## St. Patrick Catholic Church

## March 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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#### Mission

We, the parish of St. Patrick Church, being 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.

Adoration 1st Thursday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 1st Sunday 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**

#### Dear Family

This week I will continue the explanation of the rites of the Dedication of a Church. After the homily, the rite of Dedication itself begins, as with any major undertaking of the Church, we begin chanting the Litany of Saints, inserted among the list of saints, are the patron of the parish and those saints whose relics will be placed in the altar. I am waiting to receive the relics for our altar and will share that information as soon as I have received them. We implore the aid of the saints because we are setting this place aside for the worship of Gods and as an expression that the whole Church (Triumphant, Suffering, and Pilarim) is united in the worship of God.

After the Litany of Saints the Bishop, standing at the altar, says the prayer of consecration. The altar is anointed with the Sacred Chrism, as this happens, priests are sent out to anoint the walls of the church, this is actually done on the holders of the consecration candles I wrote about two weeks ago. Following the anointing of the altar and walls, a brazier is brought out and placed on the altar, the Bishop will add incense and we will see the clouds of incense rise, this reminds of the prayers of the saints rising before God in Heaven and is taken from the Book of Revelation.

The Bishop will then incense the altar as we do during Mass. He will then be incensed as well as the clergy and assembly, what is different is that the priests will go out again to incense the walls where they were anointed. We use incense to honor those things that are sacred, the walls are incensed as a sign that this place is set apart for the worship of God and a house of prayer. What is different is that the incensing that takes place at the offertory is omitted at this Mass. Once this part of the rite has been finished, the altar is dressed and the candles are placed on it.

At this point, the candles are lit with great ceremony. The Bishop will entrust a candle to the deacon who will light the altar candles, the priests go out again to light the consecration candles and the altar servers will light any other candles. Our church is now dedicated and the Liturgy of the Eucharist can be celebrated. Much like the Easter Vigil, after Communion the Blessed Sacrament is returned to the tabernacle and the red candle is lit. However, before the doors are closed, the Bishop will incense the Blessed Sacrament. The Mass concludes in the normal way.

While I am very excited that we are so close to the date of our dedication, there are still other parts of the project that need to be accomplished. Because of this, and that we are so deep in Lent, we will not have a reception after Mass. The Bishop will return to preside solemn Vespers on May 21 and then we will be able to celebrate. I am grateful for your patience through this long journey and for your continued patience as we move forward.

Your Father in Christ.

Fr. Estrella



COMING UP THIS WEEK						
Day		Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel		Intention
Mon	3/27	Saint Gregory of Narek	Dn 13:1-9, 15- 17, 19-30, 33-62	Jn 8:1-11	8:30	Jessica Kronk (si)
Tues	3/28	Saint Catharine of Bologna	Nm 21:4-9	Jn 8:21-30	8:30	Pete Acosta (si)
Wed	3/29	Saint Ludovico of Casoria	Dn 3:14-20,91-92	Jn 8:31-42	8:30	Dennis Lolli (si)
Thur	3/30	Saint Peter Regalado	Gn 17:3-9	Jn 8:51-59	8:30	Patricia Lolli (d)
Fri	3/31	Saint Stephen of Mar Saba	Jer 20:10-13	Jn 10:31-42	8:30	Frances & Yolanda Reader (d)
Sat	4/1	Saint Hugh of Grenoble	Ez 37:21-28	Jn 11:45-56	2:00	
Sun	4/2	Palm Sunday	Mt 21:1-11 Phil 2:6-11	Mt 26:14— 27:66	7:30 9:00 11:00	James Langdon (d) Rose of Sharon Reader (d) For the People





#### **DONUT SUNDAY IS BACK**

We will have Donut Sunday on Easter after all the morning Masses. Please join us in the hall for donuts, coffee and juice. Help is needed after the 11:00am

Mass. We just need about 15 minutes of your time to assist in the serving and pouring of juice and coffee after the 11:00am Mass.

If you can assist, please contact Kathie Valentine at (530) 432-9259 or mary-valentine@att.net. She looks forward to hearing from you.

#### **SOCK DRIVE**



Sierra Roots reports that they are in need of socks. You have been so very generous in the past years, and we are asking for your support once again. Please place socks in the box provided in the foyer and accept our

sincere gratitude for your kindness.

If you have any questions, please call Mercy Assoc. member Carlie (530) 305-3150. Thank you.



#### **PARISH BOOK CLUB**

Monday, May 15, 2023

All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and St. Canice Book Club on Monday, May 15 at 1:30 P. M. in the Angel's Nest. The Angel's Nest is located at the back of St. Patrick's Church and can be reached by walking along the outside right wall of the church. We will be discussing The Hand of God, by Bernard Nathanson. The book deals with abortion. The discussion, which will last about an hour and a half, will be led by Michael Moreland. The book is available at your favorite book store or online. In addition to stimulating conversation, coffee, tea, and cookies will be served.

#### **CREATION CARE**



For Easter baskets this year, consider buying Fair Trade chocolate, dried fruit, tea and coffee or small gifts made by fair trade cooperatives: www.equalexchange.coop Also,

consider trading the plastic Easter eggs and chemical dyes for an eco-friendly celebration. Try dyeing local/free range chicken eggs with dyes from beets, onions, and cabbages for a fun and natural holiday craft!

#### **GIRLS DISCERNMENT RETREAT**

Girls ages 13-17 will learn about Religious Orders, Consecrated Life, and Married Life. There will be time for prayer, fellowship, games, and more!

April 21 - 23 Trinity Pines Catholic Center, Colfax

Cost: \$ 85 (includes room and meals)

Regular registration ends March

31. From March 31– April 10 late registration is \$90. To download forms and to register go to www.scd.org/deusvocat. If you have any questions, please contact the Diocese of Sacramento Office of Vocations at 916-733-0258 or email msmith@scd.org.



How can we please God by putting Him first?

The disciplines of Lent and the disciplines of a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from excessive attachment to worldly things or "the flesh." Detachment. The sacrifices we make are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy, but rather to increase real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God. In fact, the more we allow God to take over every aspect of our lives, the freer and more joyful we become.

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### and all of their families

Please contact the office for additions to the list. Requests will be included for 8 weeks automatically, but for another 8 week extension, please let us know.

#### HERE TO HELP



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

#### **CULTURE OF LIFE**

St. Joseph, Patron of a Happy Death, pray for us.

As Catholics we have sacred Scripture, the Church, and the Saints to guide and teach us how to live and how to die. But many of us have family, friends and neighbors who may have little to guide them other than popular culture. And what is gaining popularity is Physician Assisted Suicide, legal in California since 2016. This is a misguided solution to suffering and the fear of a prolonged dying process by taking one's own life with the assistance of a physician and an "aid in dying" pill. How can we be a light to them, how can we help them attain a happy death, a death in the friendship with our Lord? We can pray for them.

The Culture of Life Ministry began a prayer advocacy program much like our Spiritual Adoption program to pray for someone who due to serious illness, disability, sense of hopelessness or fear of being a burden is at risk of ending their own life. The ongoing On God's Time – in God's Care program invites you to pray for someone who for whatever reason is considering ending their own life. You may not actually know anyone in that situation so we ask that you offer your prayers for someone God knows who needs your prayers. For a more personal connection to this person, you may give them a name and then commit to praying daily for that person for a period of time you feel is needed, perhaps three to six months. At the end of that time please consider selecting a new person and beginning again.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we (I) call upon you to fill \_\_\_\_name of person in need\_\_\_\_ with hope, to heal his (her) broken heart, and provide the grace and consolation needed to resist any pressure or temptation to end his (her) own life. We (I) pray this with great confidence in your love and mercy. Amen

#### FLAME OF LOVE



The Flame of Love prayer Cenacle meets on Thursdays, @ 9:15 am for meditation of the Rosary in the church hall. During the weeks of lent, this will include meditations from the 24 HOURS OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, by Luisa Piccarreta of the Divine Will. All are welcome to join.



#### **COMMUNITY MEAL**

Monday March 27th

Great Food & Company

Everyone is invited to join us for our next meal on Monday, March 27th from 5:00-6:00 PM in the Hall. Our free, hot nourishing meal will be prepared by Mt St. Mary's 8th grade class.

Our meal in April will be on April 24th.

#### FREE CHRISTIAN CAREGIVING CLASSES



Do you find God calling you to serve as a caregiver for the elderly or disabled either at home or in our community? Learn the ins and outs of the world of caregiving...physical, environmental, and spiritual

challenges and how to manage them as well as practical help in getting your caregiving business started if that is your focus. Eliza Renwick, RN, OFS has 50 plus years experience in the nursing field, 20 of which were in the hospice arena. Class size is limited to 4 individuals and as such is designed to foster a thoughtful, intimate experience with the opportunity to connect with others for ongoing support after completion of the training. Classes will be held in Eliza's home at 226 Collins Lane (directly behind the church parking lot). She is collaborating with OSEC (One Source Empowering Caregivers) through which she receives guidance and support in this endeavor. Contact Eliza at 530 210-0730 if you have questions or would like to sign up for the April/May Class which will meet Tuesday mornings following mass starting April 18. Classes are open to all who would like to learn to serve in this humble yet spiritually rewarding way.



Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

March 19th \$7,206



No Vigil Mass on April 1st 7:30 AM,9:00 AM,11:00 AM,1:00 PM (SP)

Morning Mass @ 8:30 AM Confessions 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

No Morning Mass Confessions 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 PM-Bilingual Adoration following Mass at the Altar of Repose until 11 AM on Good Friday

No Morning Mass Stations of the Cross & Good Friday Liturgy 12-3 PM Confessions 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM Pesame/Chaplet of 7 Sorrows 7:30 PM-Bilingual

No Morning Mass Confessions 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM No Afternoon Confessions No 5 PM Mass Easter Viail Mass 8:15 PM

Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM 1:00 PM (Spanish)

### Ezek 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 In the first reading, God reveals through Ezekiel

that death does not have the final say. Despite death's appearance of permanence, God's power is greater still, and what God wants for us is life. The second reading affirms that while our bodies still die, this is no longer the end it once was. Christ's Spirit living in us allows us to share in his triumph over death. When Jesus calls us to fuller life in him, it is not always comfortable or easy. There are often demands and sacrifices we would not have expected and certainly would not have chosen for ourselves. But while Lazarus stood alone as the first called forth from the tomb, we are never left alone with our challenges; it is Christ's own life that we share, and he accompanies us always.

#### JOHN 11:1-45

Mary and Martha reverse roles here. Where Mary once sat at the feet of Jesus, she now sits at home in her grief. Martha, however, the one who was too busy to listen, comes to him as interlocutor, intelligently and faithfully interacting with him. She does not see the whole picture, though, for Jesus is still in the process of revealing all that his life means for the world. Lazarus here becomes a sort of first fruits, one restored to life before the full restoration occurs. Wonderful as this miracle is, it is, it is a jarring one; this simply does not happen. People who have been dead for four days do not come back to life. And we know nothing of Lazarus's experience here. Whatever his experience was of death, it must have been unsettling to be jolted back to life. Jesus is here to bring life, yes, but he brings it in ways that disrupt the order of things to which we have grown accustomed.

#### **DEACON'S CORNER**



And Jesus wept

He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"
The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."



Jesus wept with Martha and Mary, 2 people He loved, and He still weeps with us even before we turn to Him. Jesus raised Lazarus up to life and He still raises us up to life today. Jesus called upon others to help Him roll away the stone and he still calls us to help roll away the stone that keeps others from life, life in the fullest. Hopefully these 3 stories will either bring a smile to your face or cause you to reflect on what is important for your faith journey.

Brett Blair from Sermons.com shares this story. Three friends were discussing death and one of them asked: "What would you like people to say about you at your funeral?" The first of the friends said: I would like them to say, he was a great humanitarian, who cared about his community. The second said: He was a great husband and father, who was an example for many to follow," said another. The third friend said, I would like them to say, "Look, he's moving!!" I realize this story doesn't have any direct connection to John's Gospel today, but the more we can find moments of joy as we live our faith, then maybe when we find ourselves in our tomb of loneliness or pain, we will more readily hear the Voice of Joy calling us to come out into the Light of Love.

Billy Strayhorn in his book Resurrection Living shares this story of missing why we are given the gift of life. Unfortunately, a lot of people are like mummies, all wrapped up in themselves. And they don't want to become unwrapped. All they do is come unwound at the thought of coming out of their safe tomb or stepping out in faith But Jesus calls us out of the tomb, sets us free and calls us to move beyond ourselves into a life of faith, commitment, obedience and service. On the old Merv Griffin Show, there was a time when he was interviewing some body builders. As he was standing there looking at these guys with all these muscles, he asked a powerful question: "What do you use these muscles for?" One guy answered by flexing his muscles in one of those body builder stances. But Merv said, "No, you don't understand. What do you USE all those muscles for?" The guy said, "I'll show you." And he flexed again in another stance. Again Merv said, "No. You still don't understand my question. Read my lips. What do you USE them FOR?" The guy posed again.... Jesus calls us out of the tomb, sets us free and calls us to move beyond ourselves into a life of faith, commitment, obedience and service. When we just come to Church and sometimes read our Bibles and just enjoy the fellowship but nothing else, then we're like those body building guests. We're like mummies, still wrapped up in ourselves. Jesus calls us to move beyond self to a life of faith and committed service. One of the more difficult struggles I have is realizing the comfort and peacefulness I experience at times from prayer or receiving the Body of Christ is not just for me alone to rest in. The paradox of life is I am Lazarus. Jesus cries out for me to step back into the light and allow myself to be stripped of what binds me from living life. And the moment that happens, Jesus is calling me to roll away the stone and untie the strips of struggle that binds someone Christ has placed in my life.

I get so busy with life at times (like during Lent with all that happens here) that I forget why I am here, what truly is the purpose of my life. So, everyone once an awhile I reread this quote from Dwight Moody a Christian Evangelist and founder of the Moody Bible Institute in the 1870's. "One day you will read in the newspaper that D. L. Moody of East Northfield, Massachusetts is dead. Well, don't believe a word of it. I will have gone up higher, that's all. Out of this old clay tenement into a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. And at that moment, I will be more alive than I have ever been."

Every time we step into the confessional, we have the stone rolled away and every time Father elevates the consecrated host and says: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb;" Jesus cries out to us: "come out.....Untie him/her." If today you hear the Lord's voice harden not your heart.



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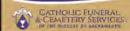


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