St. Patrick Catholic Church

April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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Mission

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

Sunday 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM

1:00 PM (Español)

Daily Rosary 7:40 AM

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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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE











SPY WEDNESDAY

April 5th

HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lord's Supper

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

April 6th

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

GOOD FRIDAY

of the Lord's Passion April 7th

No Morning Mass

Stations of the Cross & Good Friday Lituray 12-3 PM

Confessions 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

7 PM Spanish Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

8:30 Pesame Procession

HOLY SATURDAY

April 8th

No Morning Mass

Confessions 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM No Afternoon Confessions

No 5 PM Mass

Easter Vigil Mass 8:15 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

The Resurrection of the Lord April 9th

Masses: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

1:00 PM (Spanish)

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 for the next session of this year's Inquiry of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) on Saturday, April. 15, 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.



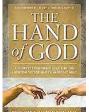
GIRLS DISCERNMENT RETREAT—April 21st—23rd

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

Trinity Pines Catholic Center, 28000 Rollins Lake Road Colfax, CA 95713 Cost: \$90 (includes room and meals), Register by April 10th

To download forms and to register visit 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.

PARISH BOOK CLUB



Monday, May 15th

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. 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.



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If you have any questions, please call Mercy Assoc. member Carlie

(530) 305-3150. Thank you!



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 11:00 AM 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!

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? 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 is

in collaboration with OSEC. Classes will be held Tuesday mornings following morning Mass starting April 18th in Eliza's home at 226 Collins Lane (directly behind the church parking lot). Contact Eliza at (530) 210-0730 with questions or to sign up.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Who were the first people to try and grasp equality with God? That's right, Adam and Eve. Rather than Give or Empty themselves, they Took. Jesus reverses that.

In our second reading today from the second chapter of Philippians, Jesus, the New King David, does not grasp at His true divinity, but rather, empties Himself. When He empties himself, the new King takes on the form of a slave. He gives Himself away as act of obedience, humility, and love for the Father and each one of us.

As Christian Stewards, Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, we should pray and say, "I want that!" Bishop James Golka - Colorado Springs





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. Pat-

rick'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.

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BILL'S WHEELS

Bill's Wheel's is currently open for those in need of power wheel chairs, manual wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, etc. We are open by appointment only and our

hours are Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9:00 - 11:30.

Please call 273-1550 to set up an appointment. Bill's Wheel's is located at 425 Dalton Street.

CREATION CARE

On Good Friday, we confront the ways we may have caused suffering in the world. As we remember the death of Jesus, let us acknowledge

the suffering we have all inflicted upon God's Creation. In our mourning, may we resolve to be healers and helpers. We can participate in the resurrection of our environment!



CULTURE OF LIFE

Isaiah uses the image of a loving mother to comfort the people of Israel, "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the

child of her womb? It is unthinkable, right? Impossible! Then to further reassure them he goes on to declare, "Even should she forget, I (God) will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name." Isaiah 49:15

Can a mother forget? A baby lost before birth, miscarried or aborted, is not forgotten. A best friend's baby shower, a nephew's fifth birthday party, a child seen playing in the park, each a reminder to a mother that her child is no more. Like Rachel (Jeremiah 31:15) who mourns her children, who refuses to be consoled because her children are no more, a mother knows, a mother remembers, a mother mourns the loss of her child. Thankfully there are grieving and healing ministries available to help them.

The loss of a child to abortion affects people differently, some mourn, some just move on, some repress, self-medicate, and many suffer silently for years. Fortunately, there is help for those who come to recognize they need to deal with all those feelings of sorrow, regret and confusion that are common after an abortion. Rachel's Vineyard retreats (Diocese of Sacramento) and Hope retreats (LivingWell) offer help to post-abortion mothers, fathers and others affected by abortion. programs provide an opportunity to examine their abortion experience, identify the ways that the loss has impacted their lies, and may help them acknowledge any unresolved emotion they may be experiencing. If you or some you know might be ready to begin the journey of hope and healing, please consider participation in a retreat.

Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard retreats: April 28-30 and November 10-12 for English speakers and August 25-27 for Spanish speakers. Retreats are held at the Mercy Center in Auburn and financial help is available. 916-733-0161, 888-456-HOPE, projectrachel@sdc.org, online registration available at http://catholic.formstack.com/forms/rachel.

For an opportunity to just talk with someone call Rachel's Vineyard National Hotline at 877-HOPE-4-ME (877-467-3463).

For information on LivingWell Hope retreats call 530-272-6800.

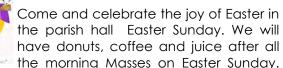


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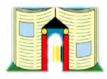
Catholic Ladies Relief Society is sponsoring the Annual Flea Market, Friday and Saturday, April 28th and 29th. Time to clean out the closets and garages and reserve your space!

Cost is \$40 for a 10' by10' space with a 8' table and chairs for 2 days. Please text Kathy at (530) 263 5767 or ksouders@gmail.com or Sue at (530) 906 4707 or kspete@pacbell.net.

EASTER "DONUT" SUNDAY



Children please make sure to stop by for a special Easter treat as we celebrate the Resurrection! We look forward to seeing many to celebrate this very special occasion.



TRINITY BOOKS FOR SALE

Trinity Catholic Book and Gifts, next to St. Joseph in Auburn, is for sale. For 35 years, this boutique, exclusively Catholic, business has passed through the hands of many

parishioners. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Renee at 530-888-7345 or trinity@wavecable.com.

FAITH FORMATION



On the weekends of April 15th/16th and 22nd/23rd our Faith Formation will be collecting donations to prepare grooming bags to share with our brothers and sisters living

without a roof over their heads. Your donations will allow our children begin to hear and live our call to reach out and care for our brothers and sisters. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



IFM MATCHING

It is not to late in participate in IFM's Matching Campaign. Your donation will be "**doubled**" by generous sponsors.

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COMING UP THIS WEEK						
Day		Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel		Intention
Mon	4/3	Saint Benedict the African	Is 42:1-7	Jn 12:1-11	8:30	Fr. Michael Cormack (d)
Tues	4/4	Saint Isidore of Seville	Is 49:1-6	Jn 13:21-33, 36-38	8:30	Merrill, Ester & Betty King (d)
Wed	4/5	Saint Vincent Ferrer	Is 50:4-9	Mt 26:14-25	8:30	Magda Centeno Alfaro (d) & Francisco Jose Centeno Vasquez (d)
Thur	4/6	Holy Thursday	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 1 Cor 11:23-26	Jn 13:1-15	7:00 PM	
Fri	4/7	Good Friday	ls 52:13—53:12 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9	Jn 18:1— 19:42	Noon	
Sat	4/8	Holy Saturday	various	various	8:15 PM	For the People
Sun	4/9	Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34, 37- 43 Col 3:1-4	Jn 20:1-9	7:30 9:00 11:00	Patricia Biasatti (d) Catherine Pat McGee (si) Seminarians & increase of vocations



GOOD FRIDAY - HOLY LAND—COLLECTION

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-friday To donate online, https://myfranciscan.org/donation-page-pontifical-good-friday-collection/.

Mt 21:1-11 Phil 2:6-11

The first reading provides the first moment of stark contrast between the procession's triumphant tones and the gravity of the passion. The glory of Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem was not for its own sake. The beautiful hymn of the second reading captures this paradox in all its fullness: Jesus shares God's being by rights, but by choice, humbles himself to death. It is this humility that allows his even greater exaltation and the worship we now bring to the one who gives us life.

Crucifixes are a common sight for us as Catholics, so common that we can fail to let them call to mind this story in its entirety. On the surface this looks like a gory, tragic story, but we know that it is, more truly, the story of the greatest love the world has ever known. The crucifix also points beyond itself; it is not the end of the story. We know that the resurrection is coming, and we trust in God's ability to make life ever new even as we share in the sorrow of the passion

Mt 26:14-27:66

The paired gospels of this Sunday give us the whole narrative arc of Holy Week. The triumph of Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem contrasts painfully with the crowds that turn on him in the passion narrative. One moment, though, brings us back to the truth; the centurion, a most unexpected source, affirms that this man truly was the Son of God. This is not the only time the passion story subverts expectations. The women epitomize bravery, staying near the arisly scene of the cross while the disciples who most staunchly averred their bravery are the first to run away. Religious leaders insist on Jesus's death while the occupying government tries to find ways to release him. Jesus's death does not happen quietly but affects the earth. We do not hear the end of the story here, the resurrection to which we so look forward, but we see very clearly that God is doing something new.

DEACON'S CORNER



Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.



As he entered Jerusalem the whole city was stirred to its depths, demanding, "Who is this?" And the crowd kept answering, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee

During the meal Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. "Take this and eat it," he said, "this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them. "All of you must drink from it," he said, "for this is my blood, the blood of the covenant, to be poured out in behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins

On their way out they met a Cyrenian named Simon. This man they pressed into service to carry the cross.

Jesus cried out in a loud tone, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?".... "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?".

How will we live out this Holy Week? Is Our Lord's Passion just a historical event in our eyes? Does it stretch even beyond the sacrifice of the mass? Is Christ Crucified still occurring in the lives of the young and old around us? We often see ourselves with no more ability than that of the simple donkey on Palm Sunday or Simon the Cyrenian on Good Friday. But the very meaning of the Eucharist is to give us the vision to see Christ Crucified and help carry the Body of Christ. This true story, maybe not for the young, that is painfully poignant, is shared by Mark Adams in his book The Roads He Walked. In it, Mark challenges us to see not only Christ Crucified, but also, even in our most humble of acts that we can be a source of grace and mercy.

"Bill Wilson pastors an inner-city church in New York City. His mission field is a very violent place. He himself has been stabbed twice as he ministered to the people of the community surrounding the church. A Puerto Rican woman became involved in the church when all else failed in her life. After her conversion, she came to Pastor Wilson and said, "I want to do something to help with the church's ministry." He asked her what her talents were and she could think of nothing---she couldn't even speak English---but she did love children. So, he put her on one of the church's buses that went into neighborhoods and transported kids to church. Every week she performed her duties. She would find the worst-looking kid on the bus, put him on her lap and whisper over and over the only words she had learned in English: "I love you. Jesus loves you." After several months, she became attached to one little boy in particular. The boy didn't speak. He came to Sunday School every week with his sister and sat on the woman's lap, but he never made a sound. Each week she would tell him all the way to Sunday School and all the way home, "I love you and Jesus loves you." One day, to her amazement, the little boy turned around and stammered, "I---I---I love you too!" Then he put his arms around her and gave her a big hug. That was 2:30 on a Sunday afternoon. At 6:30 that night he was found dead. His own mother had beaten him to death. "I love you and Jesus loves you." Those were some of the last words this little boy heard in his short life---from the lips of a Puerto Rican woman who could barely speak English. This woman gave her one talent to God and because of that a little boy who never heard the word "love" in his own home, experienced and responded to the love of Christ."

That simple donkey, by just doing what he was created to do, carried Christ as Jesus revealed unequivocally that peace is found only when we choose to love. And Simon, that scared, frightened man, overcame his fear to act and stood and walked with Jesus and helped carry Our Lord's cross. How can we in our daily life bring Christ's peace to others? In what ways are we called to stand with Our Lord and help carry His Cross. When has the fear of others reactions or being cancelled kept us from acting or speaking out?

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We pray for: Baltazar Andrade, Richard Borlik, Bonnie Burke, Mike Casey, David Cerrona, Pat Chargin, Diane Damron, David & Wendy Detweiler, Cathie Fideli, Marilyn & Tom Falls, Bob Galletta, Wayne Garth, Gary & Linda Grube, Jack Harris, Virgina Hedges, Joan & Tom Jacobs, Annette Krulisky, Gere Lampman, Dee Lavrador, Sharon Mahar, Wayne McHone, John Mercurio, David Mott John Peregoy, Susan Roberts, Gary Ross, Pat Rutter, Frank Santos, Sue Schrag, John Schwaebecher, Dcn Rick & Maureen Soria, Maddie Testa, Amber Turner, Skip & Trudy Tyrrell, Margie Wagner and all of their families.



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