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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

SACRAMENTS:

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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Dear Friends,

Our community is blessed to have the Crosiers Religious Order assisting with Sacraments at different times throughout the year. Their main residence is in South Phoenix and their main house is in Minnesota.

The Crosiers will be joining us this coming Wednesday, December 18 for our Advent Penance Service. We have 10 priests scheduled for this evening to help with confessions. Beginning at 6:00 until 8:00 pm all are welcome to join us. We invite everyone to view our

Advent Penance Service on our St. Patrick YouTube Channel to help prepare to celebrate this sacrament.

The Advent/Christmas season reminds all Christians that we are to make room in our hearts for the coming of Christ. This sacrament is a wonderful way to be released from things that hold us back from growing spiritually and to continue a path towards peace which many of us long.

I find great comfort in these words from Pope Francis when he spoke to priests about this sacrament.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Eric

Pope Francis speaking to a
Conference of Priests regarding the
Sacrament of Reconciliation:

"Always forgive.

When people come to confession,
they come to ask for forgiveness,
and not to hear a lecture about
theology or about repentance.
Be merciful, please.
Always forgive, because forgiveness
has this grace of embracing,
of welcoming.
Forgiveness always bears
fruit inside us.
Remember this: always forgive."

See new Christmas Season Mass times...

Reconciliation during the Christmas Season Saturdays: 3:00 - 4:00 pm in Church classrooms

During Advent

December 18: 6:00 - 8:00 pm (with the Crosier Priests)

Christmas Eve Masses | Tuesday. December 24

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

4:30 pm - Church & Fenion 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

Gaudete Sunday: Rejoice in the Lord Always

Today is called Gaudete Sunday because we can rejoice and find joy in the coming of Christ. The name is taken from the opening antiphon of the Mass today. "Gaudete in Domino semper: iterum dico, gaudete," meaning "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say rejoice." In fact all of the readings this week also center around joy. It is a "Sunday of Joy" because we give thanks to God the Father for all the good things in life and especially the gift of his only Son who was born in a manger for our sake. Pope Francis talks a lot about joy and says, "The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born new." This is the source of our joy. The joy that comes from knowing God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son for us.

Maybe some of you have heard Pope Francis talk about Evangelii Gaudium, "The Joy of the Gospel." I think it's interesting in Pope Francis' exhortation he identifies both the joy of the gospel and the danger of consumerism together. This is something to be mindful of especially during the holiday season as we are constantly bombarded by advertisements. Pope Francis warns, "The great danger in today's world, pervaded as it is by consumerism, is the desolation and anguish born of a complacent

yet covetous heart, the feverish pursuit of frivolous pleasures, and a blunted conscience. Whenever our interior life becomes caught up in its own interests and concerns, there is no longer room for others, no place for the poor. God's voice is no longer heard, the quiet joy of his love is no longer felt, and the desire to do good fades."

When I think of the most joyful people I have ever met, it is always the people who trust in the love of God and are able to share it with others. It is not that they have a lot of money or power, but their happiness and joy comes from knowing the love of God in their life.

A great way for us to prepare for the coming of Christ is to give thanks for the love of God in our life. As Christmas gets a little bit closer, I encourage you to take the time this week to rejoice in the blessings you have received in life and maybe think about how you can share your joy with others.











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Through this advent season, we are invited to reflect on the many blessings in our lives and share them through joyful service in our homes, parish, and community. Whether it's offering kindness and support to family members, ministering at Mass, or reaching out to those in need in the wider community, every act of love and generosity reflects the true spirit of the season. Let us embrace this time as an opportunity to bring Christ's light to others, making our service not a duty, but a celebration of God's love in action. Together, we can make this season one of hope, joy, and meaningful connection.









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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



Grief Support

A faith-based weekly support group designed to help you rebuild your life after the death of a loved one.

Register at griefshare.org

by selecting one of the workshops at St. Patrick Catholic Community

Questions: griefsupport@stpatcc.org

Attend either:

Mondays January 13 - April 7 6:00 - 7:30 pm

OR

Tuesdays January 14 - April 8 11:00 - 12:30 pm

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Mark your calendar and invite a friend to join you. Together, let's grow in faith, knowledge, and community. For more information, contact Dr. Lenny Kelley at lkelley@stpatcc.org.

Eric and I look forward to seeing you there!

Register at stpatcc.org/catholic101



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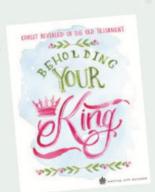
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Make authentic connections with other women. Learn more about God.

Join us for *Fearless and Free*, based on the book of Ephesians. With an emphasis on healing and wholeness, this study provides a firm foundation to stand on no matter what life throws our way.

House of Mercy/Pope Francis Room Mondays January 6 to February 24 6:30 to 7:45 pm



Questions or to register: walkingwithpurpose@stpatcc.org



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. Remaining weekend Masses where socks will be collected are December 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

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7 Gospel Reading: Luke 3:10-18

Next Sunday:

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4a

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10 Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39-45

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 16

8:00 am †Tiffany Carns

Tuesday, December 17

8:00 am ŷJames Hoffernan 5:30 pm Dawn Roeder

Wednesday, December 18

8:00 am †Msgr. Robert Malene

Thursday, December 19

Friday, December 20

8:00 am For the People

Saturday, December 21

4:30 pm †Linda Protocollo

Sunday, December 22

8:30 am †Kerry Shay Houser 10:30 am †Anthony DeCato

5:00 pm Patrick Clarke Cumming

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

Benefits of Practicing Gratitude



"Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." Psalm 107: 8-9

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**.

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**.

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**.

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:

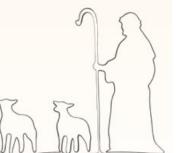
email: l.boman@namivalleyofthesun.org or web: namivalleyofthesun.org

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**.



It's Christmas break for our CGS families!
We return the week of Good Shepherd January 27. In the meantime, we reflect on a wonderful semester with over 135 children participating and 28 ministers serving as catechists, assistants and substitutes. It has been beautiful to witness the children deepening their relationship with The Good Shepherd and one another through our weekly classes and lessons. Keep our families in prayer as they share and celebrate the season with Christ at the center.





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

COMMUNITY NEWS







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Diane Kar 480-998-3843 ext. 209 dkar@stpatcc.org **ROCK45** is OFF for the Advent/Christmas Season 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!!





Matt Curran 480-998-3843 ext. 206 mcurran@stpatcc.org

Instagram: @stpatrickedge sptheedge.org

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.



Jesse Rodriguez 480-998-3843 ext. 205 jrodriguez@stpatcc.org

Website: splifeteen.com

Facebook Page:

facebook.com/splifeteen Instagram: splifeteen All high school teens are invited to join us Sundays after the 5:00 pm Mass.

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If you have any questions, please email Jesse Rodriguez at **irodriguez@stpatcc.org**.

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Family Faith Formation is our at home catechetical program, where we support parents with enriching materials to bring faith alive in the home.

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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