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Sunday, August 29, 2021 — Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WEEKLY AND WEEKEND 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: Visit Our Website for information

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



Purity of heart, not Purity of hands

What a wonderful thing it would be if we could wash our sins away in the shower, if we could become pure in God's eyes with the right kind of soap.

Unfortunately, even the 'deep-cleansing' concoctions which teenagers use to rid themselves of troublesome skin problems just won't reach down deep enough to get rid of sin.

In our Gospel account, Jesus begins with a critique of the religious customs that the Pharisees introduced into Mosaic Law. This body of rituals was designed to supplement God's written law and intensify its requirements of ritual purity. The controversy of this episode arises out of the unclean hands of the disciples. To the Pharisees, this looked like religious carelessness, a charge they wished to bring against Jesus.

Jesus sharply rebuked the Pharisees, labeling them hypocrites and reminding them that the true intention of the Law was purity of heart, not purity of hands. This moral purity was to be measured not by what passes through the mouth, but what comes from the heart. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions. Blindly, the Pharisees elevated the traditions of ritual purity to be equal to the laws of God which had been revealed to Moses. By clinging to these human traditions their worship of God was mere lip service devoid of living faith.

My dear brothers and sisters, throughout the Gospels the Pharisees are depicted as engaging in rigid ritual and hollow worship. This particular episode warns us of the dangers of hypocrisy. We must not become modern-day Pharisees, quick to criticize and condemn. We must not judge the relationship that other people have with God. Nor should we give a perfunctory lip-service to God, devoid of meaning. Rather, we must be a people of gentle hands and compassionate hearts, always knowing that our words will only be empty rhetoric if they are not lived out through our deeds, and through our deeds we move our hearts closer to God.

The Pharisees and Scribes of today's gospel were pre-occupied with ritual purity which centered on the external action of ritual washing. This involved a complicated washing of fingers, hands, and arms according to tedious regulations which sometimes became laughable in their solemn minor mindedness.

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Jesus found this attitude entirely objectionable and exclaimed: This people honors me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.

My dear brothers and sisters, significantly, Jesus called the people to him. The teachers of the Law had failed the people and so now he fulfils the prophecy - they will all be taught by God (John 6:45) and tells them: Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.

Through this teaching Jesus placed purity and righteousness back within the reach of the little man, of every human being, even pagans. A similar motive caused him to clear the Temple in Jerusalem of all the trading and money-changing that was happening there in the Court of the Gentiles, the Outer Court. Jesus wanted the Temple to be a place of prayer for every human being, but the traders had deprived the Gentiles of this quiet place of prayer as they had deprived the poor of the possibility of righteousness. Prayer, like cleanliness of the heart, is possible for everyone. Ritual cleanliness was possible only for the rich and the idle.

Moreover, my dear brothers and sisters, Jesus showed the Pharisees and the Scribes that their cleanliness was really no cleanliness at all. They had external cleanliness which did not reach their inner selves. Obviously, they did not like to hear this.

The apostle James, who we will have for the next 3 weeks asks; Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves (hearts)? If all sin comes from the heart, from our inner selves, then the battleground of the spiritual life must also be the human heart. If we are to have peace, love, forgiveness, purity, faithfulness and so on in the world, we need to have peace, love, forgiveness, purity, faithfulness and so on in our hearts.

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My dear brothers and sisters, any external actions we do, even actions that are good in themselves, if they do not have their origin in good hearts, make us hypocrites and corrupt our hearts even further. That was what was wrong with the Pharisees. They were like the smile of an air hostess I once saw a 'paid' smile, with no joy behind it. Jesus said: This people honors me only with lip service, while their hearts are far from me.

My dear brothers and sisters, to be considered good in the eyes of Jesus our good actions must come from good hearts; we must be converted in our hearts. How do we do this? You already know the answer to that question, but I'll remind you. Faithfulness to Sunday Mass, our great act of worship of God, must always come first. Then, a good life, regular confession, daily prayer, a little penance, study of the faith, perseverance. Conversion of heart usually takes time and effort but God's merciful help is always waiting for us. His grace can get down into those 'hard to reach' places within us, and give us a purity and beauty which only he can bestow. God Bless you all and your families.

Fr Sarfraz Alam OSA.

St. Patrick's Renovations and Repair By Day Keays

Buildings all require maintenance and repair, and occasionally major overhauls. Damage brought on by weather and normal wear and tear require attention, and advances in technology need to be implemented. For churches there is an inherent dilemma, as funds are limited, and there are so many worthy causes that must be addressed. Maintenance and repair are often deferred. By the 1980s it was apparent that St. Patrick's church and school facilities desperately needed to be taken care of, and often some difficult decisions needed to be made.

The rectory is a beautiful two-story house adjacent to the church. Since the 1920s it served as both residence for the parish priests as well as an office. The priests lived upstairs with the kitchen near the back of the ground floor. The front of the rectory served as offices for interviews with parishioners, secretarial work, and record keeping.

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After nearly 70 years of service the building was badly in need of attention. The roof leaked, wiring was dangerously outdated, the paint was chipping, the plumbing was often failing and not up to code, the flooring was deteriorating, and the mold was just about everywhere. It was so bad that the building had to be abandoned. In the early 2010s the rectory was completely renovated and restored to its former use.

Electrical wiring done during the 1920s clearly needed to be replaced by the end of the century. Electrical fires are not uncommon in old buildings as wires become worn and the system becomes overly taxed with new additions and requirements. A major electrical upgrade was accomplished with the assistance of SDG&E. The entire parking lot had to be dug up, and all wires pulled and replaced.

California is well known to be in an earthquake zone and safety standards for withstanding them were established in the 1960s and 1970s, well after the construction of the church. The church, school, and all other buildings needed to be brought up to standard, as well as repair of erosive damage incurred through the years. The entire roof of the church didn't have to be replaced, but the section over the sanctuary did. The rest of the church roof was reinforced and repaired. The school roof had to be replaced.

All buildings require painting from time to time, both inside and outside, and churches are no exception. Painting a church like St. Patrick's is a difficult job owing to its size and structural confirmation. Highly skilled professionals and quality materials are needed. The outside of the church was painted by a professional group, the inside by parish volunteers.

Basements are notorious for damage from the weather, mainly from water seepage. Dry rot, mold, concrete damage, and sometimes floor erosion can occur. St. Patrick's church has a basement underneath the sacristy and sanctuary that is used mainly for storage, and by the 1990s it was apparent that several issues needed to be addressed, with a thorough clean-out and installation of a French drain. The job was recently completed.

All these needs, and others, required considerable sums of money, of course, and several fund-raising programs helped pay for some of it. Adopt-a-Project, special fund raisers and financial campaigns, bequeaths and endowments helped a great deal, but considerable debt remains to be paid.

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The Covid-19 pandemic put a stranglehold on church fund raising, and solutions are being very carefully examined by the parish finance committee. As any home or business owner well knows, rather simple yet annoying repairs continually pop up. Sometimes these can be readily handled by do-it-yourself volunteers, but other times skilled workers are needed. With a church building, school, large hall and its kitchen, rectory, offices, and other facilities there is no shortage of these rather simple, but necessary jobs. St. Patrick's has always been blessed by skilled, able-bodied parishioners who pitch in to help whenever and wherever they can. Their contributions have been invaluable. But unfortunately, as we all know, repairs can be very expensive. Materials, specialized workers, and major work can run up the bills very quickly, and it has been through the generosity and sacrifice of parishioners that some of the bills have been met. It is an ongoing battle, of course, but one worth fighting.

Religious Education Program Registration for Children & Youth

Today is the last day for Religious Education Registration Online. You will need to upload a picture of the student's Baptism and/or First Communion Certificates.

<https://stpatrickschurchsd.weconnect.com/>

Registracion para el Programa de Educacion Religiosa para niños y jovenes.

Hoy es el ultimo dia para registrarse en linea para los programas de Educacion Religiosa. Necesitara proporcionar una foto de los certificados de bautizo y/o Primera Comunion.

Readings for the Week: August 30 – September 5

Sundays: Year B — Weekdays: Year III

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18;
Ps 96:1&3,4-5,11-12,13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1,4,13-14;
Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10,11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab,3cd-4,5-6;
Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2,3,4,5;
Lk 5:33-39

Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4,6&8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7,8-9,9-10;
Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

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CENTENNIAL COUNTDOWN: # 8

Calling all artistic, creative, crafty, journalistic and/or history-minded parishioners. The Centennial Committee could use your help to compile the information, photos, stories and memorabilia of our parish's past century into informative, attractive and memorable displays for our inaugural "**Your Story...Our History Fair**", which is scheduled in just 8 weeks. To volunteer your time and talents, please contact **Roni Kleinh**en at [**ronidon2@gmail.com**](mailto:ronidon2@gmail.com).

CUENTA RETROACTIVE DEL CENTENARIO: # 8

Llamando a todos los feligreses artísticos, creativos, periodísticos y/o con mentalidad histórica. El Comité del Centenario podría usar su ayuda para recopilar la información, fotos, historias y recuerdos del siglo pasado de nuestra parroquia en exhibiciones informativas, atractivas y memorables para nuestra feria inaugural "Tu historia ... Nuestra historia", que está programada en solo 8 semanas. Para ofrecer su tiempo y talentos como voluntario, comuníquese con **Roni Kleinh**en, [**ronidon2@gmail.com**](mailto:ronidon2@gmail.com)

Mass Intentions for the Week:

August 30 — September 5

Mon. 8:00 AM	John & Marjorie McGrath † Jose Maria & Cirila Alvarez †
Tues. 8:00 AM	Fernando H. Cobian † Esperanza Campos & Apolinar Chavez †
Wed. 8:00 AM	Emma Hengel † John & Lucille Lovett †
Thurs. 8:00 AM	John & Genny Schaniel † St. Mother Theresa of Calcuta †
Fri. 8:00 AM	Clementine Jefries † Rudy Sosa, Jr. †
Sat. 8:00 AM	Maria Romero † Fulham Family L&†

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

Religious Education Programs for Children & Youth Request Your Donations

The programs are in need of masks, sanitizing lotion and disinfecting wipes. Your donations will be very appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

Los Programas de Educacion Religiosa requieren donaciones de mascarillas, locion desinfectate y toallas para desinfectar. Gracias por su generosidad.

Designated Donations

August 29 – Building Fund: Help us to maintain and beautify the Parish buildings.

September 5 - Hogar Infantil: Help us care for orphan children in Tijuana.

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