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## **WEEKLY AND WEKEND MASSES :**

**Monday—Saturday: Morning Prayer 7:30 AM.**

**Monday—Saturday: Mass 8:00 AM (English)**

**Saturday: 5:30 PM (English)**

**Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM &**

**11:30 AM (English)**

**1:30 PM (Spanish)**

**Holy Days:** The schedule will be announced

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION :**

**Saturday, 4:30 PM**

## **SACRAMENTS:** Contact the Parish Office

**Tuesdays, 5:00 - 6:00 PM:** Prayer Hour for Peace.

**First Fridays, 8:30-10:00 AM:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour for Vocations, Benediction.

**Fridays, 7:00-8:00 PM (Spanish):** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Benediction.

**First Saturdays, 8:30-9:15 AM:** Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima (Rosary and meditation on the mysteries).

**Sundays, 12:30 PM:** Flame of Love Rosary



### **Facing Rejections with Prophetic courage**

John Quincy Adams, the sixth president of the United States and the son of a former President, reportedly said that he would rather clean filth from the street than become the President. The Old Testament tells us that most of the prophets shared John Quincy Adams' hesitation about their calling, probably for fear of rejection or failure. When Martin Luther King, Jr., came preaching to the people in his own country, he did not say anything new. His message was 200 years old, as given in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold it to be self-evident, that all people are created equal." Dr. Martin Luther King looked out and saw people who were not treated as equals. He perceived others for whom this truth was not self-evident. So, he went from city to city and said, "Today is the day when we will take seriously our own Declaration of Independence."

My dear brothers and sisters, gunshots rang out and cut him down. Why? What radical act did he commit which took his life? In the tradition of the Bible's prophets, he reminded people of what they already knew and said, "Today is the day."

Bishop Fulton Sheen, the great Preacher, was told by his college debate coach, "You are absolutely the worst speaker I ever heard." Ruth Graham felt an uncontrollable urge to run out of the meeting the first time she heard Billy Graham preach. She was not convinced of his preaching ability. She was put off by his preaching style. Billy had to improve his preaching before Ruth would become his wife. Brilliant British Theologian G.K. Chesterton could not read until he was eight years old. A teacher said if his head were opened, they would probably find a lump of fat where there was supposed to be a brain. That teacher was wrong. Earnest Hemingway, the great novelist, was told by his teachers, "Forget about writing; you don't have enough talent for it." Beatrix Potter's *The Tale of Peter Rabbit* was rejected by seven publishers. Richard Bach got twenty rejection slips before *Jonathan Livingston Seagull* was published. Richard Hooker's humorous war novel, *MASH* was rejected by 21 publishers before it became a bestseller, a movie, and long-running television series.

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Dr. Seuss, one of the most popular children's authors of all time, got more than two dozen rejection slips before *The Cat in the Hat* made it to print.

My dear brothers and sisters, today's Gospel tells us how Jesus encountered rejection with prophetic courage. If people rejected Jesus in his lifetime, we should not be surprised if people reject us who believe in and follow Jesus in our lifetime. Today's readings also challenge us to face rejection with prophetic courage and optimism. Very often our friends, families, or childhood companions fail to listen to us and refuse to accept the words of grace, love, and encouragement that we offer to them because they are so familiar with us that they are unable to see us as God's appointed instruments, the agents of God's healing and saving grace.

But we have to face such rejection with prophetic courage because by our Baptism we are called to be prophets like Jesus, sharing Jesus' prophetic mission. As prophets, our task is to "speak the truth in love," and to oppose the evils in our society without condoning or encouraging sinful behavior even in our dear ones. Let us also acknowledge, appreciate, and encourage the prophets of our time who stand for Truth and Justice in our society with the wisdom of God in their heads, the power and love of the Holy Spirit in their words, and the courage of God in their actions.

As being One Nation under God, we can handle rejection with respect for ourselves and respect for others. Our first reaction to rejection is often anger at ourselves for assuming we deserve what we got and bitterness toward others who perpetuate the rejection. In the face of rejection, we would be wise to follow the advice of St. Paul who said, "Be angry and sin not. Let not the sun go down on your anger." Every rejection can be a lesson if we stay open to new possibilities and new opportunities. We all need to hear the voice of God and not all the other voices around us.

There is an old Native American teaching that says:

"Conscience is a little three-cornered thing in my heart.

It spins when I do wrong.

However, if I don't listen to it, the edges become dulled. And, soon, I don't feel it anymore!"

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My dear brother and sisters that "three-cornered thing" is a triangle an ancient symbol for God. Let us pray, today, that we always hear and heed that Voice of God, however and whenever it comes in the times of rejections. Let us face our rejections with the prophetic courage so that ourselves, our families, our society, and our country become the place of Faith, Hope, and Love.

God Bless you and your families, and God Bless America!

Happy Independence Day.

Fr. Sarfraz

### "Cathedral on 30<sup>th</sup> Street" By Dan Keays

Father Gregory Ashe was the founding pastor of St. Patrick's parish, beginning in 1921 and serving until 1925 when he was replaced by Father Thomas Healy, the parish's second pastor and first Augustinian. Father Ashe eventually returned to Buffalo, New York to serve in parish work. He died there in 1934. Father Healy served as pastor of St. Patrick's for a year and a half, after which he returned to Pennsylvania. He died a short time later in January 1927 at the age of 54. Both Fathers Ashe and Healy were born in Ireland.

Succeeding Father Healy as pastor of St. Patrick's was Father John Daley. Born in Massachusetts, Father Daley served in two parishes on the east coast before being given the assignment at St. Patrick's.

Upon arriving at St. Patrick's it was obvious to Father Daley, and everyone else, that the original structure being used as a church was inadequate. Situated on Ray Street the building was more of a hall than a church. It could hold just over a hundred people. Put up hastily when the parish was formed a few years before, by the mid-20s it was obvious that a new church was needed.

The 1920s were good to San Diego and the community of North Park. Businesses were thriving, new arrivals spurred development, and optimism was high. Under Father Daley's guidance, the parish decided to commit to the construction of a magnificent structure, Romanesque in style, using the best architecture and artistry available. Frank Hope was contracted as the architect and the M.H. Golden company did the construction. The contract was signed October 15<sup>th</sup>, 1928, and work began almost immediately.

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Amazingly, the church, the present structure, was finished by Easter Sunday, 1929, in just about six months, but it wasn't dedicated until September 1929.

The cost of the structure was \$37,000, and with all the interior additions the cost of the project was around \$60,000. Father Daley and the parishioners of St. Patrick's were justifiably proud of their accomplishment. The next step would be the construction of a school, and it probably would have gone forward but for one obstacle: the stock market crash of 1929 and the Great Depression.

Somehow the parish and the costs incurred with the construction of the church survived the depression. The school start-up would have to wait, but the bills were paid and the church on 30<sup>th</sup> street flourished. The people of North Park were very proud of their beautiful church, undoubtedly the finest in San Diego at the time, and many sacrifices were made to keep the new parish going.

In 1936 San Diego became a diocese separate from Los Angeles. Charles Francis Buddy was named bishop. Every diocese needs a cathedral and a center to conduct business. Bishop Buddy much admired St. Patrick's church and the growing affluent neighborhood. He made a strong overture to take over the parish and church, despite the contrary opinion of the Augustinians and the parishioners. After much discussion (to put it politely) the decision was made to name St. Joseph's church downtown as the cathedral. St. Patrick's remained as it was.

Father Daley was the longest serving pastor in St. Patrick's history, 15 years. After leaving St. Patrick's he served several parishes in Massachusetts before retiring in 1968 to Merrimack College where he lived until his death at age 90.



### July 5 — 11

Mon. 8:00 AM	Ray & Amy (Baksh) Page † Will Gonzalez <b>HB</b>
Tues. 8:00 AM	Shigley & Killoran Families <b>L &amp; †</b> Dominic & Suzzane Guzzardo
Wed. 8:00 AM	Nicholas Bils † Jose & Gertrudes Bernabe †
Thurs. 8:00 AM	Ann & Curtis Emerson King † Salve Abelia †
Fri. 8:00 AM	Art & Dee Specht † Nanding & Peping Marcial †
Sat. 8:00 AM	Wanda A. Wolski † Sebastian Zamora †

† Rest In Peace **HB** Happy Birthday **HA** Happy Anniversar

**Saint Patrick's**  
**CENTENNIAL COUNTDOWN: # 16**

The following is an excerpt from the April 1975 issue of **"The Good News"**, a parishioner-produced publication of St. Patrick.

Recognizing Margaret (O'Sullivan) Brady as the "Personality of the Month", the author shared this about one of our parish's pioneers. "Margaret has many fond memories of the early days of St. Patrick's and of the efforts of the parishioners to build a spirit of community in the new parish. The limited facilities did not include a parish hall. Cake sales were held in Mrs. Cavanaugh's store at 30<sup>th</sup> and Upas. Card parties were planned for the rectory. The rosary was recited daily by Father Healy with a handful of people. She recalls as though it was yesterday the arrival of Father Daly in 1926; the building of the present church in 1928 and the struggle to pay the debt during the years of the depression through dinners, bazaars and other affairs put on by herself and her fellow workers in the Altar Society".

Our Centennial Celebration seeks to embrace our past, enrich our present and endow our future. What better way to achieve this than for our generation to follow in the footsteps of people, like Margaret, who shared their time, talents and treasure so that the spirit of St. Patrick can remain alive and well for another 100 years.

**Readings for the Week:**  
**July 5- 11**

**Sundays: Year B — Weekdays: Year III**

Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2,3-4,14-15 ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b,2-3,6-7ab,8b&15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57;42:5-7a,17-24a; Ps 33:2-3,10-11,18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21,23b-29;45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17,18-19,20-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7,28-30; Ps 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32;50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2,3-4,6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-10,11-12,13-14; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13

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## **Un pueblo rebelde**

La primera lectura de hoy describe con una palabra la actitud del pueblo que Dios se escogió: son un pueblo rebelde. Casi no podría ser mayor el contraste: Dios es persistente en amar y su pueblo es obstinado en huir del que le ama. ¿Por qué pasa así? La pregunta no es arqueológica sino existencial. Traducida al lenguaje de la virtud es: ¿Y por qué no somos santos?

Esta rebeldía en el fondo es rechazo a la Palabra de Dios y deseo de seguir las propias "palabras." Y como a Dios por lo visto no se le puede hacer daño visible, el rechazo y desprecio a Dios se vuelve contra aquellos que hablan de parte de Dios, es decir, se vuelve contra sus profetas. Por esta razón pertenece al destino inevitable del profeta experimentar el repudio de su propia gente. Este es el pensamiento que atraviesa las lecturas de hoy, en particular, la primera y el evangelio.

Un hecho que no debe quedar inadvertido es que el profeta se acredita ante Dios y ante el pueblo (rebelde) de Dios a través de esa relación conflictiva y a menudo dolorosa. El Señor le dice a Ezequiel: "sabrán que hubo un profeta." Es decir: la gente puede negar el contenido del mensaje pero de una o de otra forma tendrá que admitir que existió el mensajero, y que ese mensajero venía de Dios. En este sentido el profeta vence al final, pero el precio es morir a sí mismo y perder casi todo apoyo que no sea Dios.

### **Creían que lo conocían**

El evangelio, por su parte, subraya otro peligro: lo que san Pablo llama "juzgar según la carne" o "según criterios humanos."

Los paisanos de Jesús creían que lo conocían y por eso pensaban que podían deducirlo o explicarlo a partir de lo que habían visto de él, cuando en realidad no habían visto nada, porque los ojos de la gente suelen estar cerrados para el bien que no hace ruido ni se hace propaganda. Así que como no sabían nada de él juzgaban que nada se debía esperar de él: creían que lo conocían.

El Cielo, adonde Dios nos lleve por su piedad, será un lugar de tremendas sorpresas. Descubriremos de seguro cuán poco conocimos de las personas que siempre tuvimos cerca, tan cerca, que eran como las páginas de un libro cuyas letras eran borrosas de tan pegadas a nuestros ojos.

Jesús se extrañó de la falta de fe de sus paisanos. Esto deja un tono de cierta melancolía a la reflexión de hoy. Perder la fe es perder el puente y la puerta a todo lo demás que sigue, y todo lo demás que sigue es grande. Perder la fe es escoger el hambre y desechar el pan. Señor: ten misericordia de nosotros.

Fr Nelson Medina, OP

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