

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

April 23, 2023  
Third Sunday of Easter

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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.

### Adoration

1st Thursday	7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Tuesday	5:30 PM - 6:30 PM
Friday	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
1st Sunday	2:00 - 7:00 PM
3rd Sunday	2:00 - 6:00 PM

### Confession

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

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## PASTORS PONDERINGS

Dear Family,

This week I will explain the symbolism behind the layout of the sanctuary. For centuries churches were built with an orientation that situated the sanctuary in the geographical east. As this became less and less possible the conception of liturgical east arose. Many of us remember the old memorial acclamation "Christ has Died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again." This acclamation, eliminated from the most recent version of the Missal, brought forward an important aspect of the Mass, that in every Mass we anticipate the coming of our Lord in glory. Just as we look for the rising of the sun in the East, it is our liturgical tradition to look to the East for the Risen Son of God.

The Apostles Peter and Paul brought the Gospel to the city of Rome through the cities of the Mediterranean region and from there it went up north into the rest of Europe. The placement of the ambo in the northeastern corner of the sanctuary reminds of this. During Mass, when there is a gospel procession, the procession moves to the north where the gospel is finally proclaimed. The ceremonies of the solemn proclamation of the Gospel not only honor the word but also our Lord, the Word made flesh and remind us that the Gospel is not our secret but something which must go out to the whole world.

Our baptismal font, placed at the back of the church, reminds us that we enter the Church through Holy Baptism. As I explained to those being baptized at the Easter Vigil, it also reminds us that we turn our back to the enticements of the world and to the darkness of sin and vice. In the rite of Baptism, once the person is baptized, they move eastward toward the altar for the rest of the ceremonies of Baptism. `

Historically, there were 7 orders of ordination: porter, lector, exorcist, acolyte, subdeacon, deacon and priest. As often as possible churches were built with seven steps to reflect both this and the seven sacraments. Our church was built with these seven steps and so we integrated that concept into our modern design. As I wrote last week, the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life and so on the 7<sup>th</sup> step we have the altar of repose which holds the tabernacle.

The presider's chair is placed on the side of the sanctuary between the nave and the altar and underscores the role of the priest as mediator, or the link between the people and the sacrifice placed at the altar. This reflects more precisely the role of the celebrant, who more than governs or oversees the assembly, stands united with them to offer the Holy Sacrifice to God. If there was more room, the chair would still be angled to face the congregation but more than directing the priest is there to lead in prayer. `

This new layout of altar, ambo and chair, reflect the synergy of the Sacred Eucharist and hopefully these details help us appreciate the wondrous gift given to us as we participate in offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Your Father in Christ

Fr. Estrella

### Lk 24:13-35

"Were not our heart burning within us while he spoke to us on the way...?"

This Easter encounter is a beloved story, and with good reason. It transitions us from the disciples' encounters with the risen Christ to our ongoing encounters with Christ in the Mass. Their hearts burn within them as he speaks to them about Scripture, a forerunner to our Liturgy of the Word, when we hear Scripture opened for us and meet Jesus alive and speaking to us there. Then they recognized him in the breaking of the bread, which is how he will remain with them – and us – long beyond his ascension into heaven. For us, too, Mass serves as a point of encounter in the midst of our lifelong journey. Jesus chooses to be with us and walk with us, and while we might not always recognize him, we are never left alone.















## COMING UP THIS WEEK

Day		Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel		Intention
Mon	4/24	Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen	Acts 6:8-15	Jn 6:22-29	8:30	Fr. Michael Cormack (d)
Tues	4/25	Saint Mark	1 Pt 5:5-14	Mk 16:15-20	8:30	Helen Archer (d)
Wed	4/26	Saint Pedro de San José Betancur	Acts 8:1-8	Jn 6:35-40	8:30	Maureen Crumbly (si)
Thur	4/27	Saint Louis Mary Grignon de Montfort	Acts 8:26-40	Jn 6:44-51	8:30	Fr. Michael Cormack (d)
Fri	4/28	Saint Peter Chanel	Acts 9:1-20	Jn 6:52-59	8:30	Steve & Kim Smith & family (si)
Sat	4/29	Saint Catherine of Siena	Acts 9:31-42	Jn 6:60-69	8:30 5:00	Seth & Casey Blankney (si) Doris Kolman (d)
Sun	4/30	Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14, 36-41 1 Pt 2:20-25	Jn 10:1-10	7:30 9:00 11:00	increase in vocations Brian Bishop (d) For the People


**WORLD YOUTH DAY**  
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We're going to Lisbon!!! Several of our youth will be attending World Youth Day in July. The total cost of each pilgrim to attend is \$4,100. We'd be grateful for your prayers and if you'd like to help support our pilgrims financially, you may donate by scanning one of the QR codes below for a specific amount, or you may drop off in the parish office any amount you wish.  
Thank you so very much for your generosity!!!! We will pray for You!





JOIN US FOR OUR  
**ANNUAL RETREAT**



YOU AND YOUR SPOUSE/GUEST ARE INVITED  
TO JOIN OUR ST. PATRICK AND ST. CANICE PARISH COMMUNITY!

**STEWARDSHIP IN THE FAMILY**  
 Saturday, May 20, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Parish

Our call to holiness most often begins right in our own homes — by taking care of our family. This retreat will help you discover the spiritual transformation that takes place when we make stewardship central to family life. We have a God of abundance. Let Him show you all He has in mind for you — to receive and to share!

Your Father in Christ,  
*L. Detulla*

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Traci Jagger at 530-273-2336 x 3204 or rcia@stpatrickgrassvalley.org by May 13.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided and there is no cost to attend.

Lisa McArdle is one of the co-founders of Catholic Stewardship Consultants (CSC) and currently serves as Vice President of Client Services. For over 24 years, Lisa and her husband, CSC President Eric McArdle, have worked with hundreds of parishes across the country on every aspect of stewardship development. Together, Lisa and Eric co-authored the 2019 book *Stewardship Success: A Practical Guide for Catholic Parishes*, and her second book, *Stewardship Starts at Home: Using God's Gifts to Grow as Disciples of Christ in our Domestic Church*, was published in 2022. Lisa has been married to Eric for 27 years, and the couple has five daughters ranging in age from age 11 to 26 years old, along with a son-in-law and three grandchildren. She is a member of St. Mary on the Hill Catholic Church in Augusta, Georgia, where she serves in various parish ministries.



RETREAT LEADER  
 Lisa McArdle  
CSC, Vice President of Client Services

**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, Virginia Hedges, Sharon Henry, Joan & Tom Jacobs, Annette Krulisky, Gere Lampman, Dee Lavrador, Sharon Mahar, Wayne McHone, John Mercurio, **Kathleen Montavon**, David Mott John Perego, Susan Roberts, Gary Ross, Pat Rutter, Frank Santos, Sue Schrag, **Larry Schmidt**, John Schwaebacher, Dcn Rick & Maureen Soria, **Barbara Stephens**, Maddie Testa, Amber Turner, Skip & Trudy Tyrrell, **Henry Vasquez**, Margie Wagner **and all of their families.**



### COMMUNITY MEAL

Monday April 24th 5:00 –6:00  
All are welcome to join us for a free  
hot nourishing meal  
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appreciated!

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### CREATION CARE

Happy Earth Day Weekend! Take a moment to reflect on this proverb: "We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we have borrowed it from our children." To show love for our Creator, we respect and protect all of creation. Take a moment today to pick up trash off the street, or from a local stream or storm drain. Thanks to all who participated in the litter pick-up at Condon Park on Friday!



### CLRS FLEA MARKET

Join us next weekend!

Friday and Saturday

Catholic Ladies Relief Society is sponsoring their Annual Flea Market, Friday and Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

A few spaces are still available for \$40.

If you have questions, please text Kathy S. at (530) 263 5767 or ksouders@gmail.com or Sue P. at (530) 906 4707 or kspete@pacbell.net.



### BABY SHOWER for LIVINGWELL

LivingWell Medical Clinic is more than just a clinic that offers pregnancy testing, ultrasounds and STI testing. The staff at LivingWell also offer hope, encouragement and material necessities to assist moms and families that goes beyond the first pregnancy test and consultation. Each year approximately 2,500 women and children are served through services and the Embracing Families Boutique free of charge. This can only be done with the support of the community. We, the parishioners at St. Patrick and St. Canice's can offer our support by donating mother and baby items for the annual St. Canice Ladies' Guild Baby Shower.

May 11, 2023

10:30

St. Canice Hall

St. Patrick parishioners unable to attend the shower can drop off unwrapped gifts at St. Patrick Church on the weekend of May 6 and 7 or can shop online at the LivingWell Registries at Amazon and Target. Items needed include: Baby Clothes – pants, tops and shoes sizes 12-18 months. Girls and boys' pants, tops, and shoes sizes 2-6 years. Other highly requested items (new or gently used) include: Activity Walkers, Baby Front Carriers, Booties, Diaper Refill Bags, Breast Pumps, Baby Monitors, Newborn Diapers, Mini Crib, Children's Books, Gas and Grocery gift cards. More details to follow. The Culture of Life Ministry and St. Canice Ladies' Guild thank you for your past and present generosity.

Next COL meeting is May 1st at 6:00 PM

### LIVING WELL OPPORTUNITIES

#### Open Positions

#### CLINIC NURSE

Our healthcare professionals provide compassionate care for women and men through medical services. If you are an RN, PA, or NP with a heart to combine your professional skills with ministry, we need you! Training is provided to become a limited OB Sonographer.

#### ADVANCEMENT ASSISTANT

Our Advancement team is responsible for partner relations and fundraising. The Advancement Assistant supports our Advancement Director and CEO. If you enjoy interacting with amazing people, event planning, and administrative tasks, we are waiting for you to join our team.

#### COMMUNITY EDUCATOR

This is a key position for LivingWell Medical Clinic. The Community Educator serves the youth in Nevada and Placer Counties. Do you have a heart for students and know how to engage them in meaningful presentations and conversations? Join our team.

Email Cathy at  
cathy@livingwellmedicalclinic.com  
for a full job description or to submit  
a resume.



### 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.





Join us for our May Crowning  
at our First Friday Mass at 6:30  
PM on Friday May 5th.

Ice-Cream social to follow!



WIDOWS WISDOM CIRCLE  
Friday April 28th  
9:00  
Small Hall



## DONUT SUNDAY THANK YOU

Thank you so much to all our parishioners who volunteered to help with Donut Sunday. We had large crowds after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses, and having so much extra help was wonderful. Thank you to all who stayed after the 11:00 AM Mass to help with clean up... you were awesome... and it is so appreciated. Thank You All, Kathie Valentine



## STEWARDSHIP

Take notice of the reaction of the two disciples in today's gospel - dejected, despondent, and confused. They are walking the wrong way. Does this describe our own stewardship journey? We have the fullness of the Catholic faith, the power of the sacraments, and the support of our parish family, but still, we sometimes don't seem "to get it". We too often lose our way. Moreover, at times we fail to appreciate and see all the good gifts we have been given by God.

But notice what happens to the two men when they gather around table. They recognize Jesus in the Eucharist — the "breaking of the bread." Instantly, they are transformed! They immediately **believe** and **understand** by recognizing the Eucharist - the center piece of the Stewardship way of life. This transformation that these disciples experienced happens for us every time we gather as a community for The Mass.

"I do not seek to understand in order that I might believe, but rather, I believe in order that I might understand." St Anselm of Canterbury

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## FAITH FORMATION



This weekend and next weekend, 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.



## SUMMER FAITH CAMP

June 19th -23rd

Summer Faith Camp will run from June 19th - 23rd  
from 9:00 AM -12:30 PM.

Registration: \$55.00 per child; T-shirt, CD & snacks included.

Register by June 1st.

Visit our website for registration forms, and if you have any questions, please reach out to Macy at [stpatrikfaithcamp2022@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrikfaithcamp2022@gmail.com)



## LIVE STREAM TEAM

We are restarting our attempt to form a live-streaming team! If you are interested in helping to live-stream our Masses, please (re) contact the office. Training will be provided.

## MASS CANCELLATIONS



Next week our priests will be on retreat so there will be Masses at both parishes on Monday and Friday but there will not be Mass at either parish on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

## My Journey to Baptism

This is the second of five reflections we will be sharing during the Easter season from our neophytes who just received or completed their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.



April 20, 2022: the date I sent Traci Jagger an e-mail asking there was space available at the next RCIA meeting. Why, after 72+ years did I feel a need to reach out to the Roman Catholic Church? You would think that I would be fairly settled after all these years. Not so much.

Roll back the clock to the 1960's: summer of love, San Francisco and the hippie craze, the Vietnam war, free love and a generation that "really knew how to do it all." The dirty secret: the boomers had no experience. Our parents and grandparents had set it all up for us.

So the delusion began. Stupid parents, stupid government, stupid war, stupid church. We knew how to do it better than anyone. Don't trust anyone over 30 – don't need them. We just knew that we has all the answers.

For years I believed in the system. I just didn't see the changes that were taking place in the dark. As Americans, we laughed at or derided other countries as they stumbled and fell, but we just kept going, never reflecting on what might be going on here. But, if you looked closely, you could see cracks beginning to form. We had a constitution. That would protect us. OOPS.

Slowly but surely, our industrial capacity was exported, we began interfering in other countries, we gave up defending our way of life. We were changing, and not for the better. On the cultural side, birth control had "liberated" women, NBA stars changed from the overachieving Michael Jordan to a barely recognizable street thug. Women's rights changed from "liberation" to abortion. Men were attacked mercilessly: from derisive jokes in TV commercials to denying their value of fathers.

I could go on, but why bother.

For myself, I was ok. Comfortable, but still a believer in the basic country and its systems. Then came covid and the world spun out. My secular existence and its "philosophical underpinnings" were blown apart. Constitution, civil rights: all in the hands of men, all mutable with the stroke of a pen. Something had disappeared from our system of checks and balances. What the heck had happened?

I had dutifully mouthed the mantra "Judeo-Christian ethic" for years without really understanding its origins and beauty. Still confused, but now searching, I ran into a very powerful series on the Fox Nation cable channel: The "Miseducation of America". The series chronicles the devolution our nation's schools caused by the abandonment of the Classic Christian Education. The kids were, and are, being taught that only the individual matters. There was no God, only man.

Was there something here to pursue? I needed to find out.

I have never been seriously involved in organized religion other than attending Christian Science Sunday school as a kid. But somehow I always knew that if I were ever to join any organized religion, it would be with the Catholic church. Thus, the e-mail to Traci and the beginning of my RCIA experience.

Knowing nothing of the Bible, biblical traditions, or the Catholic Church, I showed up to my first RCIA meeting thinking that I just need to sign on the dotted. Wrong again. It would be nearly a year to prepare. As each week passed, Traci, Father Estrella, Deacon Rick, my sponsor Greg Antonoff and many others patiently introduced me and my RCIA classmates to the Church. While in class, I was also beginning the personal journey to a fuller relationship with God, our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

I was baptized and confirmed into the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil, April 9, 2023. With everyone's help and support I now can proudly call myself Catholic and a member of St. Patrick's parish. I look forward to continuing my personal and spiritual journey in the Church in the coming years. Thank you all. Jim Koch

**We're at the Beach!**

Circle of Friends will be visiting Monterey this month so we won't have our usual potluck in April, but it will return in May.

We hope to see you at *Havana Nights at the Rum Lounge Gala!*

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## DEACON'S CORNER



*You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever.*

*And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him,*

*"Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us."*

This classic Gospel story reveals to us so many aspects of our journey of life and Christ's deep desire for each of us. Remember on this first day, Jesus appears to Mary Magdalene while she is grieving at the tomb and she does not recognize him until He calls her by name. He comes to the Apostles as they hide in fear; He shows them His wounds. He comes to these 2 men, preoccupied with everything that was going on, who could not believe the Good News because it made no logical sense to them. Jesus opens the beauty, wisdom and life-giving meaning of Scripture and takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it and gives it to them. In each case, they were unable to recognize Jesus. In each case Jesus does what is needed to reach out to them in that moment of their lives. Each of them struggled to see Him because their eyes were blinded by their grief or fear or human logic or just life.

I'm always surprised how Jesus disguises Himself within my life. Recently I was able to spend a week with one of my sons' and his 3 young sons. Four days into our vacation, the 11-yr old looked up at me as we were laughing and having ice cream and said: "Papa it is fun to see you so happy." I responded immediately: "Mijo, I am always happy when I am with you or your brothers." Afterwards I thought about what he said. Why would he have said that? Then I began to realize that so often I let my daily worries and struggles impact how I am living this moment. Fr. Ferrante shared that we often bring with us what we will experience. If we are preoccupied with something, that is what we will experience. It took the joyful voice of my grandson to remind me that Our Lord created us to live in joy and gratitude. The crosses in my life can weigh me down and rob me of this moment or they can be the keys to open my life to the grace of God's love. Our Lord comes to us in Scriptures, in the breaking of the bread and all the people who come into our lives to help us live our lives fully. How will we respond to His touch?

Fr. Jerry Fuller shares below about an innocent child and how even in his pain he touched another's life. I hope this story opens your heart to the joy God wants for you. "Tomorrow morning," the surgeon began, "I'll open up your heart" "You'll find Jesus there," the boy interrupted. The surgeon looked up, annoyed. "I'll cut your heart open," he continued, "to see how much damage has been done." "But when you open up my heart," said the little boy, "you'll find Jesus in there." The surgeon looked to the parents, who sat quietly. "When I see how much damage has been done, I'll sew your heart and chest back up and I'll plan what to do next." "But you'll find Jesus in my heart," the young boy insisted. "The Bible says He lives there. You'll find Him in my heart." The surgeon had had enough. "I'll tell you what I'll find in your heart," he said coldly. "I'll find damaged muscle, low blood supply, and weakened vessels. And I'll find out if I can make you well." Once more the innocent child said: "You'll find Jesus there too. He lives there." The surgeon left. The surgeon sat in his office, recording his notes from the surgery, "Damaged aorta, damaged pulmonary vein, widespread muscle degeneration. No hope for transplant, no hope for cure. Therapy: Painkillers and bed rest. Prognosis," here he paused, "death within one year." He stopped the recorder, but there was more to be said. "Why?" he asked aloud. It was clear he was speaking to God. "Why did you do this? You've put him here; you've put him in this pain; and you've cursed him to an early death. Why?" The surgeon's tears were hot, but his anger was hotter. "You created that boy, and you created that heart. He'll be dead in months. Why?" For the first time a dialogue began between the surgeon and God. And in that dialogue this frustrated physician discovered a new understanding of God's providence and love. The surgeon wept. The next day, he sat beside the boy's bed; the boy's parents sat across from him. The boy awoke and whispered, "Did you cut open my heart?" "Yes," said the surgeon. "What did you find?" asked the boy. "I found Jesus there," said the surgeon."

**May you experience the joy of**

**Easter for He is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Smile at each other; smile at your wife, smile at your husband, smile at your children, smile at each other – it doesn't matter who it is – and that will help you to grow up in greater love for each other.' Mother Teresa*

**Acts 2:14, 22-33**

**1 Pt 1:17-21**

The first reading shows Peter in his redemption arc – after his cowardly denial of Jesus in the passion narrative, he here stands up and proclaims the truth of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection. He is ready to take a risk because his encounter with the risen Jesus has transformed him; this courage comes from God. The second reading continues his preaching and reminds us of the source of his courage, a courage that would enable him to follow Jesus to a death by crucifixion: this is not human courage, but courage that only comes when our "faith and hope are in God."

We may be tempted to think of the disciples as extremely privileged to have encountered the Risen Christ so immediately. They certainly are, but so are we, who continue to encounter Jesus at every Mass as he humbly comes to be with us, fully and completely, in the Scriptures and Eucharist we receive at every Mass.



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