habits are challenged during the holiday season. Try to maintain a healthy diet through it all. Eating well can also help stabilize your mood.
- **Get enough sleep.** Symptoms of some mental health conditions, can be triggered by getting too little sleep.

CARE and SUPPORT AT ST. PATRICK

**Cancer Support** This support group is for those dealing with the effects of cancer in their lives and their families' lives. Group meets virtually the first Wednesday of the month, September to May, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. For more information please contact Gloria Yturralde at 602-370-7042.

**Divorced/Separated** The "Catholic Divorce Survival Guide" is a twelve part program of sharing, comfort, and healing for divorced or separated people. It is a journey of learning, reflection, and prayer. All are welcome. This course is offered in the spring and fall. For more information contact Benny Jetson at 602-920-1671 or Therese Mexas at 480-278-3805.

**Family, Personal Support** Catholic Charities Counselor available Mondays from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. For an appointment call 602-749-4405. Fees based on sliding scale.

**Annulment Support**—A group of annulment ministers help people navigate the system of annulments in the Phoenix Diocese. For an appointment call 480-264-4319.

**Prayer Support** Small Christian Communities is a support for people who have a desire to pray with others in a supportive community. For prayer requests email to [weprayforyou@stpatcc.org](mailto:weprayforyou@stpatcc.org).

**Grief Support** Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one GriefShare is a special weekly Monday or Tuesday seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Please contact Kathleen Trilk at [ktrilk@stpatcc.org](mailto:ktrilk@stpatcc.org).

**Benefits Assistance Program** Assistance with Medicare and other health insurance benefits available for seniors, the disabled and caregivers. For information, please call Connie Jada at 480-998-3843 ext. 138.

**The Next Chapter** A group for men and women further along on their grief journey to address the ongoing needs after the loss of a loved one through spiritual, educational and social activities. Please contact Peg Bohnert at [thenextchapter@stpatcc.org](mailto:thenextchapter@stpatcc.org).

**NAMI Family Support Group** - This group is a free, confidential and safe place, open to family members, partners and friends of individuals living with a mental illness in order to support each other. Group meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 6:00-7:30 pm in the House of Mercy/Pope Francis Room. Questions: [namimariacopa@gmail.com](mailto:namimariacopa@gmail.com).

**Hope Exists** Is a confidential, no cost support group for parents and families suffering from the effects of a loved one's addiction. We offer educational topics from the recovery community and a network of support that goes beyond just the meeting. We meet Sat. 10-11:30 am at St. Patrick's House of Mercy building E. For more information call 480-998-3843 or email [hopeexists@stpatcc.org](mailto:hopeexists@stpatcc.org).



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Cost: \$200 per couple, includes a continental breakfast and materials. Held at the House of Mercy, St. Patrick.

Start off your year connected!! After our January workshop, the next one will not be until Fall, 2024!! Contact Bonnie to sign up or get more information!

This Program will teach Talking and Listening Skills and a Conflict Resolution Process. It is a wonderful Marriage Enrichment and it is also offered to our Engaged Couples as they prepare for their Marriages.

We have had married couples and engaged couples in this process in the past and it has been most rewarding for all involved! Please join us and improve your communication skills and have some fun!

Contact Bonnie Lewis, LMFT (Instructor) for more information at [bonnie@therapywithheart.com](mailto:bonnie@therapywithheart.com).



**The Nativity of the Lord Jesus (Christmas)**

December 25, we celebrate the Nativity of Jesus the Christ who humbled himself to be born to a young woman in Palestine. It's difficult for us to comprehend that the Almighty GOD, who created the entire universe, would stoop to our level, live among us, and trust himself to us. We all know how that ended. But to add to our difficulty in comprehension, he became the source of Divine Mercy. This is the power of GOD working before our very eyes. The wonders of GOD never cease. We see them in the amazing birth of every child our GOD blesses us with.

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**ROCK45 is OFF for the Christmas Season and will resume on January 22.** Find our Winter/Spring 2024 Schedule online at [stpatcc.org/families/kids](http://stpatcc.org/families/kids).



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**EDGE** is a ministry for middle school youth in grades 6-8. EDGE meets Monday nights from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. EDGE always includes games, talks, small group time, large group time and a whole lot of fun. All middle schoolers are welcome to attend!



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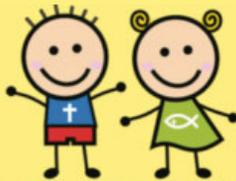


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