

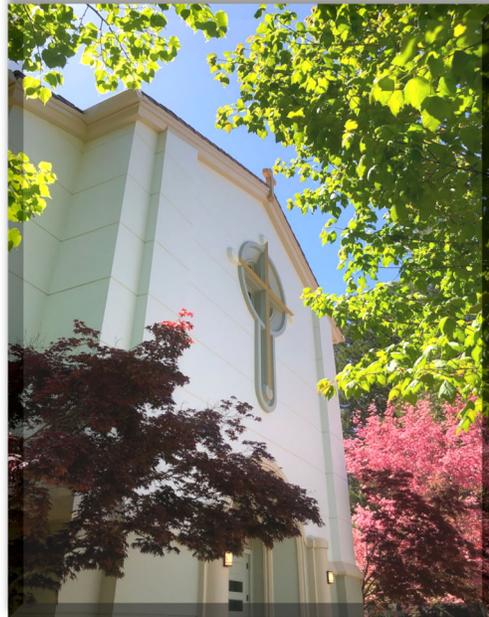
# St. Patrick Catholic Church

June 4, 2023

## Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

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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

### 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

Father Estrella's 7 year ordination anniversary is this weekend, so please enjoy this excerpt from 2021

Dear Family,

It is an immense joy to guide and share in the work of our parish, to share in your lives and love. As I look toward the future, I am filled with so much joy and hope for the good things that we will be able to accomplish together; bringing the love and presence of our Heavenly Father in the world so that more people may know and love Him. This confidence comes not from the sweat of our brows but the deep faith and prayerfulness of our parish. The work that we can do is the fruit of our prayer, this same prayer is what inspires and sustains us as we move forward to accomplish the work of building up the Kingdom of God.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said that the greatest love story of all time is told by a small white Host. This is very true; I am grateful to God that my anniversary this year falls so close to Corpus Christi. A priest has the unique privilege in celebrating Holy Mass and because of this, the unique privilege of the first, albeit quick glance, at our Lord present in the Sacred Species before being elevated for the whole assembly, priest and people, to adore. Our community is born out of the Eucharist, bonded by the Eucharist, sustained by the Eucharist. That white Host tells the magnificent love story of God for His people and invites us to return His love with our own love, no matter how meager, no matter how small.

Your Father in Christ,  
*Father Estrella*



### WE PRAY FOR:

Bonnie Burke, Pat Chargin, Diane Damron, Marilyn & Tom Falls, Cathie Fideli, Gary & Linda Grube, Jack Harris, Virginia Hedges, Jeff Hill, Joan & Tom Jacobs, Linda Kilass, Dee Lavrador, Wayne McHone, Kathleen Montavon, Cheryl Riopel, Susan Roberts, Chuck Ryan, Frank Santos, Sue Schrag, Larry Schmidt, Dcn Rick & Maureen Soria, Stella Spring, Barbara Stephens, Maddie Testa, Amber Turner, and their families.

Names are automatically included for 3 months, please call the office if you would like a different time frame.





## STEWARDSHIP

Today we celebrate the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, the “central mystery of the Christian faith” (261 ). Can the truth of the Holy Trinity teach us anything as everyday Christian stewards? Actually, yes!

St. John Paul II described the Holy Trinity as a “Divine Family,” a community of Persons Who give themselves completely to each other and Who wishes to share Itself, Its life, with us. These concepts are at the very heart of the stewardship way of life. As stewards, we too, are called to share ourselves and our lives with others.

Amazingly, the more we give of ourselves to God in love, the more we will find the “grace of the Lord, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit within us.” The God of the universe — this mysterious, Triune God — invites us to an ever-deepening intimacy with Him when we make our lives a loving gift to Him and to others through the stewardship way of life.



## ECUMENICAL PRAYER VIGIL

You may have seen that the LA Dodgers honored the so-called Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence (SPI), which mock religious sisters, Jesus, and our Catholic faith.

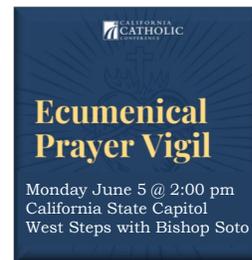
The California bishops condemned this action in a statement, but now, **a State Senator has invited SPI to be honored on the floor of the California State Capitol on Monday, June 5th.**

Encouraging the ridicule of our faith - and, in a particular way, mocking religious sisters who sacrifice their lives as brides of Christ - is unacceptable.

**Join Bishop Soto, women religious, and our evangelical brothers & sisters for an ecumenical prayer vigil:**

**Monday June 5 , 2:00 pm  
California State Capitol  
West Steps**

The event's tone is not political or confrontational but meant to be peaceful, hopeful, and honoring of the incredible work that religious sisters have done for so many years in California as a witness to the beauty of our faith. Please bring rosaries, and leave protest signs at home.



## COMING UP THIS WEEK

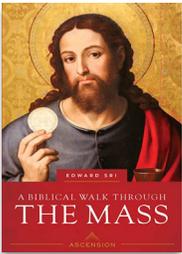
Day	Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel	Intention
Mon 6/5	Saint Boniface	Tb 1:3; 2:1-8	Mk 12:1-12	8:30 Steve Lolli (si)
Tues 6/6	Saint Norbert	Tb 2:9-14	Mk 12:13-17	8:30 Fr. Ryan Mahar
Wed 6/7	Blessed Franz Jägerstätter	Tb 3:1-11, 16-17	Mk 12:18-27	8:30 Sal Delleva (si)
Thur 6/8	Saint William of York	Tb 6:10-11; 7:1, 9-17; 8:4-9	Mk 12:28-34	8:30 Don and Marion Braff (d)
Fri 6/9	Saint Ephrem	Tb 11:5-17	Mk 12:35-37	8:30 Don Weller (d)
Sat 6/10	Saint Joachima	Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20	Mk 12:38-44	8:30 increase in vocations & recently ordained 5:00 Jeffrey Harrison (d)
Sun 6/11	Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ	Dt 8:2-3, 14-16 1 Cor 10:16-17	Jn 6:51-58	7:30 Hardin family 9:00 Wayne Garth (d) 11:00 For the People



SPEND TIME WITH  
OUR LORD

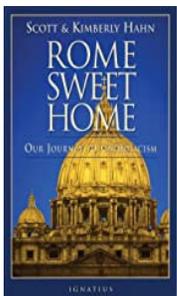
## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

SUNDAY JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>  
2:00—7:00 PM



### 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 Deacon Rick at 530-273-2336 x3201 or [faithformation@stppatrickgrassvalley.org](mailto:faithformation@stppatrickgrassvalley.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>.



### 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.



### The Good, The Bad & The Unimaginable

**The Good:** Nicole and Austin LeBlanc learned their preborn twin girls shared but one heart and other major organs. The doctors immediately deemed the pregnancy high-risk and suggested termination. The parents choose to continue the pregnancy. Rachel and Maria were born alive, baptized and confirmed before their short lives ended. Nicole, the mother of conjoined twin girls wrote: "They lived for about an hour until they took their last breaths. My girls were loved and held until their final moments and all that they knew their entire lives was love from Austin and I."

**The Bad:** A child in the UK was born after being conceived via a "three parent" embryo. This child came into being artificially as two embryonic human individuals were destroyed to create a third. This new technique of embryo modification was met by the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, an Oxford-based Catholic bioethics research center, with strong criticism. "This is primarily unethical due to the destruction of two unique innocent human beings, who had inherent dignity and rights."

**The Unimaginable:** The Diocese of Los Angeles and San Francisco voiced their outrage at the news that The Los Angeles Dodgers will honor the LA chapter of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence with a Community Hero Award at the LGBTQ+ Pride Night on June 16<sup>th</sup>. This group has a long history of obscenely satirizing Catholicism, too scandalous and offensive to list here. The LA Diocese states that, "to honor a group that clearly mocks the Catholic faith and makes light of the sincere and holy vocations of our women religious who are an integral part of our Church is what has caused disappointment, concern, anger and dismay from the Catholic community." Admittedly this may not specifically be a "culture of life" issue, but it is surely a Catholic issue which profoundly illuminates the anti-Catholic, anti-life, and anti-family persuasion of so many in our society today.

*Blessed are they who mourn...Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness...Blessed are they who are persecuted. Matt 5: 1-10*



### JOHN 3:16-18

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.”

At first glance, this gospel may seem an odd choice for the Sunday we celebrate the tripartite personhood of God. The Father and Son are mentioned, but the Holy Spirit is nowhere to be seen. But despite the lack of explicit mention, this gospel is rich in the Spirit. It is thorough the Spirit overshadowing Mary that Jesus comes to be in the world, and the Spirit accompanies Jesus throughout his ministry and mission on earth. The silence here is often part of how the spirit works, in subtleties and whispers rather than in obvious or understandable ways. We might prefer the Spirit's work – like all of God's work – to be more evident to us, but the wisdom of God differs from ours and so our work is training our eyes to see the quite hints of God's hand in the world.

### EXO 34:4-6,8-9 2 COR 13:11-13

The second reading finally names all three members of the Trinity explicitly on this Trinity Sunday. St. Paul uses their names as a greeting, one we still use at Mass today. This is a powerful greeting. We begin everything we do in the names of these three people in one God. The familiarity of this triad – Father, Son, and Spirit – can make us forget that there is a beautiful mystery at play here. God's very essence is relationship, is love, to the point that God needs to be three persons so that the love has someplace to go.

We live out the mystery of the Trinity in the ongoing dance of all our human relationships. As the ancient hymn “Ubi Caritas” reminds us, wherever love is, God is present. God is the source and sustenance of all the different ways we experience love in our human relationships.

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### OPENING DOORS MINISTRY

We are a Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation Program for adults who have special needs or developmental disabilities. We have just completed our 38th year serving those in St. Patrick and St. Canice parishes. Our lessons this past season focused on the family tree of Jesus from the Old Testament, and on the Holy Seasons of the Church. Music, storytelling and prayer are an important part of this program. Our "doors" are always open to both Catholics and non-Catholics. The class will be starting up again in September 2023, Meeting on Sundays from 10am-11am. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Helen Albano,(530) 210-1721.

### CREATION CARE



More summer climate-friendly traveling tips: instead of accepting the snacks on the plane, bring healthier snacks in reusable containers; dig around to find the earphones you may already have at home instead of buying them from airport store; perhaps skip the plane altogether and travel by rail! Once you are at your destination, consider using public transportation instead of renting a car, or rent an electric, hybrid or smaller car.



Weekly Offering

May 28th \$4,725  
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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Tuesday June 6th  
Adoration in the church at 5:30  
Meeting in the hall at 6:30 PM

# Corpus Christi

PROCESSION & CELEBRATION

Next weekend following the 11:00 Mass

In celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi, we will have Procession of the Blessed Sacrament through downtown Grass Valley with several altars set up for Benediction. Join us too for a potluck after the procession!

SUNDAY | JUNE 11 | NOON

Please Come and Join  
(even if you attend an earlier Mass)

\*We will not have a 1:00 Spanish Mass this day



## LIVE STREAM TEAM

We are restarting our attempt to form a live-streaming team! If you are interested in helping, please contact the office. Training provided.



## MERCY ASSOCIATES

...called together to participate in the corporal and spiritual works of Mercy...  
Saturday June 10th @ 11:30  
St Patrick Hall

## DEACON'S CORNER

*For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.*

*For by Grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God*

At a confirmation, a few years ago in Los Angeles, the bishop asked the children for a definition of the Blessed Trinity. A young Girl answered very softly: "The Holy trinity is 3 Persons in one God." The bishop was hard of hearing and replied: " I don't understand what you said." The first-year pastor who was nervously walking with the bishop turned to him and said: "Well your Excellency, you are not supposed to understand. It is a mystery." It is a mystery, not because we cannot grasp its importance and meaning for our lives but because no matter how deeply we explore it, our finite minds could never fully understand the infinite. If we could, then we would be the infinite. But the one thing that we need to explore can begin to be opened up by this story.

The gypsy goes into the town square and he's looking down the well. There's a little boy down there and he sees that the gypsy is looking for water, so he watches the gypsy take a cup of water. He puts the cup down, and he hangs around, and he keeps looking down and looking down. And finally, the little boy goes up to the gypsy and he starts looking down the well. And as he's looking down there, he looks at the gypsy and asks: "Who's down there? Why are you looking? Who's down there?" And the gypsy says, "Young man, God is down there." "Oh, can I look?" asks the little boy. So, the gypsy lifts him up and puts him over the well and the little boy eagerly looks down. All of a sudden, the little boy is very disappointed and says, "Put me down." So, the gypsy puts him down and the little boy says, "There's nothing down there. All I could see was my face in the water." "Ah," the gypsy says, "Now you know where God is. God is within you." God seeks to be with us as intimately as possible.

Where to look; this is the key for me. God is Father, God is Son, God is Holy Spirit. I may not grasp the dogma, but I have grown to realize: it is a relationship. God, The Father loves us and all of creation into existence. He loves us so much, say the Scriptures, that He sent His only Son into this world that we might understand Him and know Him and love Him. And He will offer Himself up to us. When we see Jesus walking through Galilee, Judea, and all of Israel, healing and teaching, we see the icon of God. We see the reality that God is among us in this very special way, for God the Son has become man. And, of course, Jesus is always talking about when he returns to the Father, he will be sure to send the Holy Spirit upon us. And the Spirit will make us understand deeply and understand very well who God is: the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. And through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we will begin to experience it's a relationship with a Father, who loves us, created us, wants us always to be happy, and wants us to love Him in return. An old Jewish teaching is: To know is to love, Know, not with your head or explanations from a book, but know through relationships, participating with people, being with people, giving yourself to people, receiving *their* love, receiving *their* care. If you're not on the level of reaching out with your whole heart as well as your mind, you will never understand who God really is; because God is a lover. That is why His Son comes down, to share their love with us. That is why the Holy Spirit remains, to perfect us in that love; to love as the Father loves us, God our Father, sent His Son to us so that we know that He forgives us. And that is the great mystery: to love is to forgive. Our journey is to love God, and in our desire to love Him through everyone we meet, we will come to know Him.

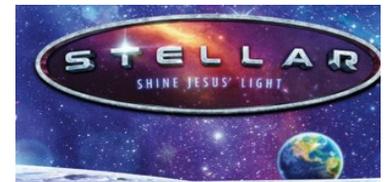
One day a little girl asked her father, "Daddy, what is God like?" The question sounded innocent enough—until the father actually tried to put his answer into language that a five-year-old could relate to. Finally, he gave the answer for which fathers are famous: "Go ask your mother." She went to her mother with the question, "Mother, what is God like?" The mother soon realized that she had no adequate answer for her daughter either. She said, "Honey, why don't you ask your Sunday School teacher?" The little girl went to her Sunday School teacher with the same question, "What is God like?" The teacher said simply, "Why don't you ask your father or mother?" The little girl thought to herself as she left, "If I had lived with God as long as my parents and teacher, I think I would be able to tell a little girl what He is like. Her parents and teacher couldn't; could we?"

### SUMMER FAITH CAMP—Registration Deadline Extended!

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.

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