# The call to serve

The administrative team at St. Patrick’s Parish follows the policies of the Diocese of Monterey:

## Core Mission and Accountability

We are all challenged to be good stewards. Stewardship is an expression of discipleship with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives. Disciples who practice stewardship recognize God as the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all we have, all we are, and all we will be. They are deeply aware of the truth that “The Lord’s are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it” (Psalm 24:1). They know themselves to be recipients and caretakers of God’s many gifts. They are grateful for what they have received and eager to cultivate their gifts out of love for God and one another. As a diocese, parishes and ministries are “recipients and caretakers of God’s many gifts.” Our respective constituencies entrust us with their treasure and we should be prepared to respond to their trust with accountability. Timely and accurate presentation of our financial position and activities to our constituencies is one important way we should respond. Another responsibility we have is to report timely and accurate financial information to the appropriate operating entity. The diocese prepares a periodic report to the Pope, and the parishes report to the bishop. Although each parish has the right, with proper authority, to conduct its own unique financial activities, it is the duty of the bishop to supervise the administration of the goods which belong to the parish. Each parish is therefore accountable to the bishop for how it collects, spends and manages finances.  

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## Parish Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9am to noon and 1:15pm to 5pm; Wednesday 1:15pm to 5pm.

We are closed on most Federal holidays and on major Holy Days.

Please call or come in to make an appointment to see a priest, register for Baptism & Marriage preparation classes, obtain a copy of a sacramental certificate, get in touch with one of our ministry leaders or learn more about our parish programs and activities.

### How you can help

**Volunteer** for special projects (bulk mailings, envelope stuffing, etc.)

**EScrip** is an easy and safe way to donate to your favorite charity without spending additional money. For more information and to sign up visit [http://escrip.com](http://escrip.com). St. Patrick’s Church ID is **137331028**

Any purchase made on a selection of merchants by entering their website through our front page at [www.stpatsag.org](http://www.stpatsag.org) will return a percentage of your purchase to St. Patrick’s. This could result in a substantial amount, especially during your Christmas purchases. Give it a try!

**Electronic Donations (EFT)** We all know how expensive it is to run a household or a business. At St. Patrick’s we are very careful to negotiate for the best prices in order to keep costs low. **Your donations are our ONLY source of income**, besides the interest on our bank account—and we all know how low those rates are! Expenses continue even when you are away. Please consider joining the Electronic Donations program to authorize your bank or credit card to send us a regular donation. Many parishioners are using it and find it convenient. If you are an envelope user, we assign your existing number to the donation. You can still drop your envelope in the collection basket after marking the “electronic donation” box. Thank you! Click [HERE](http://www.stpatsag.org) to enroll on your own, or [HERE](http://www.stpatsag.org) for a form to return to the office and we’ll do it for you.

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