

The Parish of  
**ST. PATRICK**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH  
*serving the communities of Rodeo-Hercules*



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## February 26, 2017 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Schedule of Masses

Morning Daily Mass  
Monday - Saturday 7:30 am

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm  
Sunday 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am

### Confessions

Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm  
or by appointment

### Confirmation Classes

Sunday - see calendar

### Bible Study

Monday 8:15-9:15 am  
Tuesday 7:30-8:30 pm

### Children's Faith Formation (Pre K- 5th Grade)

Thursday 5:45-7:00 pm

### Edge Middle School Ministry (6th - 8th Grade)

Thursday 5:30-7:00 pm

### Youth Ministry/Life Teen

Thursday 6:30-7:30 pm

### Parish Mission Statement

*The Catholic Faith Community of Saint Patrick accepts the Gospel message of Jesus and seeks to fulfill the message in both words and actions by being joy-filled people who welcome and share our faith with all who encounter us.*

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## Ash Wednesday

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### Week-at-a-Glance

#### **Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Bishop's Appeal Collection Envelopes to take home  
Youth Mass - 11:30am  
No Confirmation Class until March 5

#### **Monday, February 27**

Fr. Larry's Bible Class, in the Church, 8:15 - 9:15 am  
Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 14  
Pastoral Council Meeting, Parish Hall - 7:00pm

#### **Tuesday, February 28**

Mardi Gras  
Fr. Larry's Bible Class, in the Church, 7:30 - 8:30pm  
Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 14

#### **Wednesday, March 1**

**Ash Wednesday - Day of Fasting & Abstinence**  
Masses & Distributions of Ashes, 7:30am ~ 9:00am ~ 7:30pm  
San Lorenzo Ruiz Meeting - 7:30pm

#### **Thursday, March 2**

Edge Middle School Ministry (Grades 6-8) 5:30pm  
Children Faith Formation (Grades K-5) 5:45pm  
Life Teen/Youth Ministry - 6:30pm

#### **Friday, March 3**

First Friday Holy Hour, 8:00 - 9:00am  
Priest Study Day  
Stations of the Cross - 7:30pm

#### **Saturday, March 4**

First Saturday  
Fatima Group Rosary - 8:00am

#### **Sunday, March 5**

**First Sunday of Lent**  
Second Collection for Regular Parish Maintenance  
Place your Blue Maintenance Envelope in the First Collection basket  
Actual Second Collection is the Bishop's Appeal  
Place the Bishop Appeal envelope in the Second Collection basket  
Confirmation Class #10, 1:30 - 3:30pm

### Mass Intentions

#### **February 26 - February 29, 2017**

Sun 02/26 7:30a **For the People of St. Patrick Parish**  
Plate (287 Envelopes) **The Homeless** Jonetdenbara  
Loose 11:30a **Steve & Tina Arnaudo** † Kramer  
Family \$ 2,755.25  
Total \$ 10,027.25

Mon 02/27 7:30a **Lourdes O. Emmanuel** † Emmanuel Family

Tues 02/28 7:30a **Caridad Balean** † Marquez Family

Wed 03/01 7:30a **Carolina Echano** † Lisa Urbano & Family

9:00a **Baby Meneses** † Joy & Rid

7:30p **Lourdes O. Emmanuel** † Lisa Cepeda

Thurs 03/02 7:30a **Bill & Theresa Jordan (Anniversary)**  
Ray Austria

Fri 03/03 7:30a **Darci Kosmal (Happy Birthday)** Dave & Olivia Kosmal

Sat 03/04 7:30a **Domingo Berina** † Berina Family  
5:00p **Paulina Almeda** Rosa Urena

Sun 03/05 7:30a **For the People of St. Patrick Parish**  
9:30a **Federico S. Marcos, Sr.** Pena Family  
11:30a **Rick Lachica** † Rosita Lachica

### 2016 Tax Contribution Statement

You may request a tax contribution statement from the parish office by calling 510-799-4406. Please have your sacrificial offering envelope number available.

**Please note that we are counting on the weekly collection of \$11,000.00 to meet our 2017 budget. Please give your part to help us reach our goal.**

# A Message from Our Pastor

Please continue to pray, reflect and determine your contribution to the 2017

Bishop's Appeal. Our parish goal is \$32,606.70 and we all need to do our

part to help the needs of the Church in the Diocese of Oakland.

Yes, we are, **All God's People United in Faith**. Please use the envelope mailed

to you from the Diocese if you contributed last year. If you did not receive

one, please take one home with you today. Next Sunday will be the collection. Now, wouldn't it be great if we hit the goal next Sunday?

What a

statement it would be of our Catholic faith as a parish!!

## Ash Wednesday, March 1st


- Come to Mass at 7:30am, 9:00am and 7:30pm and receive the blessed ashes to remind us to turn away from sin and follow the Gospel.

- Take a Rice Bowl home and fill it with financial sacrifices of things we give up for Lent like a smaller coffee rather than a grandé size. Put the difference in the Rice Bowl to help others.

- Try to go to daily Mass if you can or at least a day or two a week when possible.

- Make an effort to attend Fr. Larry's Bible Class either on Monday morning or Tuesday evening.

- Let's try to be more patient, kinder, more loving, forgiving and prayerful at home, at school, in the workplace or at the Senior Center lunch.

- Take the 40-days of Lent and let  to be closer to Him.

- Let us all pray for each other.

God Bless,

Fr. Larry Young

## Ash Wednesday, March 1

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence. Masses and the distribution of Ashes will be held at 7:30am, 9:00am and 7:30pm.

## 16th Annual St. Patrick Dinner Dance Saturday, March 11

Tickets are selling fast for the very best St. Patrick's Day celebration in all of West Contra Costa. Buy your tickets before it's too late. Tickets are \$50 per person and are being sold outside after Mass. Tickets are also available through the parish and school offices. For more information, please email

[dinnerdance@stpatrickrodeo.org](mailto:dinnerdance@stpatrickrodeo.org)

## Online Sacrificial Giving Available

Did you know, Sacrificial Giving (Weekly Collection) is available online? No more checks to write or remembering to bring your weekly envelopes. It's easy, simple and convenient. To sign up, visit the St. Patrick website at [www.stpatrickrodeo.org](http://www.stpatrickrodeo.org) and click on 'e-giving'.

## Couples for Christ Christian Life Program Info Night Saturday, March 4

Couples for Christ, a Catholic lay ministry with the mission of renewing and strengthening the Christian family life invites you to an Information Night on Saturday, March 4, at 6:00pm at St. Paul Church, Parish Hall in San Pablo. Find out more about Couples for Christ and its family ministries. Learn how our Christian Life Program can help you and your family grow in your Christian faith and spiritual journey. We have a ministry for married, single parents, single adults, separated, widowed, divorced, youth and children. It's free to attend and refreshments and daycare will be provided. For more information, please call Andy & Gloria Martin, **510-799-7762** or email at [cfchercules@gmail.com](mailto:cfchercules@gmail.com)

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

*"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides."* Learn how to 'not sweat the small stuff' and enhance your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage

Encounter weekend at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville on July 14-16 or September 29 - October 1. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, contact Mike & Jeanne, **925-672-2016** or Joe & Sue, **925-680-7767** or online at [oaklandwwme.org](http://oaklandwwme.org)

## GIFT - Growing in Faith Together Wednesdays in February, March & April

**7:00 - 8:30pm in the Parish Hall**

**(Next class is March 8)**

Join us for a video study on, '*Divine Mercy: In the Second Greatest Story Every Told*' on Wednesday evenings in February, March and April. Come and learn about the dramatic history of God's love and mercy as interwoven through the transformative message of St. Faustina, the miraculous appearance of Mary at Fatima, the witness of Maximilian Kolbe, and the world-changing papacy of Pope St. John Paul II. All sessions are free. Please register at

<http://stpatrickrodeo.org/page/divemercy/>

For detailed information, please call Beverly Fung at **510-799-4434** or email, [bfung@stpatrickrodeo.org](mailto:bfung@stpatrickrodeo.org)

## 2017 Altar Flowers Still Available

The Altar Flower Donation List is available at the entry of the church. Flower donation can be used for memorials, birthdays, anniversary or any other special occasion. After signing up, please remember to complete the provided form and return it to the Parish Ministry Center with your check, payable to 'St. Patrick Church'. The envelope, with form and check, may also be placed in the collection basket. Altar Flower Donations are on a first-come, first-served basis.

## Tree of Life

Open leaves are available on the *Tree of Life* located in the Chapel. What a beautiful way to honor the memory of a loved one or commemorate life's special events with a custom engraved brass leaf.

Donation: \$625 per leaf, installment plans are available.

For additional information, please call Celsa Taraya at **916-496-0132** or e-mail [celsataraya@yahoo.com](mailto:celsataraya@yahoo.com)

## 2017 Mass Intentions

Mass dates are still open for the 2017 Calendar. Please stop by the parish office to review the available dates. All requests for Mass Intentions must be submitted using the Mass Offering Form and either mailed or submitted to the Parish Ministry Center. For more information, please call Kathy Pruett at the parish office, **510-799-4406**.

# Life at St. Patrick Parish

## **Bishop's Appeal for 2017 in Progress**

Turn in your share either in pledges or an outright donation on the weekend of March 5, the First Sunday of Lent.

## **Celebrating St. Patrick's Day**

We the people of St. Patrick Parish will celebrate our patron saint, St. Patrick, at the 5:00pm Mass on Saturday, March 11. We will then take our purchased ticket to the annual Dinner-Dance in the hall where there will be great food, great drinks, great music, singing and dancing and everyone having a grand evening together as people of St. Patrick Parish. We will also award the 12th recipient of the St. Patrick Lifetime Service Award. Oh, by the way, this is our only major parish fundraiser to support St. Patrick Church programs.

## **Raindrops keep falling**

Please be careful in all rain and on the bad roads. We have had several of our parishioners in serious auto accidents. God has protected them, however, there has still been injuries and much still wrong.



**Children's Faith Formation** (Pre K - 5th grade)

**Edge Middle School Ministry** (6th - 8th grade)

**Youth Ministry/Life Teen** (9th - 12th grade)

Edge Middle School Ministry Thursday, 5:30-7:00pm  
Faith Formation (Grades K-5) Thursday, 5:45-7:00pm  
Youth Ministry/Life Teen Thursday, 6:30-7:30pm

## **Confirmation Journey**

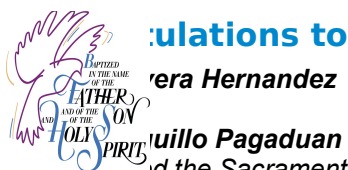
**Phase I & Phase II, Sundays, 1:30 - 3:30pm**

March 5            Session #10

March 19          Session #11

## **Communion to Homebound**

If you or anyone you know is unable to attend Mass, Communion can be brought to parishioners at their home. Ministers to the homebound bring communion to "shut-ins" every Sunday. If you are interested in adding a name to this list, please contact the Parish Ministry Center at **510-799-4406**.

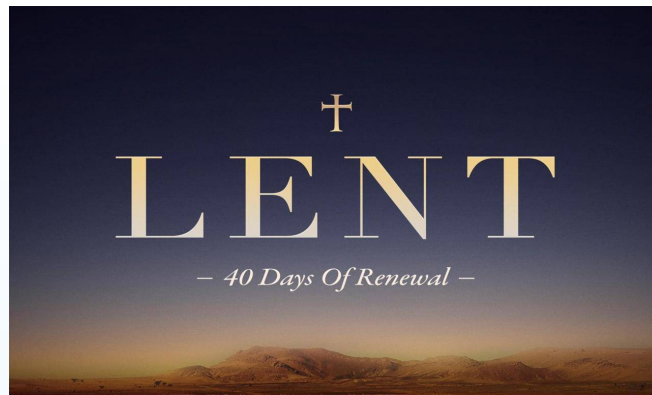


who received the Sacrament of Baptism on Saturday, February 18, 2017. We welcome Delilah and Ronli to the Catholic faith.



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## **Lenten Practices**

Ash Wednesday, March 1, marks the beginning of Lent, which is “a powerful” season, a turning point that can foster change and conversation in each of us. We all need to improve, to change for the better. Lent helps us and thus we leave behind old habits and the lazy addiction to the evil that deceives and ensnares us. During the season of Lent, the Church issues two important invitations:  
to have a greater awareness of the redemptive work of Christ;  
and to live out one’s Baptism with deeper commitment.”

*(Pope Francis, General Audience. March 5, 2014)*

Moreover, the Lenten season is a special opportunity to grow spiritually through other penitential practices, especially those of self-denial, almsgiving, and through work of kindness and compassion.

The following regulations regarding fasting and abstinence are observed in the United States:

Catholics ages 14 and over are to abstain from meat on

Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

Individuals between 18 and 59 are also obliged to fast – eat one full meal – on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Eating two smaller meals is permitted if necessary to maintain strength, but eating between meals should be avoided.

These obligations, however, do not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be seriously affected.



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### Environment Virtus Training Parish Volunteers

**Required for all volunteers.** The deadline is now. If you haven't yet completed your training, please do so now. This means, all EM's, School Ministers, Catechists, New CYO Coaches, School Ministers, and all Parish Ministry/Organization Employees, must train. Verification will be required.

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Register, then an email will be sent to you when to begin your course. When finished, please indicate and forward a copy to the parish office to [kpruett@stpatrickrodeo.org](mailto:kpruett@stpatrickrodeo.org) or a copy to the parish office.

### Education Programs

Do you want to share your faith with our children? We offer programs in the Children Faith Formation, Edge of the Desert Ministry, Confirmation, and/or Life Teen.

### The 2017 Mass Intention Book is Open

The Parish Daily Mass Book for **2017** is now open to schedule Mass Intentions.

**Mass Offering Forms** are located in the church lobby literature rack or in the Parish Ministry Center. Mass Intentions are on a first-come, first-served basis. The stipend offering is \$10 per name and per Mass and must be included with the **Mass Offering Form**.

**Phone calls and emails cannot be accepted.** All requests for Mass Intentions must be submitted using the **Mass Offering Form** and either mailed or submitted to the office.

Masses are limited to only **8 per family** to allow the Mass Book to be available to all parishioners. Please note that all Sunday, 7:30am Masses are for the People of St. Patrick Parish and are not available for other intentions.

For additional information on intentions...



### Adult Confirmation

Are you an adult who has not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, Adult Confirmation will be held in the Parish of Christ the Light in Oakland. To register or for more information, Please call Beverly Fung at **510-799-4434** or email, [bfung@stpatrickrodeo.org](mailto:bfung@stpatrickrodeo.org)

### Saint Peter Claver Pilgrimage June 5 - 12, 2017 \$3,149 per person

Join the Knights of Peter Claver Intercouncils Courts of Northern California and *The Catholic Voice* in a Pilgrimage to Cartagena, Columbia and Panama City. Pilgrimage includes roundtrip airfare from SFO, 5 star hotels, most breakfasts, lunches and welcome/farewell dinners, English-speaking tour escort and a private air conditioned motor coach. And, while in Cartagena, celebrate Mass with Bishop Michael C. Barber. For detailed information, contact Diplomat Travel Agency at **773-527-0123** or [peterclaver@godiplomat.com](mailto:peterclaver@godiplomat.com)

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