

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

One of the first prayers many of us learn as small children is the Our Father. We pray it every time we participate at Mass. We pray it every time we say the rosary. But like so many things that are repetitious, we can recite this beautiful prayer taught us by Jesus himself by rote, not really thinking about the words we pray and the relationships they imply. The gospel this Sunday is a kind of commentary on one part of the Our Father: “and forgive us our debts, / as we forgive our debtors” (Matt 6:12), but it is a commentary with a twist. In the Our Father God’s forgiveness of us is contingent on our forgiving others. In the gospel parable, the servant has already been forgiven his debt to this master, which makes his hard and unforgiving heart toward “one of his fellow servants how owed him a much smaller amount” even that much more reprehensible. Life in the church demands that we forgive one another not only because it is the compassionate thing to do, but because this is how God acts and expects us to act. It belongs to the very “being” of God to forgive; if we are of God, then it is also of our very “being” to forgive. The key to understanding this is that we are in relationship both with God and with each other. By forgiving we choose not to let any offense that has happened between us control how we continue to relate to one another. By forgiving we repair the damage to the relationship and restore dignity both to the forgiver and to the forgiven. This is why counting how many times we forgive—even to the seven that Peter suggests at the beginning of the gospel—misses the point. Jesus’ response to Peter is a way of reminding us that God forgives us countless times, and this is the motivation for forgiving each other equally countless times. Our “heavenly Father” has shown us the way—forgive one another “from the heart.” Jesus tells a striking parable in this gospel about two instances of forgiveness of debts—one lavishly given, the other miserly withheld. We can learn how to bring freshness to our praying of the Our Father from this parable. The implication made in the parable is that God acts like the extravagant king. But not so. God’s forgiveness of us is always even beyond extravagance, even beyond measure. We measure; God does not. As infinite as God’s forgiveness is, to receive it is not without a substantial condition. We are to forgive one another as God forgives—from the heart, “seventy-seven times.” Only forgiveness that comes from the heart is immeasurable. Let us pray the Our Father with great fervor!

Living Liturgy—Year A



PASTOR AWAY

Fr. Arturo will be away from the Parish from Tuesday, September 20 through Tuesday, September 26, 2017.

COMMUNION SERVICE

We will have a communion service on Tuesday, September 19.

DAILY & SUNDAY MASSES

We welcome Fr. John Waldron who will be our celebrant for our daily Masses Wednesday—Friday, September 20-22 and Sunday morning Masses (8:30am & 11:00am), September 24th. We also welcome Fr. Lalo Barragan who will be our celebrant for the Saturday Vigil Mass, September 23. We welcome Ernesto Hernandez Chagala who will be the celebrant for the Spanish Mass on Sunday, September 24th and the Retreat Director for the Hispanic Prayer Group Retreat September 22-24th.

SAN MATEO MASS

There will be Mass for the feast of San Mateo (St. Matthew) on **Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 7:00p.m.** Fr. Ernesto Hernandez Chagala will be our celebrant. All are welcome.

BUILDING THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

The Knights of Columbus will be having a slow pitch with a big ARC softball game at **3:30p.m.** on **Sunday, September 24th.** The game is open to “all Ages” and will be held at the city park located on 13th and S.E. Pine Streets. There will be 2 teams—one coached by Deacon Jerry and the Knights will coach the opposing team. All players would need to bring their own mit. The game will last one hour or 4 innings whichever comes first. Refreshments will be provided. Bring your camping chair and enjoy a great game. For more information please contact John Fontana, 503-780-2262 or Johnanthony@canby.com.

MONTHLY MASSES AT HOPE VILLAGE AND RACKLEFF PLACE

All are welcome to our monthly Mass at Rackleff Place this Wednesday, September 20 at 10:30a.m. and Mass at Hope Village on Thursday, September 21 at 10:30a.m. Come and celebrate the Mass with our parishioners who live at Rackleff Place and Hope Village. They would love to see you!

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

The St. Patrick’s Medjugorje Pilgrimage group will be taking prayer requests to offer up to Our Lady during their spiritual journey. Requests can be submitted via email. Sealed envelope or verbal by contacting Donna Reeder at 503-266-2669 or email dreedre@canby.com. After requests are presented to Our Lady during the pilgrimage they will be burnt to remain confidential. Please have your requests to Donna by **Sunday, October 8th.** Pray the Rosary.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The PPC is sponsoring a Ministry Fair on Saturday, October 7th and Sunday, October 8th after each mass. Did you know there are more than 30 different ministries here at St. Patrick? Do you know how they contribute to St. Patrick Parish? A representative from each ministry will be available to answer any questions. This is a time to reflect on what you can do for St. Patrick Church by volunteering. Enjoy some refreshments and fellowship. We are excited to make this event happen for our spiritual growth.



YOUR SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Needed for Weekly Budget Goal	\$	8,719.81
Offertory ~ September 9/10	\$	8294.50
Over/(Under)	\$	(425.31)
Building Fund Collection		\$120.00
Unemployment		\$30.00
Cemetery		\$

THANK YOU

Thank you Jan Keith for answering the call to provide floral decoration for our church.

HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR

St. Patrick Holiday Craft Bazaar is looking for vendors. Our bazaar is handcrafted/handmade items only. The dates are November 10, 11, & 12. A table costs \$30 for the entire time period. Inquire at bazaar@canby.com or call Verlene Patton 503-266-2476 or 503-481-3619.

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MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Communion Service ~ Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Intention for the parishioners

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Intention for the parishioners

Friday, September 22, 2017

+Bryce Amiel

Saturday, September 23, 2017

Special Intention for the parishioners

Sunday, September 24, 2017

8:30a.m Special Intention for Web Marshall

11:00a.m. +Zachary Joseph Lowry by Bunch family

1:30p.m. Intention for the parishioners

ST. PATRICK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS—Council 3484



Monthly meetings held first
& third Tuesdays of the
month in the Multipurpose
Room of the Parish Center
at 7:00pm.

SHARING GOD'S LEGACY

You may want to take time to review your investments, especially if you are considering charitable gifts. American taxpayers have long enjoyed the opportunity to make donations of securities and other investments that have increased in value. A donation of such assets may allow you to bypass capital gains taxes that would be due on a sale. See your financial adviser for more information.

St. Patrick Religious Education Programs

THANK YOU

A new year of Elementary Religious Education has begun. We are very excited to have 75 children participating in our program this year and would like to thank all their families for making the commitment to bring them to class each week. We are blessed to have a wonderful team of adult and teen volunteers to teach the faith to our children. It is with much appreciation and gratitude that we would like to thank the following catechists and aides: **3-4 Year Old Class:** Sue Masterson, GERALYN Bennett, Brittney Bland (Sacramental Prep as well), Megan Walton, Ahna Petersen, and Gina Roland, **Kindergarten:** Gina Thomas, Christina Navarro Torrez, and Joe Thompson, **1st Grade:** Teresa Avery, Zoe and Ellie Thompson, **2nd Grade:** Andrea Ambris, Audrey and Gabriel Gonzalez, Emmanuel Robles, and Liz Mogil, **3rd & 4th Grade:** Mindy, Kaitlyn and Kaleb Ferriss, **5th Grade:** Adrienne Kersey and Jessica Parrack.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ARE UNDERWAY

Ready or not, the new year for our religious education program has begun. It's not too late to register for our classes, but registration will close soon so don't wait too long. Registration forms can be found in the auditorium of the parish center or the parish office. Class days and times are listed below. If you have any questions about our program, please be sure to contact Jody Patershall, Frances Parker or Heriberto Aguilar (contact information is listed in the bulletin).

Sunday, **September 10th** – English Elementary Classes
Begin – 9:45 – 10:45p.m.

Wednesday, **September 13th** – Middle & High School Classes
Begin – 7:00 – 8:30p.m.

Thursday, **September 14th** – Spanish Elementary Classes
Begin – 6:30 – 8:00p.m.

Just in case you are wondering – we are ready! We hope you are ready as well.

CONFIRMATION CLASS DAY RETREAT AT THE GROTTO

Our 2017 – 2018 confirmation class will kick off the new year with a retreat to **The Grotto on Saturday, September 23rd**. The cost to attend this retreat is \$20.00; lunch, dinner, snacks and transportation will be provided. Our confirmation youth will also receive our newly designed St. Patrick t-shirt. Please contact Frances Parker at fparker@canby.com or 503-263-1288 for more information about this event. **If you have not turned in your permission form, please do so as soon as possible.**

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE LADIES TEA SEPTEMBER 30TH

We still need more youth volunteers to help at the Annual Ladies Tea on Saturday, September 30th from 1:00 to 4:30 pm. Sign-up sheets will be available during Wednesday evening religious education class or you are welcome to contact Frances Parker at fparker@canby.com or 503-263-1288. This is an excellent way for youth to earn service hours needed for confirmation or high school graduation. It's also medically proven to make you feel good because you volunteered.

OTHER IMPORTANT ST. PATRICK NEWS

IN THE NEXT CATHOLIC SENTINEL

Check out the latest happenings at parochial schools in our Back-to-School special issue. Visit the newly unveiled church at St. Alexander Parish in Cornelius. Learn what schools in the archdiocese are doing to prevent and combat harassment of girls. Discover the effects of the Oregon wild fires on the Catholic community throughout western Oregon. To see more stories any time, go to catholicsentinel.org.

HAPPENING AROUND THE AREA

DAYCARE AVAILABLE

In home Day care available in Aurora. Open, October 2, 2017. Full or part time. Reasonable Rates—Monday through Friday. For more information, please contact Carol Smith, 503-502-1667. Address: Main St NE in Aurora across from the park. On bus line for North Marion Schools.

CANBY CARES

A free event for the whole family. Saturday, September 30 from 8:00a.m. to 1:00p.m. This fall, Canby churches and community organizations are partnering to host a FREE community event to provide medical and social services for those who need them. The day will include: **Dental Care (*Fillings, Extractions, Cleanings), Vision Exams (Including Glasses), Medical Checkups, Hair Cuts, Resource Fair, Kids' Clothing Distribution, Family Portraits, Kid's Zone and Breakfast/Lunch.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AWARDS FOR AUGUST

Family of the Month

Scott and Angela Baker are active parish members at St. Patrick with two growing boys. Scott has been supportive of our KofC council. Recently with Scott's good work in planning and coordination, the parish hall now has stronger WiFi throughout the building. His wife Angela, is past president of the womens club and is on several boards of charitable organizations. They also helped with the parish picnic too. Thank you to your family.

Lady of the Month

Kathy Currie has been involved in supporting many KofC events with her husband Jim. She recently helped with the parish picnic and has helped with our dinner/auction too. Thank you Kathy.

Knight of the Month

Brad Baker has been involved steadily with the KofC over 30 years. You will find him helping in many of our events and some along with his family. This includes working at the Crab Dinner/Auction, parish breakfasts parish picnic, etc. This year at the parish picnic, Brad and other Knights were challenged in cooking chicken that came frozen from the store and still managed to make it done for everyone. Thank you for all the years you have helped with our council and parish events.

MINISTRY FAIR

Coming **October 7 & 8** after each Mass in the Auditorium. St. Patrick has over 30 ministries currently active and we have the possibility of 7 new ministries that need your help. Please come. Learn what St. Patrick Church is doing and what it can do in the future with yours and God's help. Refreshments available and an opportunity to socialize in fellowship.

RCIA AND YOU—IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO COME AND SEE

RCIA is in it's third week. This week our topic will be "Who is Jesus?" What does our Church say about Jesus and why is it important to us? Already Catholic but would like to join the conversation? Not Catholic but would like to know more...Come and See what it means to be Catholic, what we teach, why we believe it, how and why we celebrate the life of God through Christ our Lord. Join us in Spanish on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00p.m. in the garage conference room of the parish office. Join us in English on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30p.m. in the conference room of the parish center.

WiFi IN PARISH CENTER

In late July, the Knights of Columbus finished the installation of WiFi equipment in the Parish Center Facility. Access Points have been installed in 5 different locations that will allow fast download speeds from all class rooms in the facility, including the Gym. The Knights of Columbus funded the project with volunteer help from the following Knights to mount and configure the equipment; Scott Baker, Jim Currie, Deacon Jerry and Duane Kloser. Scott also had help from his son and one of his friends. The Parish has increased the download speed that now makes it possible to stream downloads, if needed, for a retreat, religious education classes or any other Parish activity.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Sunday, September 17, 2017

9:45a.m. RE classes
9:45a.m. Adult Education class
11:00a.m. Choir practice [Spanish]

Monday, September 18, 2017

1:00p.m. Kiwanis Blood Drive
2:00p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00p.m. Choir practice –Spanish
6:30p.m. Hispanic Prayer
7:00p.m. Bible Study-Spanish
7:00p.m. Charismatic Prayer Group

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

6:30p.m. RCIA [Spanish]
7:00p.m. Bible Study
7:00p.m. Communion service
7:00p.m. Knights of Columbus
7:45p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

8:00a.m. Mass
10:30a.m. Rackleff Place Mass
5:00p.m. Choir practice [Spanish]
7:00p.m. Medjugorje meeting
7:00p.m. Junior High, Youth Group,
Confirmation prep
7:00p.m. RCIA class [English]

Thursday, September 21, 2017

8:00a.m. Mass
10:30a.m. Hope Village Mass
12:00p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
6:30p.m. Spanish Religious Education
7:00p.m. Finance Council
7:00p.m. San Mateo Mass
8:15p.m. Rosary in Spanish
9:00p.m. Benediction

Friday, September 22, 2017

7:00a.m. Marian Prayer Group
8:00a.m. Mass
7:00p.m. Hispanic Prayer Group
Retreat Mass

Saturday, September 23, 2017

8:00a.m. Hispanic Prayer Group
Retreat

Confirmation Retreat @ Grotto



I give you a new commandment,
says the Lord;
Love one another as I have loved you.