

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



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APRIL 2, 2017 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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.



Serving the Catholic Community Since 1986

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Kelly Stevens, Principal

Preschool through 8th Grade

Nursery Infant Care Center

(6-weeks to 2.5 years)

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www.stpatrickschoolrodeo.org

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice!
— Psalm 130:1



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WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Second Collection for Regular Parish Maintenance
Gift Shop Open
Confirmation Classes Phase I & II

MONDAY, APRIL 3

No Bible Class until Monday, April 17

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

No Bible Class until Tuesday, April 18
Lenten Penance Service at St. Joseph, Pinole

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena - 8:00am
School Mass 8:30am (K-2)
GIFT: Growing in Faith Together (Divine Mercy) 7 - 8:30pm
San Lorenzo Ruiz Group - 7:30pm

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

No Faith Formation Classes until May 4
Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Christ the Light - 6:30pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

First Friday
Holy Hour and Benediction - 8:00am
St. Rose Fish Fry, Crockett
Stations of the Cross - 7:30pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

Legion of Mary Rosary - 8:00am

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Blessing of the Palms at all Mass and distribution of Palms
No Confirmation Classes
Start of Holy Week

MASS INTENTIONS

APRIL 2 - 9, 2017

Sun	04/02	7:30a	For the People of St. Patrick Parish	
		9:30a	Velma Dowling †	Jennifer & Charles Posedel
		11:30a	Lorenzo Palafox, S. J. †	Ting Family
Mon	04/03	7:30a	John Foley †	Paula & Dave Foley
Tues	04/04	7:30a	Vivian Diegleman (Happy Birthday)	Joe & Tito Cenizal
Wed	04/05	7:30a	Vincent Poca Lim	Lim Family
Thurs	04/06	7:30a	Sharon Sevidal Mercado †	Imelda Bernas & Family
Fri	04/07	7:30a	Jamison Chrivia †	Joyce & Bill Fernando
Sat	04/08	7:30a	Theresa Salse †	Esther Torres
		5:00p	Mario S. Almeda	Rosa Urena
Sun	04/09	7:30a	For the People of St. Patrick Parish	
		9:30a	Francisco V. Guinto †	Milagros S. Guinto
		11:30a	Artemio B. Reyes †	Vilma Reyes & Family

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

MARCH 26, 2017

REGULAR PARISH COLLECTION

Plate (273 Envelopes)	\$ 7,213.00
Loose	\$ 2,819.00
Total	\$ 10,032.00

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Total \$ 3,662

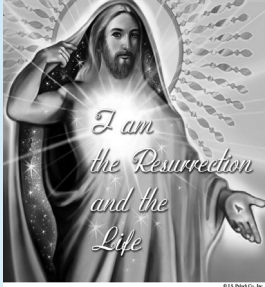
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

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

Dear People of St. Patrick Parish:



We are a week away from Holy Week, a time to reflect upon the Passion, Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As a Catholic or anyone who professes to be a Christian, we must understand and believe in the words of Jesus as we hear in today's Gospel of John, *"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."* Do you believe this? Jesus asked

Martha, the sister of the dead Lazarus, if she believed this. Martha answered yes and saw Jesus raise Lazarus from the grave.

If Jesus were to ask any of us here today, if we believe in the Resurrection of the body, what would our answer be? Yes, Lazarus came back to life, but he would eventually die again. His soul, we would hope, went to be with Jesus in heaven and his body is buried someplace awaiting the Last Days and the re-uniting of his body and soul to be together in heaven.

On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate Jesus' rising from the tomb and fulfilling the promises He made about his death and resurrection. We have a wonderful opportunity to renew our faith in this great event.

We also take time to reflect upon our lives and how we are living out our baptismal promises. Do we want to go to heaven? Do we try to overcome our sins? Do we seek God's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

Jesus wept at the news of his friend Lazarus' death. He loved Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary. The human side of Jesus was real and He experienced pain like we do at the death of someone we love.

Jesus also weeps when we sin and do not seek his love, mercy and forgiveness. Let us not make Jesus weep.

God Bless,

Fr. Larry Young
Pastor of St. Patrick Church

GIFT - GROWING IN FAITH TOGETHER WEDNESDAYS IN MARCH & APRIL 7:00 - 8:30PM IN THE PARISH HALL

(Next session is April 5)

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/divinemeracy/>

For detailed information, please call Beverly Fung at **510-799-4434** or email, bfung@stpatrickrodeo.org

NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHT WEEK APRIL 2 - 8, 2017

National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) was established in 1981 to inspire the community, raise awareness of victims' rights, and address unmet needs. Sadly, the needs of many crime victims and survivors, including some who worship in our faith community, remain unaddressed and many feel abandoned by our church. Americans are victims of more than 20 million crimes each year, and the resulting trauma has long-lasting impact on individuals, their families and communities. Unaddressed trauma resulting from the criminal actions of others may lead to depression, hopelessness, and despair. This year's theme, "*Strength, Resilience, Justice,*" April 2 - 7, 2017, provides us with an opportunity to reach out to crime victims and survivors with a willingness to minister to their needs. For more information, contact your local Diocesan Justice Coordinator, Cristina Hernandez, **510-267-8379** or visit the California Catholic Conference website at

www.cacatholic.org or www.restorejustice.com

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Untie him and let him go." Husbands and wives, untie each other from the fetters of misunderstanding by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend at San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville on July 14-16 or September 29-October 1. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Ray & Roberta @ **916-806-4601** or Joe & Sue @ **925-680-7767** now or go to oaklandwwme.org

NEW DATE - MARK YOUR CALENDARS FLORES DE MAYO CELEBRATION MAY 27, 2017

Please join the San Lorenzo Ruiz Group (SLRG) in celebrating the 17th annual Flores de Mayo festivity in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary on May 27.

SLRG needs participants, minimum age is 5 years old and above. If interested to be a crowner, crown bearer, queens, sagalas or escort, applications will be disseminated soon. For additional information, please contact Jenny Baccay, **510-799-4136**, Lorelie Ocampo, **510-932-3929** or Lisa Herico, **510-685-3118** or email at floresdemayo@stpatrickrodeo.org

ALTAR SOCIETY GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop is open today after all the Masses and has many items available. Looking for a perfect First Holy Communion or Confirmation gift? Please stop by to see many special items along with a selection of bibles and bible covers, indexes, jewelry, statues, books and other miscellaneous items. Also, if you are looking for specific items, please let the Gift Shop know as most items can be ordered.

All proceeds go towards purchasing needed items for the church. The Gift Shop only accepts cash and checks as forms of payment, we are not able to accept debit or credit cards.

Due to Easter, which is the 3rd Sunday of the month, the Gift Shop will be closed and will resume its regular schedule on Saturday, May 6 at the 1st Communion Retreat from 9:00am - 12:00pm and again after the 5:00 Vigil Mass. The regular Gift Shop schedule is on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, after all Masses.

ST. ROSE FISH FRY ST. ROSE CHURCH HALL, CROCKETT APRIL 7, 1 1:30AM - 7:30PM

Adult \$18.00; Child (under 12) \$7.00

For tickets, call the Rectory Office at **510-787-2052**.

Tickets also available at the door.

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 and click on 'e-giving'.

LIFE AT ST. PATRICK PARISH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Have you prayed the Stations of the Cross and walked the last journey of Jesus on that Good Friday when he was killed? On Friday, April 7, we invite you to come as a family and pray with your parish community. The Stations of the Cross begins at 7:30pm and lasts about 45-minutes.

RICE BOWLS - Beginning next Sunday, you may start returning your Lenten Rice Bowls to the church. There will be deposit boxes inside the church lobby. Thank you for sharing with those who need help in life.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES - St. Patrick Parish will have its Communal Penance Service on Monday, April 10 at 7:30pm. St. Joseph, Pinole will have its service on Tuesday, April 4 and St. Callistus, El Sobrante will have theirs on Tuesday, April 11 at 7:30pm.

ST. PATRICK SCHOOL MUSICAL - Thank you St. Patrick School for a wonderful performance of the *Lion King*. We are proud of all your hard work and many musical talents as a Catholic school.

2017 DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT - This week we paid the first of four payments of \$18,162.50 for the annual assessment to support the Diocese of Oakland. Our total assessment is \$72,650.00. Thank you for your weekly contributions to the Sacrificial Giving Program to help us pay this assessment.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES - Please continue to pray for our Confirmation students in Phase II as they prepare for Confirmation on April 27. Bishop Michael Barber, S.J. will confirm them.

EASTER MAILING - Look for your Parish Holy Week schedule and Easter letter towards the end of week, it was mailed to your home if you are a registered in the parish.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION (PRE K - 5TH GRADE)

EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY (6TH - 8TH GRADE)

YOUTH MINISTRY/LIFE TEEN (9TH - 12TH GRADE)

There are no Faith Formation Classes, Edge Middle School Ministry or Life Teen for the month of April. Classes will resume on Thursday, May 6.

CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

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

April 2 Session #12

April 23 Session #13

STEUBENVILLE NORCAL

JULY 28 - 30

AT CAL STATE EAST BAY

All high school student are invited to attend this "Teen Retreat Experience." There will be over 3,000 teens, live music, engaging national speakers and over 100 priests/nuns. For more information, contact the St. Patrick Youth Ministry via email, ffe@stpatrickrodeo.org or at 510-799-4434.

EASTER MEMORIAL ALTAR FLOWERS

Envelopes are now available in the entry of the church for Easter flowers to decorate the church. The donation amount is \$10 per memorial/honoring name. Deadline to submit memorial/name and donation is Thursday, April 6.

DAY AT THE RACES

SATURDAY, MAY 13 (CORRECTED DATE)

On your mark, get set, go to Day Day at the Races sponsored by the St. Patrick Hospitality Committee. For tickets to this annual "sell-out" event, call 510-799-3498 or email, sfsalinero@sbcglobal.net

TREE OF LIFE

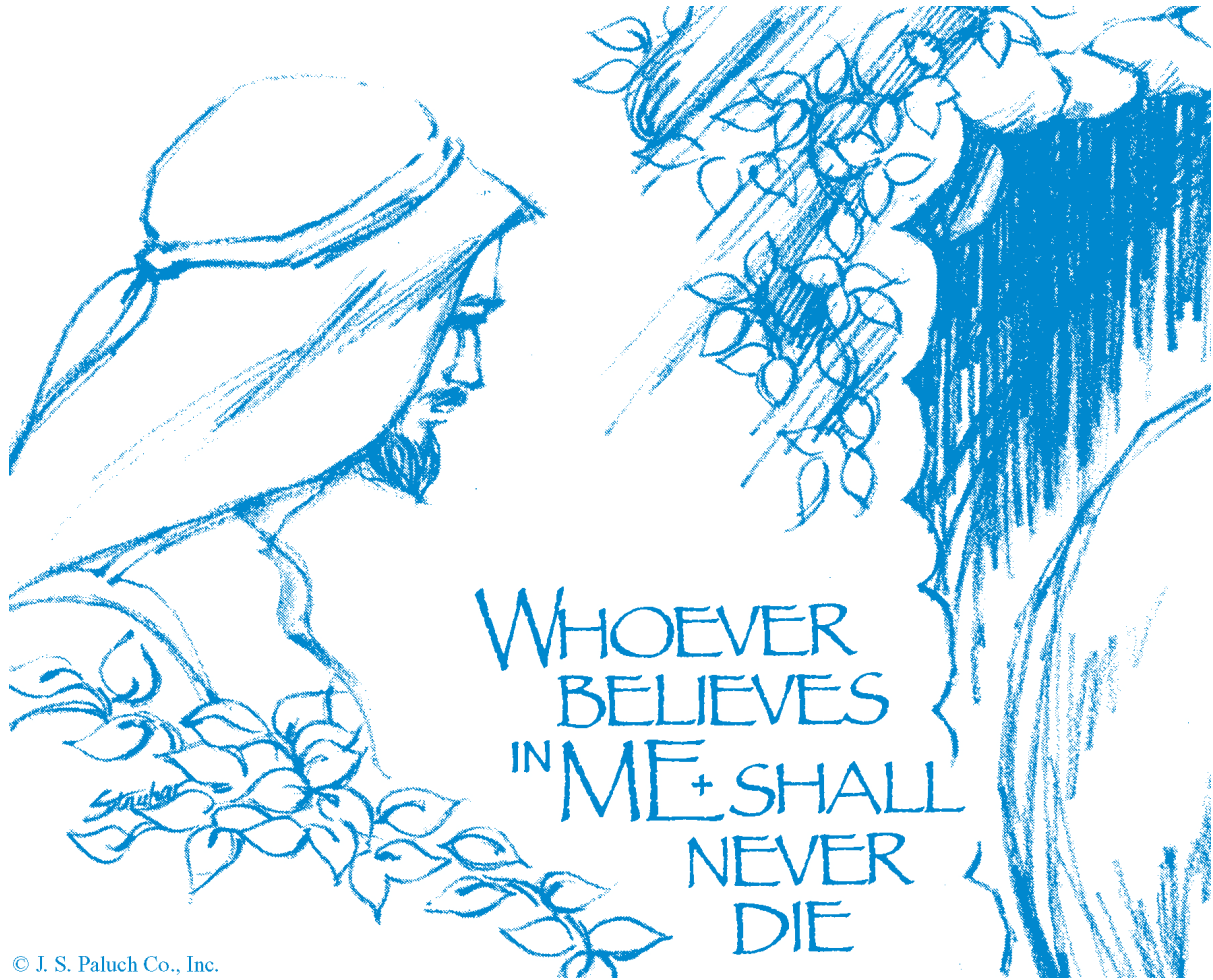
Honor the memory of a loved one or commemorate life's special events with a custom engraved brass leaf on our beautiful *Tree of Life*.

Your dedication will be displayed permanently in the St. Patrick Chapel. Donation: \$625 per leaf (installment plans available.)

For additional information, please call Celsa Taraya at 916-496-0132 or e-mail celsataraya@yahoo.com

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JESUS' MINISTRY SUMMARIZED

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead—a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that—through Christ—God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and—with Christ—in our life everlasting.

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