St. Patrick Catholic Church

January 22, 2023 The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mission

We, the parish of St. Patrick Church, beina community growing in faith and proclaiming our belief in the message and mission of our Lord Jesus Christ, invite all to open their hearts, hear His call, and become one with the Body of Christ.

Masses

Weekday Mon - Sat 8:30 AM

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM

7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM Sunday 1:00 PM (Español)

7:40 AM Daily Rosary

Divine Mercy Mon, Tues, Fri after Rosary

Devotion to Our Lady Wed. after Rosary Liturgy of the Hours Thurs, after Rosary

For anointing, hospital visits and communion visits, please call parish office.

1st Thursday Tuesday Friday 1st Sunday 3rd Sunday

Tuesday Friday Saturday

Adoration

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 2:00 - 7:00 PM 2:00 - 6:00 PM

Confession

7:30 AM-8:15 AM 5:00 PM-6:00 PM 3:00 PM-4:30 PM or by appointment

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PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Please enjoy this reflection from Father from last January

Dear Family,

Merry Christmas! ...Yes, I know it's not Christmas anymore. But in a way it is still Christmas, kind of, just a little bit. In a couple of weeks (I shudder to think we are half way through the first month of the new year) we will reach the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, in times passed it was called the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whether we call it one or the other, there are still the many regional names which reflect an important part of the way the feast is celebrated, most regional names include the word, "candle." In English, the common name is Candlemas, the conjunction of the words Candle and Mass.

This title comes from the fact that on this day, at the start of Mass, candles were blessed both for use in the liturgy and in the homes of the faithful. The feast of Candlemas is celebrated on the 40th day after Christmas and commemorates when the Infant Jesus entered His temple in the arms of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Every night on Holy Saturday in darkened churches around the world priests and deacons around the world chant out the Exsultet. This beautiful chant is not a proclamation of the Resurrection but rather the greatness of the night in which we keep vigil of Christ's Resurrection. In the text we praise the pillar of fire, the work of bees and His people's hands. Candles are a sign of Christ because in order to give off their light, they have to consume themselves, a sign of sacrifice. We see this subconsciously at church when the candles start tall and progressively get shorter until replaced. The light from the flame is an obvious connection to the words of St. John's Gospel, "I am the light of the world." (John 8:12)

It is these meanings of candles that converge at the feast of Candlemas, when Christ the Light of the world, enters His temple in bodily form. His glory hidden in His humanity. This feast also serves as a bridge between Christmas and Easter, Christ the Lamb of God, is carried in to fulfill the law that the first born must be redeemed via the sacrifice of a lamb or two birds. Our Lord, of course, has no need of redemption but in His goodness fulfills the law so that we might delivered.

Your Father in Christ, Father Estrella



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Matt 4:12-23

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Three verbs at the end of the gospel summarize Jesus's ministry: teaching, proclaiming, curing. This gives us a preview of his years of active work; this is what we can expect of Jesus's ministry. Names are also important in this gospel: these place names remind us that Jesus's ministry took place in the real world, in a place with a history and a people. New characters are also identified by name: Simon who is called Peter, his brother Andrew: James and John, the sons of Zebedee. These are real people in real places. They have family ties and daily tasks. And Jesus calls them by name. He comes to them right where they are, in all the realness and fullness of their lives, and he calls them to something greater.



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Masses on Monday January 23rd and Thursday January 26th are cancelled at both St Patrick and St. Canice. Join us for

Community Meal

Monday, January 23rd 5:00—6:00 PM St. Patrick Hall

All are all welcome to join us for a free, hot meal and companionship.



CULTURE OF LIFE



Today we remember the 50 years since America declared that all men were not created equal and were no longer endowed with the right to Life. Each red rose brought to the alter at St. Patrick's this weekend represents one million of the 62 million babies lost to abortion over those 50 years.

Tomorrow, Monday, January 23, 2023 is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal designates January 23 of 2023 as a particular day of **PRAYER** in all the Dioceses of the United States of America for the restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of **PENANCE** for the violation to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

"A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer." Pope St. John Paul II

We encourage parishioners to find time to pray and/or do penance on Monday, the 23rd. Please consider setting aside some time to say a Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet or prayer of your choice for the legal protection of babies in the womb and in reparation for the loss of the millions of babies who have died since 1973.



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS Wed. January 25th 6:00 PM Potluck Dinner

If you find yourself alone and don't care to go solo to dine, see movies, travel, etc. then you are welcome to join the "Circle of Friends". We would love to have you join us.

Call Ginny at 530-432-1175 or Dolores at 530-263-6537 or email escott_place@sbcglobal.net, or just come to our next meeting.



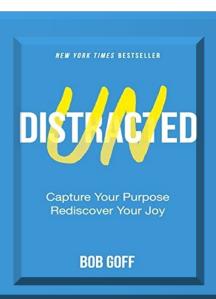
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

In honor of Catholic Schools Week (Jan. 29th - Feb. 3rd) the children will be reading and singing at all Masses on Jan. 28th and 29th.

WIDOWS' WISDOM CIRCLE

We invite all widows to join us to share the experience and wisdom we, as widows, have been given through our loss and new calling to greater strength and wisdom. We meet in the hall on the 4th Friday of the month. Our next meeting is Fri. Jan. 27 @ 9:15 AM.





Book Club Gathering Monday March 13th

All are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and St. Canice Book Club on Monday, March, 13th at 1:30 PM at a Church location to be determined.

We will be discussing *Undistracted*, by Bob Goff. The author will show us how to live a beautiful and purposeful life. In addition to stimulating conversation, coffee, tea and cookies will be served.

Isa 8:23-9:3 1 Cor 1:10-13,17

The beginning of Jesus's preaching is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy: Jesus himself is the great light for those who are dwelling in darkness. This must have been evident to Simon, Andrew, James, and John; Jesus's invitation is an odd interruption in their daily work, but they find themselves compelled to drop everything, leave their livelihoods and families behind, and follow him.

For the apostles called in today's gospel, following Jesus meant giving up the concrete realities of their lives and careers and communities. We are given the specific place names of these events to remind us that they are real. They affect real, specific, complex people with stories and families. For us too, specific places form part of our story. Some serve as homes and comforts; others are special places of brief encounter with God. Some places become places to settle; others are left behind. God is present in all of them, working in each of our specific contexts.



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STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

In today's readings we remember that stewardship is not just a thing we do, rather it is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ. It is a new way of life.

First, stewardship begins with a decision to follow the ways and teachings of Jesus Christ. We read the gospels, we pray, attend mass, receive the sacraments, and attend adoration - these practices help us follow and trust in Jesus' ways.

Next, we each pray for the experience of a personal encounter with our Lord and establish a daily relationship in silent prayer. Primarily, we listen to His will for our lives. We listen for His plans, not our own. We ponder our vocation.

Finally, our lives change for the greater good of His kingdom. This is not easy, it's difficult. But, rest assured, the fruits of peace and joy will flourish not only in each our lives, but our church, community, diocese, and the world.

~Catholic Stewardship Consultants



HERE TO HELP

Marriage, family, and individual therapy is now available to interested parishioners that are in need of these services. Coun-

seling sessions will be held at St. Patrick's and a good-will offering in the amount of your choosing should be made to St. Patrick. All information is strictly confidential and all proceeds will benefit St. Patrick's. For more information or to make an appointment contact Sue Schwarz, licensed marriage and family therapist, at 530-559-5462.



DEACON'S CORNER

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.



There is a story from the 1500's about a young woman who was expelled from heaven. As she left, she was told that if she would bring back the gift that is most valued by God, she would be welcomed back. She brought back many gifts: drops of blood from a dying patriot; some coins a destitute widow had given to the poor; dust from the shoes of a missionary. But she was turned back repeatedly. One day she saw a small boy playing by a fountain. A man rode up on horseback and dismounted to take a drink. The man saw the child and suddenly remembered his own boyhood innocence. Then, looking at the water and seeing the reflection of his hardened face, he realized what he had done with his life. And tears of repentance flowed from his eyes and trickle down his cheeks. The young woman took one of these tears back to heaven and was received with joy and love. I have often thought that tears of remorse occur when our hearts soften and open to the voice that is the Source of Love.

Before I moved here, I lived in a small wealthy blue-collar community, that bordered one of the rougher areas in Los Angeles which was the poorest community in the South Bay. Many of the boys I coached came from fatherless homes or homes where one of the parents struggled with addiction and violence was common place. "David" came out of that environment. He also had to deal with being the brother of a very talented, smooth talking older brother. Unable to compete with his brother or do well in school, he joined one of the local ganas. As he grew into a giant of a man, violence and trouble became a way of life for him. When he was about 22 years-old, he became a father and got married, but still lived as he always had. One night at a local park, he got into a fight over some drugs. As the 2 men wrestled on the ground, the other man pulled a gun on him. "David" wrestled the gun from the man and stuck that gun in the man's mouth and in his own words "was going to blow him away". As he sat in my baptismal class, "David" paused and looked at his wife and finished his story. He said: "As I was about to pull that trigger, a voice within me said 'If you do this, who will care for your wife? If you do this who will be the father to your son?' I got off the SOB and threw that gun in the lake and walked away. It's been hard, making a living without selling drugs, but I left that life and ain't been back since." In that moment he heard Jesus' call to follow Him. Jesus called "David" to be a husband and a father. "David" went on to get a GED, a job as a mechanic and he is a father of three. Along the way he got married in the church and last I heard, he has not "been back since" (to his old life). Probably not as dramatically as "David", but each of us are called by Christ in two ways to live our faith. First "Repent". We need to humbly and honestly look at our lives and see how our choices have hurt others; the pain it has created for them and for us, causing our hearts to harden. And we need to not only ask for forgiveness but seek to see life in a new way. And second, we need to follow Jesus, by weighing and seeing our actions through the lens of love. Everyday that we delay in putting Christ first because something else is more important, is one day more that we miss living in the fullness of His tender embrace of love. Remember the words of the psalmist: "One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek: To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord and contemplate his temple."

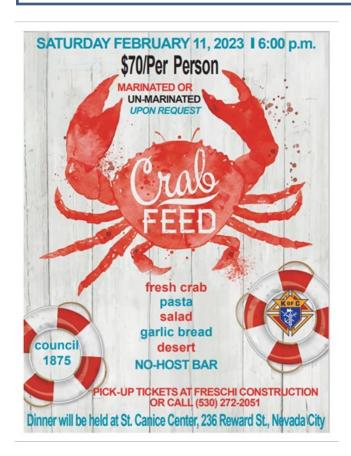
In a *Peanuts* cartoon, Linus is watching television. When Lucy storms in and demands that Linus change the channel to what she wants to watch. "What makes you think you can just walk right in here and take over?" Linus wants to know. Putting her fist right into his face Lucy answers back. "These five fingers! Individually they are nothing. But when I curl them together into a single unit, they form a weapon that is terrible to behold!" Linus shrinks, "Ah, ah, what channel do you want to watch?" As Lucy sits in front of the television set, Linus turns away and looks at his own fingers. "Why can't you guys get organized like that?" On our own, when we choose not to follow and walk with Christ, we are like Linus trying to stand up against the influence and power of Evil. But when we Repent and leave our nets and what the world considers important, and put Jesus first in our lives, then we can face evil with the confidence of Lucy and a strength and joy far greater than we have ever known.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The Lord is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?....I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.



CREATION CARE

"Intergenerational solidarity is not optional, but rather a basic question of justice, since the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us. (159) (from Pope Francis Encyclical Laudato Si') Please join us to watch "The Letter: A Message for Our Earth", Sunday, Jan. 22, 2:30 – 4:30, St. Patrick's small hall.





RCIA INQUIRY SESSION

Have you been worshipping with us, but never taken the step to become Catholic? Have you been Catholic all your life, but never celebrated the sacraments of initiation? Are you from a different faith background, and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith? If you, or someone you know answered yes to any of these questions, please join us at our first of this year's Inquiry session of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 9-11 am in the RCIA room at St. Cecelia's Center. Contact Traci at 530-575-0176 or rcia@stpatrickgrassvalley.org for any questions.

Day		Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel		Intention
Mon	1/23	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn	Heb 9:15, 24-28	Mk 3:22-30	8:30	Francis & Yolanda Reader (d)
Tues	1/24	Saint Francis de Sales	Heb 10:1-10	Mk 3:31-35	8:30	James Langdon (d)
Wed	1/25	Conversion of Saint Paul	Acts 22:3-16	Mk 16:15-18	8:30	Jim Puppione (d)
Thur	1/26	Saints Timothy and Titus	2 Tm 1:1-8	Mk 4:21-25	8:30	Rose of Sharon Reader (d)
Fri	1/27	Saint Angela Merici	Heb 10:32-39	Mk 4:26-34	8:30	Marie Helm (d)
Sat	1/28	Saint Thomas Aquinas	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19	Mk 4:35-41	8:30 5:00	Funeral Mass Thomas Baldwin (d)
Sun	1/29	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 1 Cor 1:26-31	Mt 5:1-12	7:30 9:00 11:00	Anita Reyes (d) Antonio Avelar (d) For the People





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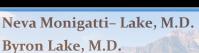
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