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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 **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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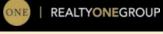
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## First Down with Fr. Eric 0 4 0 3 0 2 0 10



Dear Friends,

There are many people traveling this Thanksgiving weekend. It is interesting that a meal would mean so much to so many that they will travel long distances and may even have to deal with challenges or distractions in their travels. The human spirit of gathering, eating and drinking with family and friends, and giving thanks is what makes this holiday time special for many.

This longing for gathering and enduring distractions is what Christians have done for 2,000 years. And it continues at this very moment. The Eucharistic meal is giving thanks to God for His continuous gifts to us. This meal invites us to be in relationship with others and to support one another in community. Yes, there are always distractions and things that can make it difficult to gather for the Eucharistic banquet. Yet, this Thanksgiving spirit reminds us that the inner spirit moves us to see the meal as important, life-giving and intimate with our loving God.

I am praying that everyone traveling this weekend will be kept safe, and be patient on the journey. And may everyone's gathering at the meal be memorable and nourishing.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Eric



#### Christian Disciples in Mission Living Beyond Sunday

BY MARY PERMODA,
Director of Pastoral Activities



#### **Christian Disciples in Mission!**

Our Coordinator of AV Eddie had a flat tire on the way to the 8:30 am Mass and Audio Visual Ministers Denny Pasternak and Zach D'Costa came to the rescue! They



made sure the sound and screens were functioning for the 8:30 am Mass and that things went on without a hitch! Thank you Denny and Zach!



Healthy food in our food bins!
Thank you, St. Patrick Community!







Gratitude
unlocks the fullness of life.
It turns what we
have into enough, and more.
It turns denial into
acceptance, chaos to order,
confusion to clarity.
It can turn a meal
into a feast,
a house into a home,
a stranger into a friend.

Melodie Beatty

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#### Stewardship

The past few weeks you have probably noticed a "shift" in the tone and content of the Sunday readings, in particular the gospels. As we've spoken about previously, the imagery has grown quite stark and the context of the readings has dealt a great deal with the coming Last Judgment. As we close this liturgical year, today's readings crescendo with this parable that so strongly urges us all to be living rightly — for the Son of Man is, indeed, coming to survey and "repay" everyone according to their conduct.

We see Christ the King coming with the angels but in the role of a Shepherd-King, who separates sheep (the righteous ones) from goats. The separation is based not on our intentions but on our actions. How often or seldom have we served another in the name of Christ? Do we seek to serve "kings" (popular) but forget the lowly (unpopular)? It is by our actions toward God and others that our true nature — and our true "king" — is revealed. A shepherd, though having authority over his sheep, demonstrates his great love by serving them and risking his life for them.

This is an extension of the good shepherd imagery employed by the prophet Ezekiel in the first reading. We see God as proactively seeking out the lost sheep, even before any judgment or separation. We are given every opportunity to be in the Lord's sheepfold. God is proactive which is a theme we see put forth to the Corinthians. God did not leave us in our death but, rather, pursued and ransomed us through His only Son. He is the shepherd who not only seeks out the lost sheep but sacrifices his life for them. He is a Servant-King, humble in His great power and unyielding in His pursuit and protection of us. His greatness was veiled as meekness on Earth but reveals the power of His great glory — for the shepherd became the Lamb and the Lamb sits on the throne forever and ever.

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### PARISH ADVENT ENCOUNTER





An Evening of Sharing **Practical Relationship Tools** to use for the Holidays

Join us on Monday, December 4 at 6:30 pm in the Church for a presentation from an acclaimed National Speaker and Podcast Host, Mathew Blades on how to have difficult conversations with those we love. Mathew will share some great practical strategies to allow us to make the most of our holiday gatherings.

He will be sharing his story at all Masses on December 2 & 3.

"He is a man who has been through some challenges in life, and has inspired many people to make great choices and follow their heart to become their best selves."

> Jill McMahon, Parishioner & resident Mental Health Professional

Bring a friend...it will be a great night of renewal and hope!!







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If you have any questions please contact Connie Jada at 480-998-3843 ext. 138 or cjada@stpatcc.org





## ADVENT SOCK DRIVE

Each weekend during Advent bring white socks with you to Mass. There will be baskets in the church to drop off socks.



Socks will be donated to André House, Justa Center, Paz de Cristo, and Monte Vista Baptist Church

Thank you for your generosity!



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# **KEVIN SAUNDERS**RETURNS TO ST. PATRICK

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DECEMBER 2, 9, 16



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The series will focus on the Biblical prophecies that came to fulfillment with the birth of Jesus. Kevin will present an engaging examination of both Old and New Testament passages that prepare the believer for the appearance of the Messiah. Each session will be self-contained.

Kevin will also discuss the Advent Gospel readings. There will be Bible Breakout sessions to delve into the backstory of each Gospel account.

#### **Social Justice**



After ten years of serving the St. Patrick Catholic Community through the **Just Chocolate Ministry**, it is time to recognize that the mission and goal of Just Chocolate is now completed. Our goal was to help the women and children of Ghana maintain their freedom by purchasing and advocating for their fair trade chocolate products. Our Just Chocolate ministry has allowed children to be in school rather than working in the cocoa fields, for women to get paid fair wages while taking ownership of their futures, and for farming families to stay together.

By purchasing Divine Chocolate produced by the Kuapoa Kokoo Co-op and owned by the workers & farmers of Ghana, we recognize the beautiful support received from you, the parishioners, of St. Patrick. SERRV International does continue to distribute Divine Chocolate to many organizations who seek justice through Fair Trade.

The Co-op is now thriving, and several thousand Ghanese farmers own their product which contributes to a sustainable future through fair trade.

Just Chocolate began in 2013 as a vision realized from faith formation & education studies from a Just Faith class.

We thank the loyal supporters, the staff at St. Patrick, and all our ministers who sold chocolate which helped us achieve a dream and for helping contribute to a sustainable lifestyle for the farmers and workers in Ghana.

A very big "Thank You" to ministry leader Katie Woodward and all of her ministers who shared this vision with our parish over the years. Their work and efforts positively impacted the lives of those farmers and families 7,000 miles away!!! What a wonderful testament to our social justice pillar of charity and justice.

Our last day to serve Just Chocolate is December 3, 2023.

### **Mass Readings**

#### Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17 Second Reading: Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

#### Next Sunday:

#### First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b;64:2-7 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Gospel Reading: Mark 13:33-37

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### Monday, November 27

#### Tuesday, November 28

8:00 am †Thomas Patrick

#### Wednesday, November 29

#### Thursday, November 30

8:00 am PRonald Montefour

#### Friday, December 1

8:00 am For the people

#### Saturday, December 2

#### Sunday, December 3

8:30 am †Mary Lou Barba 10:30 am †Carole Feltri 5:00 pm †Anne Murphy

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**

#### November is Diabetes Awareness Month

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#### **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: **namimaricopa@gmail.com**.







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#### **Six Discussion Sessions**

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#### **Morning Sessions**

Mondays 10:30 - 12:00 Noon House of Mercy: Dorothy Day Room 11/27 12/4

#### **Evening Sessions\*\***

Wednesdays 6:30 – 8:00 pm House of Mercy: Pope Francis Room 11/29 12/6 12/13

\*\*We invite the single members of our parish---single, widowed, etc., over 21---to join this session and meet some of the other single parish members.

Register by sending your name, email, phone and preferred session to hopscotching@stpatcc.org. Drop-ins welcome.

## Advanced Theological Studies with Fr. André

The next meeting will be held on **Monday**, **December 18** at 9:00 am in Fenlon Hospitality Center.

Future dates are...

- January 22
- March 18
- April 22
- May 20
- June 17

#### **Community News**

Would you like to feel closer to your spouse by resolving conflicts effectively? The more we can work through our issues effectively, the closer we will feel to each other, and the more we will feel heard!!

#### **COUPLE COMMUNICATION PROGRAM -**

January 13 & 20 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

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! Join us and improve your communication skills and have some fun!

Contact Bonnie Lewis, LMFT (Instructor) for more information at **bonnie@therapywithheart.com**.

#### "Winter Day Dreaming 10th Anniversary Concert

Featuring renown pianist Charles Szczepanek Sunday, December 10 at 6:00 pm ~ \$30 per ticket Church of the Ascension in Fountain Hills 12615 N Fountain Hills Blvd, Fountain Hills









Diane Kar 480-998-3843 ext. 209 dkar@stpatcc.org 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!

November 27 - Keeping our Peeps Safe: Safe Environment Training for our youth.



December 4 - Advent & Christmas Celebration - On this night we will meet in the House of Mercy. Drop-off and Pick-up will be in the HOM. Please refer to the ROCK45 email for more details.



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

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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! Our next EDGE nights are as follows:

November 27 ~ Old Testament: Esther

December 4 ~ Advent



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Website: splifeteen.com Facebook Page: facebook.com/splifeteen Instagram: splifeteen **Life Teen** is a ministry for high school teens. We meet Sundays following the 5:00 pm Youth Mass until 8:15 pm in our Fenlon Hospitality Center. All Teens are welcome to attend! We start each evening with dinner and then move on to games, talks, small group discussions, prayer and more. Bring a friend and come check it out!

November 26 ~ Off for Thanksgiving December 3 ~ Dinner, Praise, Worship and Adoration

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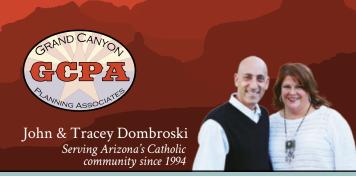
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Mark your calendars for December 2 & 3 for the Advent/Christmas materials pick-up. For other pick-up arrangements, please reach out to Diane Kar (dkar@stpatcc.org 480-998-3943 ext. 209).

Family Faith Formation is our at home catechetical program, where we support parents with enriching materials to bring faith alive in the home. Questions? Please contact Diane Kar (dkar@stpatcc.org 480-998-3843 ext. 209).



Contact: Carol LoPorto at cloporto@stpatcc.org.



November 26: Off For Thanksgiving Weekend

December 3: CLOW & Young Disciples at 8:30 am & 10:30 am Masses.

December 10: Please join us for Family Mass at 10:30 am.

December 17: Christmas Break begins for Children's Ministries.



Contact: Sharon Fabyanic at sfabyanic@stpatcc.org.













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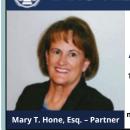


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