

St. Patrick Catholic Church

July 9, 2023

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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,

Just in time for the great feast of Corpus Christi two new features of our church were completed. One had to wait for the other but it was a great act of God's providence. The new sanctuary lamp was hung and the altar for the tabernacle was delivered and installed. Throughout the course of the renovation, I sought to preserve and incorporate as much of the parish patrimony as possible by integrating those pieces into the design. Thanks to Sylvia Crane, a long-time parishioner I was able to see photos of the church after it was built and so saw the old sanctuary lamp. Unable to find the original one, I wanted one as similar as possible, I think we accomplished that goal.

When considering how to incorporate the tabernacle altar, I took my inspiration from St. Canice and how it looks like the old high altar was removed from the reredos (the back part) and adapted to hold that tabernacle. I wanted to do the same here. When our parishes were founded in the late 1800s, it was common to have very elaborate altar pieces which the altar, tabernacle, candles and crucifix were a part of but were not the focus. In the middle of the 20th century, there was a movement which had less adornment and much larger tabernacles, candles, and crucifixes; both churches were updated to reflect that look. I think for us, with the revival of freestanding altars (not built against a wall) a much more visible connection between the Sacrifice and the Sacrament is created.

Just as the tabernacle altar at St. Canice shares a visible integrity with the altar of Sacrifice, so does the one at St. Patrick's. Both churches used to have side altars both the restoration of celebration and the shortage of priests have eliminated the need for multiple altars in a church. My guess is that the old altar of sacrifice at St. Patrick's was built from the original high altar and used the top of a side altar, if my memory serves me right, someone told me that. In developing the tabernacle altar, I wanted to incorporate the old altar and so the top or mensa was built out of that same marble. The Chi-Ro (P and X) was framed into the front to pay homage to the many years that was there.

The tabernacle altar isn't an altar proper because the Holy Mass can't be offered on it; it isn't big enough. But "altar" is often used to describe those things that hold sacred objects, in many cultures and homes (as in mine growing up) it is common to have a space dedicated which we might call "prayer corners" these home altars often contain images of the saints, most predominantly of our Lord and our Blessed Mother, candles, flowers and other things. In my family it is common to place photos of our dearly departed to honor their memory and pray for their happy repose. These altars are often in prominent places, at my parent's it is in the dining room.

Prayer corners have become very popular and I think are a wonderful aid to prayer, but a home altar allows us the opportunity to benefit from the many sacramentals in the church and offer a simple way of sharing our faith. Nothing reveals a Catholic home like a crucifix and image of our Lady. Perhaps your home and family would benefit from a home altar.

Your Father in Christ,

Father Estrella

WE PRAY FOR:

Diana Boyarsky, Vida Santos, Bonnie Burke, Pat Chargin, Diane Damron, Marilyn & Tom Falls, Cathie Fideli, Gary & Linda Grube, Jack Harris, Jeff Hill, Linda Kilass, Dee Lavrador, Wayne McHone, John Mercurio, Kathleen Montavon, Cheryl Riopel, Susan Roberts, Chuck Ryan, Frank Santos, Larry Schmidt, Dcn Rick & Maureen Soria, Stella Spring, Barbara Stephens, Maddie Testa, ...and their families.

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





Teacher Position

Mt. St. Mary Academy is seeking a Fifth Grade Teacher and a First Grade Teacher for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested in joining the MSM team, send your resume to ewood@mtstmarys.org.



Sponsor the 23rd Annual Fr. Phelan Golf 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.

CULTURE OF LIFE

CULTURE OF LIFE MEETING WILL BE ON JULY 10 AT 7:00 P.M.

A call to action!

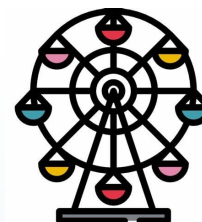


There seemed to be a theme in last week's bulletin. Did you notice? Father Estrella reminded us, "we are meant by our faithful citizenship to transform the world and build up the kingdom of God on earth." The Stewardship column suggests that, "Everyday, we should ask the Lord to provide each of us opportunities to alleviate the burdens of others." Deacon Rick enlightened us with stories of how small acts of kindness can have a significant impact on others. Culture of Life reminded us that still, after 247 years there is a need to fight for our unalienable rights. A call to action? Yes! And here are a few ideas:

Write to your grandparents. Offer to babysit for a young, perhaps frazzled, couple. Smile and give reassurance to a mom with a screaming child. Take a meal to a family who's struggling. Go through your closet once a year and donate to Mt. St. Mary's Thrift Store. Shop at a Mt. St. Mary's Thrift Store. Give blood. Visit the elderly in nursing homes. Take your child with you to a nursing home. Show your children pictures of unborn babies. Teach your children to tithe. Tell your story. Write to your senator, mayor or school board. Keep "blessing bags" in your car for those on the street asking for help. Thank a veteran. Bake cookies for local firefighters and police. Vote pro-life, pro-family. Volunteer at Interfaith Food, LivingWell, a school, a youth group, an afterschool program, or to teach Faith Formation classes, etc. etc. etc. Join a church Ministry. Spiritually adopt unborn babies, those contemplating suicide, a person in jail or prisoner on death row. Be Salt and Light. Inspired by, *100 Ways to Be Pro-Life*, piercedhands.com



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:

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STEWARDSHIP

Jesus' gospel message today is a Thanksgiving Prayer to the Father, basic to the stewardship way of life. He prays, "Thank you Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent, and yet revealed them to your little ones." What things have been revealed? The mystery of Jesus' relationship with His Father - the love and unity within our Trinitarian God. Who are the little ones? Disciples of Jesus Christ, who trust with simplicity, and possess the wonder and curiosity of a little child.

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WORLD YOUTH DAY
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Here are your Pilgrims!!!!

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!

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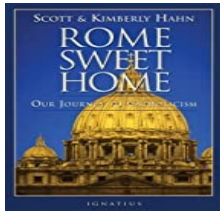
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BOOKKEEPER POSITION

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.



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Creation Care Team: Humans buy 1,000,000 plastic bottles every minute! Plastic recycling limitations mean that only 25% gets recycled in the U.S.; the rest end up in waterways and landfills where they can last 100's of years. Practice BYOB for water. Don't like the taste of tap water? Buy a filter and save! Much of the bottled water sold today is simply filtered tap water.



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July 2nd— \$7,189



Thank you for your generous support in the last week's Peter's Pence collection! As a parish, we collected \$1,826

Thank you!



2nd Collection Next Week
Mt. St. Mary's Academy

Reflecting on the Gospel

Today's first reading from Zechariah and the gospel from Matthew showcase the call we answer each time we gather for Eucharist: the call to rejoice and give praise to God. These sacred acts unite us with our ancestors in faith across time, people who also marveled at the power and graciousness of God. Rejoicing and praising God draws us closer to the Lord of heaven and earth. It heightens our awareness of the spirit of God dwelling in us. As we prepare to receive the Eucharist, let us carry a spirit of thanksgiving in our hearts for God's abiding love for us.



Let us also rejoice and give praise for the gift of children present in our pews! Thank you, parents and guardians, for making your young ones a part of this faith community. Jesus exclaims in today's gospel that God reveals Godself to the little ones. Today we give thanks for the children whose very presence is a revelation of God. May each of us approach the Lord with childlike awe and wonder this week.

Jesus longs to give rest to the weary, those laboring under unjust conditions, those burdened by medical debt, caregiving, the loss of a reliable paycheck. The list of those who labor and are burdened is long. To those of us facing hardships right now, please know that Jesus sees you. Jesus loves you. Jesus is yoked to you and will never leave you to face your trials alone.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Day		Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel	Mass Times	Intention
Mon	7/10	Martyrs of Damascus	Gn 28:10-22a	Mt 9:18-26	8:30 am	Dominic Giuliani(D)
Tues	7/11	Saint Benedict, Abbot	Gn 32:23-33	Mt 9:32-38	8:30 am	Barbara Leland(D)
Wed	7/12	St. Ignatius Delgado	Gn 41:55-57	Mt 10:1-7	8:30 am	
Thurs	7/13	Saint Henry	Gn 44:18-21	Mt 10:7-15	8:30 am	CLRS Living & Dead
Fri	7/14	Saint Kateri	Gn 46:1-7	Mt 10:16-23	8:30 am	
Sat	7/15	Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Gn 49-29	Mt 10:24-33	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Stephanie Moskal(D)
Sun	7/16	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 55:10-11 Rom 8:18-23	Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9(103)	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Virginia Hedges(D) Ken & Mary Stinson(D) For the People

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28



DEACON'S CORNER

*The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.
The Lord is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.*

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

I hope you had a wonderful 4th of July. While I am on vacation this week, I hope these stories By Fr. Tony Kaveli brings a smile to your face and a moment of remembrance of God's grace and goodness in your life.

George came home from the psychiatrist looking very worried. "What's the problem?" his wife asked. "The doctor told me I could have no worry and perfect peace of mind if I take a pill every day for the rest of my life," he explained. "So what? Lots of people have to take a pill every day their whole lives," she replied. "I know," said George, "but the doctor gave me only four pills!"

In 1863, the Civil War was raging, and the end was far from sight. Abraham Lincoln was out for a ride with his friend and aide Noah Brooks. Brooks, noticing the president's obvious fatigue, suggested that he take a brief rest when they got back to the White House. "A rest," Lincoln replied, "I don't know about a rest. I suppose it's good for the body, but the tired part of me is inside and out of reach." Lincoln was acknowledging a very important truth. There are many sources of fatigue. Physical fatigue may be the most benign. There is fatigue that comes from stress, fatigue that comes from worry, fatigue that comes not only from worrying about the future but also worrying about the past, and fatigue that comes from trying to be something we are not. What we really need is not time off nor time away. Rather, what we need is time that is filled with meaning and purpose – time that is saturated with the grace of God. What we need, according to this wonderful Gospel paradox, is a different "burden" Christ's, and a new "yoke", His." Soren Kierkegaard was a Danish philosopher who suffered bouts of extreme melancholy, undoubtedly due to a difficult upbringing. One day he wrote in his Journal, "And now, with God's help, I shall become myself." What a liberating thought: "And now, with God's help, I shall become myself." Not what others expect me to be. Not some unrealistic image I have of myself. No, with God's help I shall become who I really am. No more stressful pretenses. No more misguided strivings. I will relax and be me. When we feel accepted by Christ, then for the first time in our life we become free. When we are yoked to Jesus, we no longer have to prove to the world that we belong.

If you put a buzzard in a pen that is 6 feet by 8 feet and is entirely open at the top, the bird, in spite of its ability to fly, will be an absolute prisoner. The reason is that a buzzard always begins a flight from the ground with a run of 10 to 12 feet. Without space to run, as is its habit, it will not even attempt to fly, but will remain a prisoner for life in a small jail with no top. The ordinary bat that flies around at night, a remarkably nimble creature in the air, cannot take off from a level place. If it is placed on the floor or flat ground, all it can do is shuffle about helplessly and, no doubt, painfully, until it reaches some slight elevation from which it can throw itself into the air. Then, at once, it takes off like a flash. A bumblebee, if dropped into an open tumbler, will be there until it dies, unless it is taken out. It never sees the means of escape at the top, but persists in trying to find some way out through the sides near the bottom... It will seek a way where none exists, until it completely destroys itself. — In many ways, we are like the buzzard, the bat, and the bumblebee. We struggle with all our problems and frustrations, never realizing that all we have to do is look up! That's the answer, the escape route and the solution to any problem! Just look up. Sorrow looks back, Worry looks around, But Faith looks up! Listen to Jesus' invitation in today's Gospel: "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

"If we receive the Eucharist worthily, we become what we receive." And in receiving Christ, we become one body in him, and through him, one with the Father and the Holy Spirit. St. Augustine

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