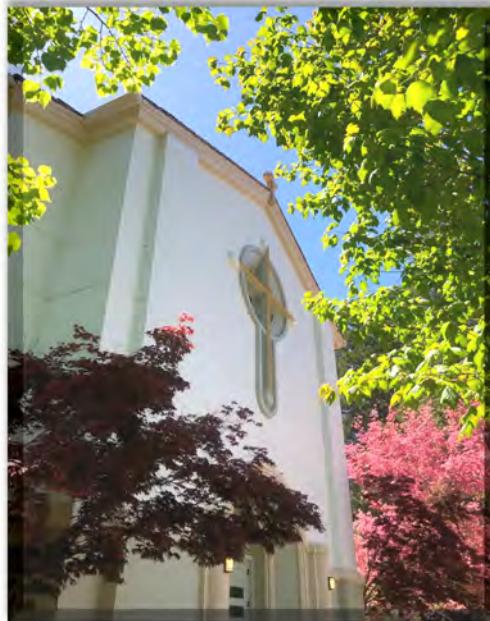


# St. Patrick Catholic Church

May 28, 2023  
Pentecost Sunday

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Office Hours  
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## 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, Tu, & 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

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Friday	5:00 PM-6:00 PM
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## PASTORS PONDERINGS

Dear Family,

As we started with the sanctuary, I believe it is fitting to conclude by explaining the mural on the sanctuary wall. While the mural is particular to St. Patrick's, the meaning is part of our belief as Catholics in general. In the long history of the Church, it is only a very modern and seemingly short-lived idea to separate the tabernacle from the altar, as I am fond of quoting of the Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton Sheen, "you cannot have the Sacrament without the Sacrifice." This union is often expressed by having the crucifix very close to the tabernacle since the tabernacle no longer rests on the altar itself.

On either side of the tabernacle is one adoring angel, this is a very traditional arrangement but goes beyond devotion, it actually comes from the Old Testament instructions for the temple. In the heart of the temple was kept the Ark of the Covenant which contained Moses' staff, the tablets of the 10 Commandments and a jar of the manna that God fed them with in the desert. The lid of the Ark of the Covenant had two cherubim facing each other and whose wings extended to touch in the middle. This was called the Mercy Seat. In the book of the Hebrews we are encouraged to approach "the throne of grace with confidence to attain mercy and timely help." (Hebrews 4:16)

It is our Lord's sacrifice on the Cross that won us our redemption and we have the fullness of God's mercy, likewise His same saving sacrifice is the source of all grace in the world, grace extended to us through the Mass and the other Sacraments. For this reason, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is called the "Tribunal of Mercy" because through this Sacrament we receive the grace of mercy.

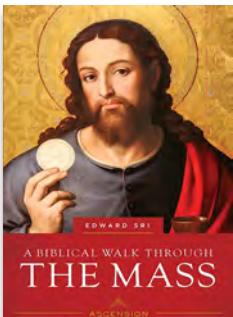
The vines in the mural behind the crucifix are called the "Tree of Life" which evokes the Tree from which our first parents ate the forbidden fruit. There are many levels of meaning with this mural and this is first, the crucifix undoes the rupture between God and humanity. The fruit in the tree in the Garden of Eden was death. The early Church Fathers often referred to the Cross as the tree because it undid what was done by our first parents and so the fruit of the Cross is life; life Given to us through the Sacred Eucharist.

We can easily perceive that stars on the blue background are meant to evoke Heaven. The Mass, because it is the most perfect form of worshiping God, is the union of Heaven and Earth; the Book of Revelation teaches us this as it shows us the heavenly liturgy. The Cross and spires that rise up into the sky painted there remind us that this union happens via the Cross. The Cross pierces heaven so that we might have a glimpse of God and the life that He desires us to live with Him there. Again, our reception of the Eucharist draws us into that life.

Someone once commented to me that the readings at Mass should be short so as not to lose people's attention, that may be true! Any Catholic church is really a book meant to be read, a book which reveals the great love story that is our redemption. The story of God, Who loves us so much He went even to the Cross to make us His.

Your Father in Christ,

Fr. Estrella



## SUMMER BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Over the last few months, we have been asked to repeat the series we presented last year by Edward Sri, *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*. Professor Edward Sri walks us through the mass and points out the biblical roots for each part of it. The course will be offered Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 and Thursday evening from 6:00 to 8:00. The series will begin Wednesday morning June 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday evening June 29<sup>th</sup>. You can register online at the parish website or contact Dcn Rick at 530-273-2336 x3201 or [faithformation@stpatrickgrassvalley.org](mailto:faithformation@stpatrickgrassvalley.org). The fee for the series will be \$35. In order to have the necessary books available, please register by Friday June 16<sup>th</sup>.

## COMING UP THIS WEEK

Day		Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel		Intention
Mon	5/29	Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	Gn 3:9-15, 20	Jn 19:25-34	8:30	Ken Jensen Family (d)
Tues	5/30	Saint Joan of Arc	Sir 35:1-12	Mk 10:28-31	8:30	Robert Allison (d)
Wed	5/31	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Zep 3:14-18	Lk 1:39-56	8:30	Bob Martinet (d)
Thur	6/1	Saint Justin Martyr	Sir 42:15-25	Mk 10:46-52	8:30	CLRS Living & Deceased
Fri	6/2	Saints Marcellinus and Peter	Sir 44:1, 9-13	Mk 11:11-26	8:30 6:30	Ginger Murray (d) Reader Family (d)
Sat	6/3	Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs	Sir 51:12-20	Mk 11:27-33	8:30 5:00	No Mass (Ordination) Cilione Family (d)
Sun	6/4	The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	Ex 34:4-6, 8-9 2 Cor 13:11-13	Jn 3:16-18	7:30 9:00 11:00	Sharon Henry (d) Fr. Esterlla Ordination Anniv. For the People



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### WITH OUR CONDOLENCES

St. Patrick Parish community extends our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of **Sharon Henry** who passed away May 14th. Please remember her and all the Faithful Departed in your prayers. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*



## STEWARSHIP

The Holy Spirit gives us gifts and guidance in a very personal way. We are meant to use these gifts to build up the Body of Christ in a way that is unique to each one of us.

Embracing the stewardship way of life means that we allow the Holy Spirit to guide us in the best use of the unique gifts He has given to each of us, to accomplish God's particular mission entrusted to us. Without the Holy Spirit, we can accomplish nothing. Today's gospel passage from John declares, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

As this Easter season comes to a close, let us resolve to pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to be our guide through the stewardship way of life.



## 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 [stpatrickfaithcamp2022@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickfaithcamp2022@gmail.com)



Votive Mass  
of the  
Sacred Heart

First Friday Mass  
June 2nd 6:30 p.m.



## ACTS 2:1-11 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13

The gospel narrates a small, contained passing of the Holy Spirit. Jesus appears behind locked doors only to those who knew him. He offers them something of a commission, but the story ends the way it started: in a small room in a contained community, behind locked doors. The first reading begins in a similar way but ends with a massively inclusive image: the disciples are preaching not only to those who share their language and culture but to those outside these bounds.

All of us are part of some culture or another. "Culture" does not just mean racial or ethnic background but includes things like our age, our social location, and even the micro-cultures of each of our families. The Holy Spirit can and does work through all of these, but the Pentecost story makes clear that we are also called to a unity that transcends them.

## JOHN 20:19-23

It can come as a surprise, even for those of us who are attentive to the cycle of the reading, that the Pentecost narrative is not today's gospel. Instead, we have a preliminary passing on the Holy Spirit at another Easter encounter story. In this one, Jesus's breath is the means of transmission, a gentler image than the driving wind and tongues of fire we associate with this day. The Pentecost story we might expect here occurs only in Acts, and thus remains in the position of first reading. This reminds us that Pentecost is removed enough from the life of Jesus that it does not appear in the gospels. This story is about what the church will do now that Jesus's bodily presence has left earth. And what it does is run out and preach, unable to contain the good news of Jesus.



## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS June 1st 7:00 PM

Join us for Exposition, Scripture Reading & Reflection, and Individual & Communal Prayer, (No Benediction this month)



## CULTURE OF LIFE

### What some California legislators want....

...for our families Senate Bill 58 seeks to decriminalize harmful hallucinogens for recreational use such as magic mushrooms (Psilocybin), DMT, Ibogaine, and Mescaline. There were 6,843 opioid-related overdose deaths in California in 2021. That number of deaths is slightly more than the number of 11-17-year-old students in all of the Nevada County. Is there really a need for legalizing and encouraging more "recreational" drug use?

Assembly Bill 1432 would require all California insurance policies to cover, "abortion, abortion-related services", and "gender-affirming care", which includes potentially sterilizing cross-sex hormones and puberty blockers for minors, plus sex change operations and plastic surgeries. It seems it is not enough to destroy an already conceived child; it is now important to render our children and grandchildren permanently childless.

Thank you for your support of our local pro-life pregnancy clinic, LivingWell. However, centers and clinics like LivingWell are under attack from Assembly Bill 315. The bill would allow such centers to be sued for speech which any pro-abortion activist considers "false or misleading." The language in the bill is so expansive that ministries, churches or clinics that offer women, "health counseling services related to pregnancy" could be sued. The party of "Choice" is attempting to eliminate resources allowing poor and vulnerable women to choose LIFE for their children.

"Children and young people are the future; they are our strength; they are what keep us moving forward. They are the ones in whom we put our hope." Pope Francis



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## 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION This weekend Catholic Communications

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For more information about the collection and the projects it supports, visit [www.usccb.org/ccc](http://www.usccb.org/ccc).



### CREATION CARE

Happy Memorial Day! As we get ready for summer air travel, it is possible to make less of an impact on the climate. Go to [www.theroundup.org](http://www.theroundup.org), and search for "airlines" to find ones that are more sustainable. Bring a refillable water bottle instead of buying a new one or using the plastic cups on the plane - many airports now have bottle refilling stations after you go through security. More traveling tips next week!



**COMMUNAL FIRST SATURDAY**  
June 3rd 7:45 am  
Join us for:  
Guided Fatima Prayers,  
Rosary, Mass and 15 minutes  
of meditation.



## DONUT SUNDAY

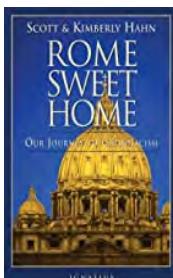
### This Weekend

This Sunday we will celebrate Memorial Day and Donut Sunday after all the Masses. Please visit with your fellow parishioners in the Parish Hall, and enjoy coffee, donuts and juice as we honor and remember all those who have given their all for our freedoms and those who are currently protecting those freedoms.



## OFFICE CLOSED

Our office will be closed on Monday in observance of Memorial Day.



## PARISH BOOK CLUB

All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the Book Club on Monday, July 24, at 1:30 P. M. in the Angel's Nest.

We will be discussing *Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey to Catholicism*, by Kimberly and Scott Hahn. 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 and cookies will be served.

### WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

#### BOYS (AGES 13-17) DISCERNMENT RETREAT

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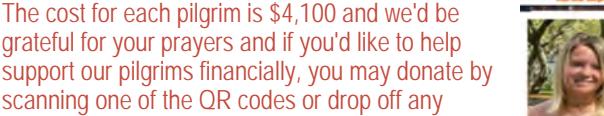
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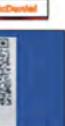
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## DEACON'S CORNER

*Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.*

*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.*

*To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.  
“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.”.....“Receive the Holy Spirit.”*

Fr Anthony Kadavil shares this story. An old beggar lay on his deathbed. His last words were to his young son who had been his constant companion. “Dear son” he said, I have nothing to give you except a cotton bag and a dirty bronze bowl which I got in my younger days from the junk yard of a rich lady. After his father’s death, the boy continued begging, using the bowl his father had given him. One day a gold merchant dropped a coin into it and was surprised to hear a familiar ring. “Let me check your bowl” the merchant asked. To his surprise he found that the beggar’s bowl was made of pure gold. “Young man,” he said “why do you waste your time begging? You are a rich man? That bowl of yours is worth \$1,000,000! As Catholics we are often like that boy who failed to realize the value of his bowl. We fail to realize the infinite worth of our faith, the gift of the Holy Spirit we received in our Baptism, and affirmed in our Confirmation. This Holy Eucharist we participate in, transforms us, sanctifies us and strengthens us.

Derek Redmond ran in a 400-meter semi-final race in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Halfway round the track this British athlete collapsed with a torn hamstring. But he was determined to finish the race, and he struggled to his feet. Derek’s Dad got up out of the stand, and he broke his way through security. His Dad picked up his crying son, and together they finished the race. — That father did what the Holy Spirit does for us. It’s when we are spiritually exhausted, when we find ourselves giving into the spirit of slavery again and again, when we can’t pray, when we don’t want to pray, when our Faith is just not strong enough or we have the courage to stand up— when there is no way we can finish the race — **that** is when the Holy Spirit picks us up and drags us to the finish line.

A year ago in my Deacon’s Corner article I quoted French writer Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr: “*the more things change, the more they stay the same.*” My article was reflecting on the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn the 1973 Supreme Court’s Roe v Wade decision and the near hysterical response of so many of our secular brothers and sisters. A year later, the only thing that has changed is the scope and the open intensity and disdain for all things Christian, especially Catholicism. This week Archbishop Gomez and Archbishop Cordileone as well as Bishop Barron spoke out denouncing the L A Dodgers for inviting as honorees The Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, an organization of men who dress as nuns. They raise money through shows, that often mock and ridicule Catholic Sisters and Catholic beliefs. In Stockton there is now an ongoing controversy occurring because a group wanted to rent Stockton’s Pixie Woods children’s amusement center for a drag show that is “family friendly”. The men would dress up as Disney characters like Elsa, Mrs. Incredible, Mirabel, Moana, Princess Tiana, and Princess Jasmine. This week I talked with a parishioner, whose 9-year-old child is enrolled in one of our local public schools. She shared that her child was talking to her about using preferred pronouns.

As we celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, why am I bringing these items up? We face the same type of pagan world now as the Apostles did. And when those timid, uneducated men were touched by the flame of God’s Love, the Holy Spirit, they overcame their fear and spoke out. They changed the world; without their courage where would we be today? At the Epiclesis during the Eucharistic Prayer, the priest calls upon God, in the person of the Holy Spirit “*to bless, acknowledge, and approve this offering in every respect; make it spiritual and acceptable, so that it may become for us the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.*” One of the great gifts of being able to receive the Body of Christ is to rest and be comforted by his love. But if that is all there is for us, then we will miss the meaning of Pentecost: “*As the Father has sent me, so I send you.*” We have the great gift of our faith because of the great courage of the apostles and all the generations of Catholics who came before us, who stood up and spoke out and lived their faith for all to see. Who will pass on this Wonderous Love if not us? We need to bring our faith out of our church building into the marketplace and back into our schools and political life.

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