

# Saint Patrick Parish

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December 10, 2017 • Second Sunday of Advent

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*Entrance Antiphon:*

***The Lord will  
come to save  
His people***



## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm  
Sunday - 9:00 am

### WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 am Monday, Tuesday  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday

### HOLY DAYS

As Announced

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sundays: 8:00-8:45 am Saturdays: 4:00-4:45pm  
Also by appointment

### FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 7 PM PENANCE SERVICE UPCOMING JANUARY 5

**New to the Parish? Welcome!** To register as a parishioner of St. Patrick Church, please contact the Parish Office.

**Are you Connected?** If you would like to sign up for our phone tree, which offers updates on Mass changes etc., please contact the Parish Office.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Church law directs that Catholics receive marriage preparation and be married in the Church. Please contact the office at least four months prior to the wedding. Advent and Lent are Penitential Seasons; weddings are discouraged during these seasons.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptism should take place A.S.A.P. following birth. Expectant parents should contact the office for baptismal preparation.

**Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick:** Anyone in danger of death from illness the elderly, anyone anticipating surgery or who are seriously ill should receive this sacrament. Please contact Father Zack.

### **Religious Education (CCD):**

Is available for Grades K - 8. 10:15 am on Sunday during the school year.

[www.stpatrickmcewen.org](http://www.stpatrickmcewen.org)

# MASSES & INTENTIONS

**Sunday: December 10**  
*Second Sunday of Advent*

**Readings** Is 40:1-5,9-11; Ps 85:9-14; Pt 3:8-14; Mt1:1-8

**Mass Intentions:** 9:00am St. Patrick Parish

**Monday: December 11**

**Readings:** Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9AB,10-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Mass Intentions:** 8:00am LiVerme Bauser+

**Tuesday: December 12**

*Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*

**Readings** Zec 2:14-17; Rv 11:19A;12:1-6A,10AB,  
 Lk 1:26-38

**Mass Intentions:** 8:00am Chasity Kindred

**Wednesday: December 13**

*Memorial of Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*

**Readings:** Is40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4,8&10; Mt 11:28-30

**NO MASS**

**Thursday: December 14**

**Memorial St. John of the Cross, Priest & Dr. of the Church**

**Readings** Is41:13-20; Ps 145:1,9-11,12-13AB,  
 Mt11:11-15

**Mass Intentions:** 8:00am Ginter Family

**Friday: December 15**

**Readings** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4,6; Mt 11:16-19

**Mass Intentions:** 8:00am Denham Family

**Saturday, December 16**

**Readings** Sir 48:1-4,9-11; Ps 80:2AC,3B,15-16,18-19;  
 Mt 17:9A,10-13

**Mass Intentions** 5:00pm Betsy Hickman+

**Sunday: December 17**

*Third Sunday of Advent*

**Readings** Is 61:1-2A,10-11; Lk1:46-50,53-54;  
 1Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8,1-28

**Mass Intentions:** 9:00am St. Patrick Parish

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Janet Hunter, the sister of Steve Hooper & Danny Hope-wood, the cousin of Barbara Hooper.

Please also pray for JoAnn Wilson.



## Fr. Zack's Corner

### BEING ACTIVE IN YOUR CHURCH HELPS PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION.

The church is a living, growing sign of Christ's presence in the world. In order to serve God, you and other members of the church translate your faith into actions.

These actions may include:

- ◆ Evangelizing
- ◆ Eucharistic Minister
- ◆ Sacristan
- ◆ Lector
- ◆ RCIA
- ◆ Youth Ministry
- ◆ Mission Projects
- ◆ Leadership
- ◆ Community Service
- ◆ Work Projects

*Remember, "just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."*

*(Matthew 25:40)*

	12/09	12/10	12/16	12/17
<b>LECTOR</b>	Lou Lomber	Laura Ross	Lou Lomber	Wayne Hooper
	Lynn Frost	Steve Bartlett	Lynn Frost	Maleah Epley
<b>EMOHC</b>	Tom Powers	Vicki James	Tom Powers	Barbara Hooper
		Barbara Hooper		Wade Garmon
	Cathy Abou-Sakher	Mary Chaney	Cathy Abou-Sakher	Jennifer Koski

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

*December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception*

### Monday, December 11:

- ◆ 11:00 am Book Club
- ◆ SVdP Meeting
- ◆ 6:30 pm First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

### Tuesday, December 12:

- ◆ 12 Noon SVdP Food Give Away
- ◆ 7:00 pm Book Club

### Wednesday, December 13:

- ◆ 6:00 pm SVdP (Fill Totes)
- ◆ 7:00 pm Becoming Catholic Session

### Thursday, December 14:

- ◆ 6:30 pm School Christmas Program

### Friday, December 15:

- ◆ 7:00 pm Penance Service

### Saturday, December 16:

- ◆ SVdP Christmas Breakfast/Gifts (Second Collection at Mass)

### Sunday, December 17:

- ◆ Second collection for SVdP
- ◆ 6:30 pm Vespers & CYO Christmas Party

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**BECOMING CATHOLIC**

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift God has given to us: his Son, Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you at Christmas. For information about our inquiry sessions about the faith, contact Alyssa Ginter at (931) 209-6859.

**YOUTH GROUP**

December 17 - Our pre-Christmas Party begins with Vespers at 6:30pm. All 7th-12th graders are invited to attend - bring a friend! Bring a gift (under \$10) if you'd like to participate in the gift exchange game. There will be games, food, Christmas shows and more. Snacks, drinks or Christmas cookies are welcome! Anyone wishing to help decorate should come to the teen hall at 6pm.

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

This year, Christmas falls on a Monday. Going to Sunday Mass on Christmas Eve will not fulfill both the Holy Day obligation and the regular Sunday obligation.

The Mass schedule for the weekend is as follows:  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent:** Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am  
**Christmas Eve:** Sunday 5pm  
**Christmas Day:** Monday 9am

**DECEMBER 3, 2017  
 GIFT BEARERS & VOCATION CUP**

**Tommy Hooper Family**



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**VINCENTIAN MEDITATION**

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to: "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family, and to reach out to those in need.



**Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the SVdP so that together we can help the suffering and poor celebrate Christmas.**

**FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is asking for volunteers to help pass out food. Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month we have a perishable food route at St. Patrick's. Please arrive at noon & join your fellow parishioners to help with this ministry. Next Food Drive: December 12 & 26

**ITEMS FOR THE SVDP PANTRY**

Household items needed for the pantry: soap, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, shampoo, etc.

**SVDP CHRISTMAS**

St. Vincent de Paul is having our annual Children's Christmas Pancake breakfast on December 16. It will be similar to last year. Gifts from the giving tree will be distributed. Please remember to get your gift delivered to the church office or SVdP office as soon as possible. We are requesting volunteers for this event.

We are also requesting help to stuff the totes to be given away to each family during the party. The time is 6:00 pm in the church office building on Wednesday, December 13. Please mark your calendars. We appreciate all the assistance you provide us in this ministry.

**OFFERTORY REPORT - DECEMBER 3, 2017**

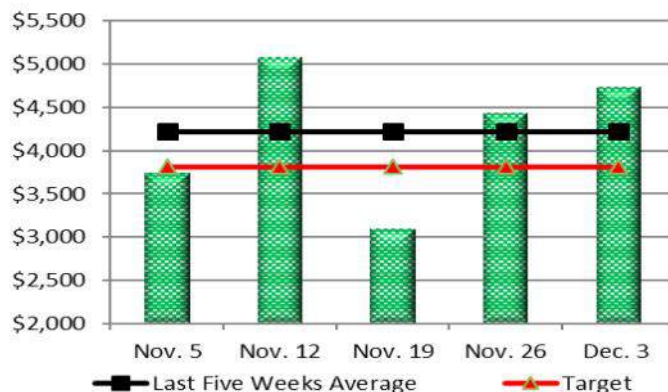
**Collection Summary**

Envelopes & Loose Checks	\$4,400.00
Regular Collection Loose	\$ 109.00
<b>TOTAL—Regular Giving</b>	<b>\$4,509.00</b>

**SVdP Collection \$2,100.00**

**Anthony Stewart Collection \$1,004.25**

**The last five weeks' average Regular Giving is \$4,220.00 or 111% of our target of \$3,812 per week.**



## CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is welcome to visit with Fr. Zack in the Rectory on Saturday, December 9, after the 5:00pm Vigil Mass. Please bring a finger food to share. Meet parishioners from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, eat some snacks, enjoy the decorated Christmas atmosphere and get to know Father outside the Church.

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## FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The next First Friday Eucharistic Adoration is January 5<sup>th</sup> with a Penance Service at 7:00 pm. Please contact Jamie Epley if you are interested in spending an hour with our Lord or if you are unable to keep your hour this month. All are welcome to visit our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during this time.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

Please call the church office if you would like to purchase Altar flowers for the upcoming first Friday Eucharistic Adoration, for a special occasion, or in honor/memory of a loved one.

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## DECEMBER 10 –

### ADVENT VESPERS CONTINUE

Join Father Zack at 6:30 pm in the Church for Vespers, Adoration and Benediction. Vespers, also called Evening Prayer, is part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office. In the Liturgy of the Hours, the Church fulfills Jesus' command to "pray always" (Luke 18:1; see also 1 Thessalonians 5:17). Through this prayer, the people of God sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world.

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*During Advent, the opening hymn is replaced by the Entrance Antiphon. It is sung by the cantor and congregation in the same way as the Responsorial Psalm that is sung after the First Reading.*

*The Entrance Antiphon Response this week is:*

**"The Lord will come to save His people"**

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## SAVE THE DATE!

On Tuesday, January 9, Catholic Charities and the Office of Adult Formation will join Pope Francis' call to Share the Journey to support our brothers and sisters who have fled their homes to seek a safe life for their families. Join us for Mass, dinner, and a discussion as we come together as a community to pray, learn, celebrate, and help our neighbors in need.

Mass, Dinner, and Panel Discussion

Tuesday, January 9

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Catholic Pastoral Center

Register now!

[bitly.com/SharetheJourneyNashville](http://bitly.com/SharetheJourneyNashville)

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## CALLING ALL YOUTH! We need you!

Help show the parish who you are by serving at Mass, particularly the last Sunday of each month. Ministry roles to be filled for this liturgy include Lector, Cantor, Musicians, Gift Bearers, Ushers, Altar Servers, and Choir. The next opportunity is December 31 Please call or text Alyssa Ginter [\(931\) 209-6859](tel:9312096859) to join in.

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## CHRISTMAS ANTICIPATION PRAYER

*Hail and blessed be the hour and moment In which the Son of God was born Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires,*

*[here mention your request]*

*through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.*

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## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Saturday, December 9th The Harbison Family

Sunday, December 10th The Minnis Family

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## ST. PATRICK SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

All are invited to our Annual Christmas Pageant on Thursday, December 14 from 6:30-8:00 in the Activity Center. The entire school will be participating as we tell the story of Redemption in narration and song, ending with the Nativity Scene. Hope to see you there!

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## CALENDAR CORRECTIONS

"Becoming Catholic" will not meet for their regular sessions on December 20th & 27th. There will be CCD on the 10th & 17th.

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