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Advent 2024



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

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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 Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30 pm
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,

During the seasons of Advent and Lent, it is an invitation for all Catholics to consider participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession). Both of these seasons prepare us to celebrate the two great events of salvation history: the Incarnation (Christ takes on human flesh) and Easter, the resurrection, and the promise to share in Jesus' death and resurrection. Reconciliation with God brings our daily lives closer to living the life that God calls us to live.

Our Advent Penance Service will be available online, sent through our email Connection, and available on our website. The purpose of the Penance Service is to prepare us to celebrate the Sacrament during the Advent season. Confessions are Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00 pm in the church. On Wednesdays, December 4 and 11 during Advent in the church, 2 priests are available from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. On December 18 there will be 10 priests scheduled to hear confessions in the church.

Every season we welcome many people back to the Sacrament who have not participated in many years. It is a joy to receive them and if you happen to be one of these people, please know this is the time to return to this most beautiful Sacrament. The worst that can happen is you will know the mercy and love of God and receive forgiveness for all your sins. Yes, this message is for you who are reading this right now. The Lord is inviting you to know his mercy. Blessings to everyone this Advent season.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Eric

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 | MASS TIMES: 8:00 am and 12:05 pm**

See new Christmas Season Mass times...

Reconciliation during the Christmas season

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

During Advent

December 4 & 11: 6:00 - 7:30 pm (two priests) | **December 18: 6:00 - 8:00 pm** (with the Crosier Priests)

Christmas Eve Masses | Tuesday, December 24

2:00 pm - Church & Fenlon Hospitality Center - Family Mass in the Church with the Singing Angels Children's Choir

4:30 pm - Church & Fenlon Hospitality Center - Adult Choir and Brass in the Church with prelude music

8:30 pm - Church - An intimate "Candlelight" liturgy with prelude music

Christmas Day Mass | Wednesday, December 25

10:30 am - Church - Music prelude with brass beginning at 10:00 am

Christian Disciples in Mission Living Beyond Sunday

BY ERIC TAMAYO,
Pastoral Associate

Tis the Season

It is hard to believe we are already in Advent. Advent marks the start of the new year in the liturgical calendar. It is a time when everyone starts to put up Christmas decorations and when the air starts to feel a little bit cooler. It is a time to spend in the company of family and friends, to enjoy some hot chocolate and maybe some warm tamales, but most importantly it is a time of preparation.

The word "Advent" comes from the latin word Adventus meaning "coming". But what exactly are we preparing for and who is coming? This is a question worth asking over the next four weeks. As we enter into the Advent season we prepare for the birth of Jesus as he entered this world in the humblest of ways. This season is set apart from the rest of the year for a reason and we have a lot of little things that remind us of that. One of my favorites is the Advent wreath.

The Advent wreath is a long-standing Catholic tradition that goes back to the Middle Ages. In the Church we place four candles on the wreath for each Sunday of Advent. The purple candles signify prayer, penance, and good deeds, while the rose candle is lit on the third Sunday signifying our rejoicing that Christ is almost here. The wreath itself is in the shape of a circle and the use of evergreens remind us of the eternity of God. Even the holly and berries are used to signify the crown of thorns and droplets of blood from Jesus. The light on the candle most importantly signifies Christ, the Light of the World. The closer we get to Christmas the

more candles we light and the darkness around begins to dissipate. It is a reminder for us all that even in the darkest of moments, Christ is always lighting our way guiding us.

At the same time during this season we are also challenged to be a source of light and compassion to those around us. If you are looking for a way to be a source of compassion I invite you to consider being a part of our Bags of Compassion Advent Mission. Bags containing useful items will be assembled as a community effort on December 9 at 6:30 pm and will be distributed by parishioners to those experiencing homelessness on Christmas day.

The Advent wreath is a great reminder of what this season is all about. I encourage you, if you don't have an advent wreath, get one and light each candle as we approach Christmas. Maybe you can light it together with your family. Allow it to be a reminder in your life of God's love and his light that always seeks to guide us.

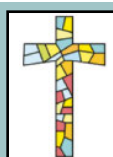


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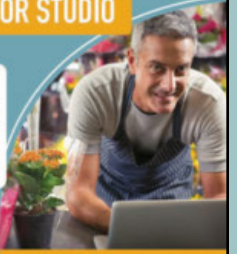
Please join us
on **December 9, at 6:30 pm**
for our Advent Mission:
Bags of Compassion Assembly Day.
We will be joined by
Rev. Rock Freemont
who will be speaking on the spirit of
giving and compassion.

As a community we will then help
assemble bags with useful items for those
experiencing homelessness. These bags
will be blessed and distributed to the
community on Christmas day to bring to
those in need. Please invite your family
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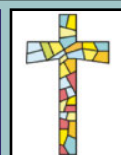
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Advent Mission Bags of Compassion

Join Us

Embrace the spirit of giving, donate and help assemble Bags of Compassion which will be dispersed by parishioners to people experiencing homelessness in our community during the Christmas season.

We invite you and your family to join us on December 9 at 6:30 pm in the church to listen to our guest speaker, Rev. Rock Freemont on the spirit of giving and compassion. Following our guest speaker, the community will help assemble our Bags of Compassion. Please consider being a part of bringing a little more compassion into the world.

Items needed to reach our goal of 4,000 bags:

- Original Chapstick
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- Travel size toothpaste
- Individually wrapped Beef Jerky
- Individually wrapped granola bars
- Individual packs of Wet Wipes

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ST. PATRICK MASSES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

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Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31, New Years Eve | 5:30 pm

Wednesday, January 1 | 9:00 am

Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 4 | 4:30 pm

Sunday, January 5 | 8:30 am | 10:30 am | 5:00 pm



12th Annual Cookies and Carols

Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm

**INVITE SOMEONE to
celebrate with us!!**

Dessert Potluck to follow.

**Bring a treat to share and drop it in
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TIME TOGETHER:



+Make some handmade Christmas cards, pack up the car with your children and grandchildren, fill a thermos with hot chocolate, and head out to bless other family members and friends. Encourage your grandchildren to ring the doorbell and start singing or humming Christmas carols. Present your loved ones with a card and wish them a Merry Christmas. Jump back in your car and do it over and over again!

+Start a New Year's tradition that involves blessing the doors of your home and asking God to watch over all who visit and dwell inside. Take some holy water from your local church (they don't mind!) and trace the sign of the cross on your front door and bedroom doors saying, "May God bless our comings and goings this year, and bring peace to all who enter." Send your grandchildren home with some holy water to bless their doors, too.



+Make a vision board with your grandchildren for the year ahead. Create a bucket list of a few different things you can look forward to doing together. In addition, create an area for some goals they can each work towards and that you can encourage them to complete. Hang it in a spot they will see when they visit and let it remind you of the opportunities a new year brings.



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ADVENT OPPORTUNITIES:

+Advent is the 4-week period leading up to Christmas. We burn candles to remind us that we are preparing for Jesus, the Light of the World. This month, intentionally light a candle whenever your grandchildren come to visit. For example: while you read a story together, play a board game, say a prayer, eat dinner together, etc. As you light the candle, remind your family that Jesus is the reason for the Christmas season.

+Celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas on December 6th. Have your grandchildren leave their shoes outside your home and fill them with small oranges, chocolate, coins, or an ornament for the tree. Share how Santa Claus can be traced back to this Catholic saint.

+Wreaths were a teaching tool in the early Church. The circular shape represents the circle of life from Jesus' birth till death. Pointy holly leaves symbolize the crown of thorns and the berries signify His blood and sacrifice for us. The enduring evergreen branches tell of His victory over death and forever love for us. As you see Christmas wreaths this year, stop for a moment and share this message.



PRAYER:

God, thank you for sending your Son to light the way. Help me to keep my heart on the simple and profound message that lies in the manger. Slow me down so I don't miss it. Amen.

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1 1/2 cups sugar	1 gallon milk
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1/2 - 1 1/4 Tsp salt, to taste	1/4 tsp cinnamon
3/4 cup hot water	



In a large saucepan, combine sugar, cocoa, and salt. Slowly add in hot water, mixing well. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture boils. Boil and stir for 2 minutes. Add milk, stirring occasionally. Do not boil. Remove from heat and whisk in vanilla and cinnamon. Enjoy!

Social Justice

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 at weekend Mass services on December 1, 7/8, 14/15, and 21/22.

Our Charity aspect of social justice recognizes that our faith calls all of us to recognize the **Community & Common Good** and to serve those who do not have the very basic and immediate 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 much 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, Justa Center, and CASS (Central Arizona Shelter Services).



"None of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice."

~ Pope Francis

Mass Readings

First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Next Sunday:

Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 2

8:00 am †Jody Schnabel

Tuesday, December 3

8:00 am †Ron Wiggins

5:30 pm †Alfred Celaya

Wednesday, December 4

8:00 am †Sister Barbara Higgins

Thursday, December 5

8:00 am †Lorraine Hughes

5:30 pm †Richard DeUriarte

Friday, December 6

8:00 am For the People

Saturday, December 7

4:30 pm †Mary Louise Campo

Sunday, December 8

8:30 am †Darrell Jay Kelsoe

10:30 am †John Biebel

5:00 pm †Kevin Robert Janisko

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

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PLAN AHEAD
Have a plan in place for all your holiday tasks and activities.



STAY ACTIVE
Exercise is a great way to deal with holiday stress, and anxiety.



BE REALISTIC
Don't stress yourself out by trying to create the perfect holiday.



ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR FEELINGS
Be mindful and try not to dwell on the past or worry about the future.



JUST SAY NO
If you have too much on your plate, let your friends and family know.



DON'T WORRY
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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.

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 Triik at ktrik@stpatcc.org.

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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.

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: email: l.boman@namivalleyofthesun.org or web: namivalleyofthesun.org

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.

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Advanced Theological Studies
with Fr. André

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, December 16** at 9:00 am in Fenlon Hospitality Center.

2025 Dates: **1/13, 2/10, 3/17, 4/28, 5/19 and 6/16**

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Calling all 4th and 5th graders to join us on Monday night from 6:30 - 8:00 pm when ROCK45 meets for fun, fellowship and faith. All are welcome!

Schedule:

Dec. 2 - Oh Come Let Us Adore Him/Christmas Party
Dec. 9 - Parish Advent Mission - Come as a Family! (There is no ROCK45 drop-off this night; it is a 'come as a family' event.)

ROCK45 is OFF for the Advent/Christmas Season starting Dec. 9 and resumes on Jan. 27.

Enjoy this time making family memories!

All 4th and 5th graders are welcome and BELONG to ROCK45. We always have room for one more friend! For more information, or to chat about your youth becoming involved in the program, contact Diane Kar (dkar@stpatcc.org / 480-998-3843 ext. 209). It's never too late to start attending ROCK45!!



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All middle school youth, grades 6-8 are invited to attend **EDGE** on Monday nights from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Through small group experiences, we will deepen our relationships with Christ and each other.

If you have any questions, please email Matt Curran at mcurran@stpatcc.org.



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All teens are welcomed to join us for a night of Adoration and music on December 8! This will be a beautiful night of prayer during this Advent season. We'll have Helena Heffernan from Life Teen International as our guest speaker. This is a night you won't want to miss. We start with Mass at 5:00 pm and Life Teen to follow in Fenlon Hospitality Center. We hope to see you there!

Please contact Jesse for more information at jrodriguez@stpatcc.org or 480-998-3843, ext. 205.

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If you missed our **Advent/Christmas Materials pick-up**, please reach out to Diane Kar (dkar@stpatcc.org / 480-998-3843 ext. 209) to coordinate getting yours.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is our weekly formation program for children age 4 through 3rd grade, incorporating Montessori principles to help children hear and respond to the loving call of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who has loved them first and calls them by name. Classes meet after school and early evening for an hour and a half, once a week, September through April. Contact: Renee Genetti at rgenetti@stpatcc.org, 480-998-3843 ext. 223.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is looking for caring adults who can help facilitate the program during Sunday Mass times. No prior knowledge is needed and training is provided. Please contact Yasmine Rodriguez (yrodriguez@stpatcc.org) at the parish office if you would like to find out more about CLOW.

Young Disciples is a program for potty-trained preschool aged youth, 3-5 years old to encounter the gospel through story, puppets, drama and song. Contact: Yasmine Rodriguez at yrodriguez@stpatcc.org.

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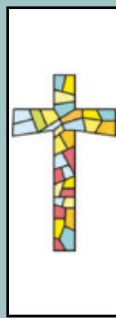
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