

St. Patrick Catholic Church

July 2, 2023

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mon – Fri : 9:00—2:00 PM



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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 anointings, hospital visits, and
communion visits, please call parish office.

Adoration

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

Rosary & Adoration

Tuesday	Rosary @ 5:30 PM Adoration 6:00 –7:00
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Confession

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

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PASTORS PONDERINGS

Dear Family,

The history of our diocese and parish is one that is intimately tied to the history of the United States and California, especially the Gold Rush. When the Apostolic Vicariate, which would later become the Diocese of Grass Valley (and later of Sacramento), was established the priest chosen to be the Vicar Apostolic and later, Bishop, was Fr. Eugene O'Connell. He was a priest and professor at the Irish seminary All Hallows. He appealed personally to Pope Pius IX to be relieved of this appointment and was denied. He told the Holy Father, *Damnatus sum ad metalla*. This translates as "I have been damned to the mines."

This reference is only about the mines in California but refers back to an ancient Roman practice that was used to martyr Christians, they would be condemned to the mines. The New Testament epistles are full of references to pray for those in authority over us. Both St. Paul and St. Timothy make explicit injunction to pray for those in leadership. St. Paul wrote such an injunction in his letter to the Romans during the reign of Emperor Nero, one of the cruelest of emperors. It remains an important part of our faith, indeed the Church enshrines this duty by placing a prayer for the world and its leaders in the Universal Prayer of the Mass.

This week we will celebrate Independence Day, a reminder to us of the beginning of our nation and to recall the work we must do to be true to those beginnings. Our Patriotic Rosary is a wonderful opportunity for all of this. While America will never be the "Jerusalem" some of the Founding Fathers envisioned there is great hope for your nation and an equally great need for conversion so we can live up to the great hope we offer the world. A powerful part of praying for our nation is invoking the Precious Blood of our Lord at each Hail Mary for the 50 states. We also pray for the different levels of government. The Precious Blood of our Lord is powerful and as the month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of our Lord it seems to fit well with this prayer. I encourage us all to join us for the Rosary this July 4th at 7:40 AM, yes it's early but just think about the great spot you'll have for the parade after Mass! If you can't join us, please, pray the rosary that day for our nation.

Our role as faithful citizens goes beyond this rosary or praying for our leaders and government; we are meant by our faithful citizenship to transform the world and build up the kingdom of God on earth. As I have said before, it is us living as faithful Catholics that the world will become a better place. No matter our nationality, St. Paul reminds us that our citizenship is in Heaven. This not only the promise and hope of life in Heaven with God, nor is it a simply reminder that we are pilgrims on a journey through this life; it means we are meant to live in this world in a way that reflects our heavenly citizenship and the great gift and dignity of being God's own sons and daughters.

So, as we light up the grills and watch fireworks, let us seek the grace to live as faithful citizens working to build the Kingdom of God.

Your Father in Christ,

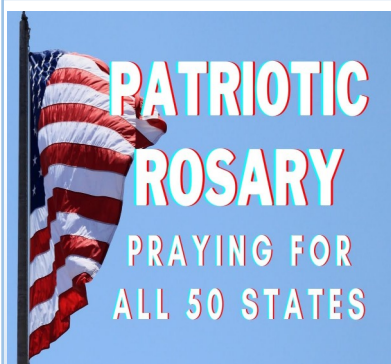
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WE PRAY FOR:

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





PATRIOTIC ROSARY

TUESDAY, JULY 4 AT 7:40 AM

Prayer For Our Nation

On Tuesday, July 4, there will be a Patriotic Rosary prayed at St. Patrick starting at 7:40 am and followed by Mass at 8:30. You and your entire family are invited to join in praying for our nation – its freedoms, its greatness, its protection, its strength.

Internet sites, periodicals, and television news are filled with stories of attempts to get rid of God, religion, and the practice of faith, particularly the Christian faith. We must pray and fast as Our Lady has asked in her messages to the children at Fatima.

Please join us in praying the rosary for our nation. We will hear the words of our Founding Fathers, as relevant today as ever in our history. We pray individually for each state in our nation and each person in that state. Please join us as we lift our voices in singing our patriotic hymns following each decade of the rosary.

Do bring your children and grandchildren, your entire family, your friends so that they too can experience the virtue of patriotism and love of country and so that they can pray alongside you in thanksgiving for the many freedoms we experience.

CULTURE OF LIFE

God Bless America

In the summer of 1776, 56 men of the North American Colonies bravely signed a document that they fully understood was a treasonous act against England carrying with it the penalty of death. This document proclaimed in the preamble that all men are created equal with unalienable rights including Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. They risked their homes, their livelihoods and their lives so that a new nation would emerge and we, 247 years later, could thrive in the land of the free and the home of the brave.



What became of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? "Five signers were captured by the British and brutally tortured as traitors. Nine fought in the Revolutionary War and died from wounds or hardships. Two lost their sons in the war, and two others had sons captured. At least a dozen of the 56 had their homes pillaged and burned. " What Happened to the Signers? www.self-gov.org/liberator/

Today in America the right to life no longer applies to all and its protection varies from state to state. Lives still being nurtured in their mother's womb and the lives of those who through depression, illness, old age and disabilities are seen as "better off dead" are no longer protected by our government. Even worse, they are assisted in death through laws, programs and financial aid. 247 years ago, men stood against tyranny and risked their lives for the common good and the opportunity to build a new nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all. Let us pray that with courage and perseverance we will continue to dream their dream and fight their fight.

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Classic



The Knights of Columbus will host the 23rd Annual Fr. Phelan Golf Classic at the Alta Sierra Golf Course on September 10th. This fun event will benefit Mt. St. Mary's Academy and Sierra Roots. **If you would like to be a sponsor and have your company's logo or your name on the upcoming flyer, please contact Bert Tomasino at radarnav52@yahoo.com or (530) 615-6262 as soon as possible** as we plan to have the first edition of the golf flyer published very soon.





Volunteer/Donor Appreciation Barbecue Potluck

Wednesday, July 5th, 2:00 pm—4:00 pm

Thursday, July 6th, 2:00 pm—4:00 pm

IFM will provide the main dishes of hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken, as well as drinks.

Guests can bring potluck dishes to share.

Open to ALL but we ask for you to RSVP.

Please include:

of guests

Your name and best phone #

If you are bringing a dish, please indicate type (appetizer, side dish, dessert, etc.)

RSVP to: volunteer.ifmc@gmail.com

There will also be an RSVP/Sign-Up Sheet on the counter in the Kitchen at IFM.



FAIR TIME!

*Great opportunity to help at
the Knights of Columbus Fair
Booth!*



The Knights will be selling hamburgers, etc. as part of their annual fundraising. There are 135 shifts that we need to fill and we would love to have your help.

The shifts are 4 hours long and when you sign up you are entitled to, free fair entry and a free lunch or dinner at the booth! Such a great deal!

The dates are **August 9th through August 13th** and the shift choices are **10am-2pm, 2pm-6pm or 6pm-11pm**. No experience necessary and the camaraderie in the booth is great fun.

Bring friends, family, kids, grandkids (children must be 12 or older) groups of teens, etc.

Since we have many slots to fill, it works well to start to fill in the schedule early—for further information or to sign up, please contact Marilyn Peters

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STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Reflection on the Lectionary Readings (Homily Guide)

July 2, 2023 — Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 KGS 4:8-11, 14-16A; PS 89:2-3, 16-19; ROM 6:3-4, 8-11; MT 10:37-42

Today's readings take us back to one of the basics of stewardship living. They begin with the knowledge and faith that God created everything. We Christian Stewards are grateful for the uncountable gifts God has freely given each of us. Amen.

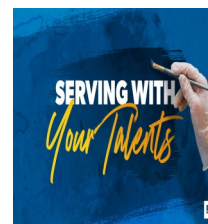
But then in today's gospel reading from Matthew 10, Jesus says unless you love me more than yourself, your parents, and your children, you are not worthy of me. Undoubtedly, for most of us, our immediate families are our greatest treasure. However, Jesus teaches us to go beyond the most important loves of our life if we want to follow Him and be worthy of His Kingdom.

Well, how does Jesus tell us to become worthy of Him and the Father? He says, "Take up your cross." What does that mean, fellow stewards? Most of us

experience daily challenges and struggles amongst the people we love most. We all do and usually we accept them by God's grace. That's good. But then Jesus tells us to go beyond mere acceptance of these daily sufferings. Rather, Jesus says to take on the burdens and sufferings of others, especially the poor.

So, what's the bottom line? Everyday, we should ask the Lord to provide each of us opportunities to alleviate the burdens of others. How can I lessen their burden despite the fact I have my own? Seek out the sufferings of others and respond. Open your eyes and look - you will see them. By this practice of Christian Stewardship, we will know we love God above all the other gifts that we have been given.

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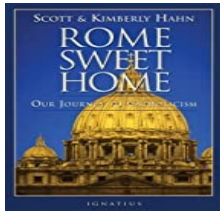




BOOKKEEPER POSITION

We are looking to recruit a bookkeeper to support our office team. The role is 15 hours a week to do the bookkeeping for St. Canice and St Patrick's church.

For more details, please email Father Estrella: frestrella@stpatrickgrassvalley.org



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.



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, July 15th, 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.



CREATION CARE

Creation Care Team: We can all be more mindful of how we are using the earth's resources, and what kind of future we are leaving to our children and grandchildren. "We cannot interfere in one area of the ecosystem without paying due attention to both the consequences of such interference in other areas and to the well-being of future generations."

(Saint Pope John Paul II, 1990 World Day of Peace Message, no. 6)



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CANCELLATIONS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Tuesday, July 4
5:30-6:30 P.M.**

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CONFESSIONS

**Tuesday, July 4
7:30 A.M.**

Reflecting on the Gospel

In his rule for monastic living, St. Benedict calls on his brothers to "receive all as Christ." Hospitality is a hallmark of Benedictine spirituality-and the broader Christian life. We need not be monks or nuns to practice the radical hospitality called for in St. Benedict's Rule and today's gospel. Jesus puts himself in the place of a guest when he tells his apostles: "Whoever receives you received me." He ups the ante even further by adding: "and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

To welcome another person is to welcome God, the source of all life, and Christ's very self. For all people are made in the image of God. God dwells within and among each one of us. The friend and the foe, the loved one and the stranger, the joyful, the hurting, the weary and the lost everyone reflects the image of God in a unique way and deserves to be treated as such.



What does it look like to receive or welcome another as Christ? How can we answer Jesus's call to take up our cross and follow him? Discipleship demands a radical embrace of the divine in our daily lives. Maybe that looks like seeking forgiveness from a colleague. Maybe it looks like welcoming the pain of unhoused neighbors into your heart and allowing it to move you to action. Maybe the radical welcome to which Jesus calls us looks as simple as offering a "hi, how are you?" to the person sitting by themselves a few pews over. As we move into a new week, consider how you can take up the Christian call to receive others as if you are receiving Christ's very self.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Day	Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel	Mass Times	Intention
Mon 7/03	Saint Thomas, Apostle	Eph 2:19-22	Jn 20:24-29	8:30 am	Melanie DeMartini(D)
Tues 7/04	Independence Day	Gn 19:15-29	Mt 8:23-27	8:30 am	Francisco Alberto Jimenez-
Wed 7/05	Saint Anthony Zaccaria	Gn 21:5, 8-20a	Mt 8:28-34	8:30 am	Bert Dilts(D)
Thurs 7/06	Saint Maria Goretti	Gn 22:1b-19	Mt 9:1-8	8:30 am	Jack Valentino(D)
Fri 7/07	Saints Cyril and Methodius	Gn 23:1-4, 19	Mt 9:9-13	8:30 am	Ray Tensmeyer(D)
Sat 7/08	Saint Elizabeth of Portugal	Gn 27:1-5, 15-29	Mt 9:14-17	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Leslie O'neal(D)
Sun 7/09	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Zec 9:9-10 Rom 8:9, 11-13	Mt 11:25-30(100)	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Rose of Sharon Reader(D) Attilio Cividino(D) Santa Riva(D) For the People



DEACON'S CORNER

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in the newness of life.

*Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.
Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.*

***You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
announce the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light.***

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And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink

When the great author and playwright Oscar Wilde was sent to prison in 1895 it was an ultimate humiliation for him. He was a real celebrity but all that evaporated once he was convicted. Whenever the prison authorities moved him in public he was spat at and jeered. On one occasion when the crowd was particularly hostile, a friend of Wilde appeared and made a simple gesture of friendship and respect that silenced the crowd. As Wilde passed by, handcuffed, head bowed, the man simply raised his hat to him, the smallest of good deeds. Wilde later wrote: 'Men have gone to heaven for smaller things than that. I do not know, to the present moment, whether my friend is aware that I was even conscious of his actions. It is not a thing for which one can render formal thanks in formal words. I store it in the treasure house of my heart. I keep it there as a secret debt that I can never possibly repay. When wisdom has been profitless to me, and philosophy barren, and the proverbs and phrases of those who sought to give consolation as dust and ashes in my mouth, the memory of that lowly silent act of love has unsealed for me all the wells of pity, made the desert blossom like a rose, and brought me out of the bitterness of lonely exile into harmony with the wounded, broken and great heart of the world.' And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink....

A deacon friend of mine shared this story about an incident that happened at a mass that he was attending at a fairly affluent parish along the central coast. He was there visiting his son. As the deacon began to proclaim the gospel a young man walked in. He was from the local college. His clothes and hair were vintage 60's flower children. He walked down the aisle looking for a place to sit. The young man's flip-flops were still making rhythmic sounds as the deacon proclaimed the "Gospel of the Lord." The young man had now made his way to the front of the church and stood there for a moment. It was apparent this young man had never been to a Catholic mass before. The deacon returned to his seat as the priest went to the ambo. Everyone sat down. The young man looked around for a place to sit, no one moved. He then just squatted down on his haunches in the middle of the aisle. An usher from the back started to come forward, at the same time the gray-haired deacon went down to the young man and with great effort, he slowly sat down next to the young man. Father stood at the ambo for a long moment looking at the two men. Then he looked at his congregation and began his homily. "What I was about to preach about Jesus' words today, you will most likely not remember. But what you have just seen today, you will never forget. And then concluded his homily with these words. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink.... amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

Closer to home, in the May 14th bulletin, Seth shared his journey to full communion with the church. He shared how the 1st time he entered our church, he was greeted by Frank, one of our ushers, who took the time to talk with him. During their brief conversation, Frank realized this young man was attending his first mass. He introduced him to one of the great women of our parish, who sat with Seth and guided him through his first mass. Now, you can say hi to Seth and his whole family any Sunday at the 11:00 mass. I can share story after story of people who have come into the church because of small acts of kindness that they experienced. I can also share far more stories of men and women, beginning with my son, who have left the church, not because of dogma, but because they never experienced the simple cup of conversation, of hospitality, or of being seen. I know that at times, I forget that at its core, our faith is not about ideas but about a relationship with a person, Jesus. It is only when we consciously live as a member of the Body of Christ that Jesus can come alive for one of the little ones seeking a "cup of cold water."

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announce the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Alleluia, Alleluia

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