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I will look twice until I see Christ in you



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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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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,

During the holiday season, people are searching for ways to care for their neighbors. All types of groups like to gather families together to do assembly service projects; putting packages, boxes, or bags together to go toward those in need. At St. Patrick, we are inviting everyone to consider gathering to help assemble 4,000 bags of compassion to be used by parishioners and all who will be attending our Christmas Masses.

On Monday, December 9 at 6:30 pm in the church, we will gather for an Advent presentation welcoming Rev. Rock Fremont. He will be speaking about ways we

encounter Christ in those who are sometimes invisible to people. I have known Rock for many years and have served with him on committees that serve those in need. After his presentation, we will have an assembly line to put the bags of compassion together. Thanks to the many parishioners who donated supplies, we will have plenty to give out. We will also provide information on how to approach people safely, and what are practical ways to help people. The bags will be blessed at our Christmas Masses and handed out after all Masses. This project goes well with our theme, I WILL LOOK TWICE UNTIL I SEE CHRIST IN YOU. I hope parishioners take this opportunity for a special evening to directly help those most in need of love and support.

December 9 is recognized as a Holy Day and there will be two Masses on that day at 8:00 am and 12 noon only. There will be no evening Mass as we will gather for this important Advent presentation.

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 12:00 noon

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 & 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

Advent: Prepare the way of the Lord

The season of Advent presents us with a unique opportunity to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. Indeed this is the central message of John the Baptist this week as he challenges us to "prepare the way of the Lord." But what exactly does that mean and how are we to prepare? We can prepare ourselves by first reflecting upon our own lives, our relationship with God, and our relationship with others. Our theme this year embodies a large part of what Advent is all about. It is about being able to recognize God in all aspects of our lives including the stranger on the street and the vulnerable. We all need the reminder in life to "look twice until I see Christ." Being able to see Christ in others is how we can develop a greater sense of compassion.

Compassion is a central theme of the Advent season and the reason why we chose to create Bags of Compassion for our Advent Mission this year. The word "compassion" literally means to suffer with one another. Compassion is the ability to put ourselves in another person's shoes and share in what they may be experiencing. Christ is the perfect example of what true compassion looks like. Jesus doesn't just stand by the sidelines observing, rather he enters into the suffering of the people he encounters. In the Gospel we hear of Christ's immense compassion for human suffering, "At

the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." Compassion leads us into a deeper understanding of our brothers and sisters who are struggling and moves us to act with love and kindness.

During Advent, we are challenged to look for small ways to inspire hope through the way we show compassion to others. This is a season of preparation, the question is how are you preparing for the coming of Christ? If you don't know the answer or are looking for ways to embrace the spirit of compassion we invite you to join us on December 9 for our Advent Mission as we look to assemble bags containing useful items for those who are experiencing homelessness. As a community of faith, we can all make a difference and inspire hope by showing a little more compassion to one another. Compassion is the first step in bringing about healing in our neighborhoods, in our communities, and in our country.











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Serving

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.



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 Fremont

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 and friends to be a part of bringing a little more compassion into the world.



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SATURDAYS - DECEMBER 7, 14, and 21

9:00 - 11:00 am

FENLON HOSPITALITY CENTER - DECEMBER 7 AND 14
DAILY MASS CHAPEL - DECEMBER 21

COME TO ONE OR ALL OF THE SESSIONS!





Moure Invited!

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Rev. Rock Fremont is a current Vice
President of Ecumenical and Interfaith
Relations for the International Council of
Community Churches, serves on the
governing board of the National Council of
Churches, and is the current president of
the Arizona Interfaith Movement. In the
past, Rock has served in chaplaincy on
Arizona's Death Row and homeless
populations, and brings a passion for lifting
up those most vulnerable among us.



After our presentation, we will gather as a community to help assemble Bags of Compassion containing items for those experiencing homelessness. These bags will then be blessed and distributed to the community on Christmas to bring to those in need.

Monday, December 9 at 6:30 pm St. Patrick Catholic Community Church Building

Please consider joining us and be a part of bringing a little more compassion into the world.



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





IN THIS SEASON OF GIVING, PLEASE KEEP ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PLANS FOR THE END OF THE YEAR.

- Donations can be made via mail, dropped off at our parish office, or made online.
- St. Patrick can accept cash, check, stock, QCDs, real estate and personal estate gifts.

QUESTIONS?

Sharon Fabyanic sfabyanic@stpatcc.org 480-998-3843 ext. 204

All Charitable Contributions for 2024 must be received or postmarked by December 31.

12th Annual Cookies and Carols

Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm

Dessert Potluck to follow.

Bring a treat to share and drop it in Fenlon Hospitality Center before the event.



Songs and Stories of the Season – with great Advent/Christmas Music sung by the Combined Music Ministry featuring the Adult Choir, Singing Angels and the Youth and Young Adult Choir!!!

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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

Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

Next Sunday:

Third Sunday of Advent

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 9

Tuesday, December 10

8:00 am 🕏 Jim Link

5:30 pm †Michelle Britton

Wednesday, December 11

8:00 am 🕆 Nancy Collier

Thursday, December 12

5:30 pm †Angelo & Luciano Cappellano

Friday, December 13

8:00 am For the People

Saturday, December 14

4:30 pm PAnne Davidov

Sunday, December 15

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



"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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: I.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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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

This week wraps up the Fall season in CGS. We've had 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.

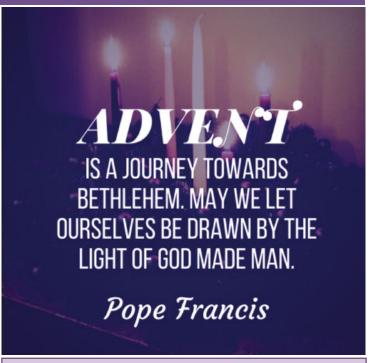




Advanced Theological Studies with Fr. André

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











CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES IN MISSION • SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT • DECEMBER 8, 2024



Diane Kar 480-998-3843 ext. 209 dkar@stpatcc.org We hope to see all our 4th and 5th graders and their families at the Advent Family Mission on Monday, Dec. 9, at 6:30 pm. Come enjoy a night of service as we assemble Bags of Compassion with the parish family. There is no ROCK45 drop-off on 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!!



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.

CLIFE TEEN

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

Website: splifeteen.com Facebook Page: facebook.com/splifeteen Instagram: splifeteen 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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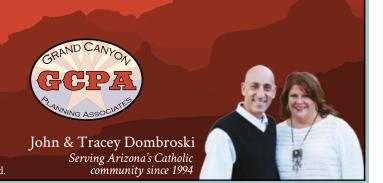
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Family Faith Formation is our at home catechetical program, where we support parents with enriching materials to bring faith alive in the home.

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 receiving yours.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

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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