

# St. Patrick Catholic Church

August 13, 2023

19th 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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## PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Family,

One thing about traveling that I often forget is how much jet lag can affect me. The past few days I've been waking up around 3 am because it's almost lunchtime... in Portugal! World Youth Day was a fantastic experience for us all and it is good to be home! We began our trip by arriving in Lisbon and going directly to Fatima which was our base for the next 3 days. For many of us this was the highlight of our trip. One pilgrim said, "I am ready to go home but if I were in Fatima I would want to stay." Both nights we went to the Rosary and Candle Procession. I'm sure it is no surprise to hear me say that was my favorite part of Fatima.

That first night we all bought candles and I bought a very large and thick candle over the two nights it was used it only burnt about half. We prayed the rosary and then processed following the pilgrim statue of our Lady of Fatima throughout the plaza. Our group had an American flag and so I was approached by a worker at the shrine because he needed six men to help carry our Lady. This was such a shock I called the first 6 I could see and sent them. Later the young man carrying the flag was called as well.

The procession is led by the cross which is followed by the various national flags present, the priests (I stayed with our group), the statue of our Lady and the people. We sang and prayed, raising our candles high in the air as we sang "ave, ave, ave Maria." There was a section where the barricades were opened and so I took some of our group so we could see our Lady from the front. It was a beautiful sight, thousands of candles flickering in the dark night, countless voices in prayer and song and then our Lady drew near, her face illuminated by a bright white light, her gaze tender and sweet, perfectly expressing the beauty that only the Mother of God can have.

I called one of our pilgrims, "Look! She's coming." The look of love on his face is one I hope I had as well.

While the rosary and procession lasted nearly an hour and half, it felt like a moment and before we knew it we were back on our way to the hotel. Energy and life filled this travel weary group of pilgrims and soon we were in bed trying to get some sleep. The next day we were off to visit some important sights, my favorite the Church of our Lady of Nazare, a small shrine on the coast of Portugal dedicated to our Lady for her gracious and miraculous intervention that saved the life of a knight or maybe it was a count or a duke... but the miracle is commemorated in her church. Lunch was on the coast and one of our pilgrims tried a lizard for his lunch...and ate it all. That night we returned to the Rosary and Procession.

When we left I was very aware of her presence but it was revealed more and more along the way and in Fatima I began to see how much she would walk with us over the next week and some days. Perhaps that is the first lesson of our pilgrimage, our Blessed Mother walks with us always. My love and devotion to our Blessed Mother has never faltered but it was a great gift to be reminded of her presence. I hope this brief sharing helps us all see and treasure her presence.

Your Father in Christ,

Father Estrella

## FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

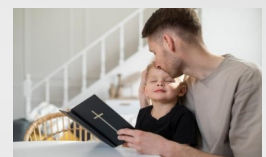
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## **Reflecting on the Gospel**

Today's gospel brims with drama at least at first glance. A vicious storm tosses the disciples around in their boat. Suddenly Jesus appears from the water or is it a ghost? Peter tests Jesus and starts to drown, only to have the Son of God triumphantly pull him to safety. It is a made for TV scene!

All of the action tends to overshadow the beginning of this passage verses that are less flashy but just as telling about Jesus. After a full day of feeding people, Jesus withdraws to the mountains to pray by himself. Even the Son of God needs time to center and recharge. Even Jesus, the one to whom we so often direct our prayers, makes prayer a priority. His pause in the midst of all the other needs that clamor for his attention models the way for us. We too are called to retreat and pray in the midst of our daily lives.



We might not be able to escape to the mountainside, but can we wake up ten minutes earlier and read the daily Mass readings? Can we leave our phones at home when we go out for a walk and spend that time conversing with God? Can we turn off the radio and drive in contemplative quiet on the way to work? Consider when and where you can stow away for even a moment of prayer. God will reveal Godself to us whenever we make the time and space to listen for the tiny, whispering sound of the divine.



## ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY AUGUST 15TH

Please join us for Mass on Tuesday, August 15th to celebrate the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. This is the feast in which the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven.

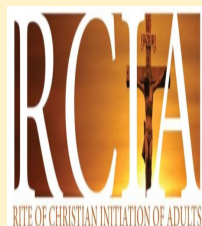
### MASS SCHEDULE

August 14 at 6:30 PM Vigil Mass in Spanish

August 15 at 8:30 AM

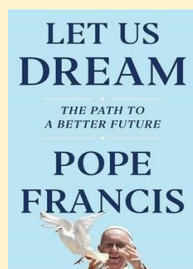
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6:30 PM



### Come and See!

RCIA, (Rite of Christian Initiation) joyfully extends an invitation to join us for evenings of learning about the Catholic faith in a comfortable, accepting atmosphere. We are officially starting the Inquirer sessions on August 17, 2023, and will be meeting weekly, Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30 in the RCIA room, located in St. Cecelia's center. Contact Traci Jagger at [rcia@stpatrickgrassvalley.org](mailto:rcia@stpatrickgrassvalley.org), or 530-575-0176 for more information or directions.



### Another Exciting Book Club Gathering

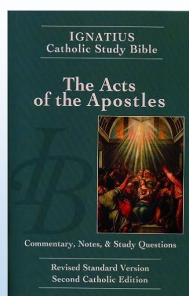
**Monday, September 25, 2023**

All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and St. Canice Book Club on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 1:30 P. M. in the Small Hall. We will be discussing Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future, by Pope Francis. 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, tea, and cookies will be served.



**Creation Care Team:** As we welcome our youth back from World Youth Day, let us consider one of the suggestions from the Laudato Si' organization in their flyer: "12 Ways Young People Can Live Laudato Si'" "Treat every person with dignity as part of God's creation, setting goals together as a family to decide ways to care for the earth and the poor". The Creation Care Team always welcomes new members. Contact: [bobbie@h2tonps.org](mailto:bobbie@h2tonps.org)

### Study of The Acts of the Apostles



What did it mean to belong to the new faith of Jesus Christ in the Biblical world? How did it spread? Who opposed it and why? In this informative Bible Study, Biblical Scholar Scott Hahn highlights how God directs the growth of the Church to further His plan of salvation for all. Sessions begin September 6, 2023 and continue on Wednesday mornings through May 2024, 9:30 to 11:30 in St. Patrick Hall. The cost is \$15.00 and pre-registration is required by August 18. Registration forms are available in the Church vestibule. For more information, contact Gere Welden, 530-264-7638 or Mike Maples, 805-478-2264.



## STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender control of our lives to God in grateful recognition that all that we have is a gift from Him.

While today's readings remind us that God is always in control of His creation and His creatures, they illustrate what amazing things can happen when we fully permit God to take charge of our lives — in other words, what can happen when we embrace the stewardship way of life.

When we take our eyes off God, we fail to see that all is a gift from Him, we lose trust in Him and then, we do not make our lives a grateful response to Him. Rather, we begin to think we are in control.

Peter makes this mistake in our Gospel passage from Matthew. As Peter begins to walk on the water, he momentarily takes his eyes off Jesus to notice the strong wind surrounding them. With that, he sinks. When we take our eyes off Christ, the many blessings He has given us, and the loving way He treats us, we sink, too.

But when we embrace the stewardship way of life, we learn that we can trust God during all the stormy times of our life. We learn to be grateful for all of God's gifts. We learn that we are called to share the gifts that we have been given. Ultimately, we learn to recognize who Jesus truly is - the Son of God.

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## CULTURE OF LIFE

### More on the Brave New World of organ donation and transplantation:



- ◆ Over 100,000 Americans await organ transplants and over 6000 people die annually while waiting. Payment for organs in the US has been outlawed since at least 1948. Contrary to Catholic teaching some suggest lifting the ban on payment to increase the number of organs available for transplant.
- ◆ Black market organ transfer is a consequence of a gross imbalance between supply and demand. It is estimated that the illegal trade of human organs generates about 1.5 billion dollars each year from roughly 12,000 illegal transplants.
- ◆ The most common form of illegal organ transfer is 'transplant tourism', which sees patients traveling abroad for transplants they might otherwise struggle to obtain quickly. Typically, wealthy patients in need seek a healthy organ from a poor donor in a disadvantaged country. India, known as the kidney warehouse of the world, is a common destination.
- ◆ Extremely troubling cases are where people are being trafficked so their organs can be removed. Victims may be held against their will, forced to undergo medical tests and ultimately operated on without their consent. People in areas of extreme poverty are at the greatest risk.
- ◆ Refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers are targets of traffickers as they may be desperate to provide for themselves and their families so are willing to give up an organ to pay a smuggler's fee.
- ◆ In 2019 scientists grew sheep embryos containing human cells, marking a significant yet morally objectionable step towards cultivating human organs in animals.
- ◆ In the scientific world there is a race to create extremely realistic synthetic human embryos using stem cells. The purpose for this ethically contested field of research includes the study of human life in the first several weeks of development, testing of pharmaceuticals or as suggested by a startup company, "to harvest their tiny organs for use in transplant medicine."

"Human personhood must be respected with a reverence that is religious. When we deal with each other, we should do so with the sense of awe that arises in the presence of something holy and sacred. For that is what human beings are: we are created in the image of God (Gn 1:27)." (USCCB, Economic Justice for All, no. 28)

## WE PRAY FOR:



**Richard Tumilty, Joyce Regan-Goar, Juan Gutierrez, Kathy Smith, Michaels family, 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, 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.

## CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

It's that time of year again to reserve your booth at the CLRS annual craft fair. Booth fee is \$40 for the two day event. Craft fair dates are Saturday Nov 4th & Sunday Nov 5th.

For questions or to reserve a booth please contact:

Kathy Souders  
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## Next Donut Sunday: August 20th



We do have donut lovers in our parish, and we want you to mark your calendars once again for *August 20th* to fill your donut cravings.

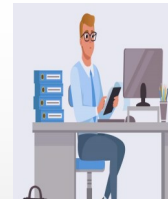
We will have donuts, juice and coffee after all the Sunday morning Masses.

Please join us and meet your fellow parishioners.



Your generosity is greatly appreciated!  
August 6th— \$8,231

## BOOKKEEPER POSITION



We are still 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. Please let us know if you are interested about this bookkeeping position or if you know someone that would be interested. For more details please email Father Estrella at [frestrella@stpatrickgrassvalley.org](mailto:frestrella@stpatrickgrassvalley.org)

## COMING UP THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel	Mass Times	Intention
Mon	8/14	Saint Maximilian Kolbe	Dt 10:12-22	Mt 17:22-27	8:30 am 6:30 pm (Vigil)	Linda Malespine (D)
Tues	8/15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab	1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56	8:30 am 12:15pm 6:30pm	Monte Cazazza (SI)
Wed	8/16	Saint Stephen of Hungary	Dt 34:1-12	Mt 18:15-20	8:30 am	Steve Marten (SI)
Thurs	8/17	Saint Clare of Montefalco	Jos 3:7-10a	Mt 18:21 — 19:1	8:30 am	
Fri	8/18	Saint Helena	Jos 24:1-13	Mt 19:13-12	8:30 am	
Sat	8/19	Saint John Eudes	Jos 2:14-29	Mt 19:13-15	8:30 am 5:00 pm	
Sun	8/20	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32	Mt 15:21-28	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Victoria Reyes Attilio Cividino & Santa Riva(D) For the People

## DEACON'S CORNER

*... but the LORD was not in the fire. After the fire there was a tiny whispering sound. When he heard this, Elijah hid his face in his cloak and went and stood at the entrance of the cave.*

*. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear.  
At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."*

*Those who were in the boat paid him homage, saying, "Truly, you are the Son of God."*



Jesus, walking on water is one of the iconic miracle stories of the bible. Over the years this story has been spoken about in many ways. Mark Twain recalls a visit to the Holy Land. It was a moonlit night, so he decided to take his wife on a romantic boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Twain asked a man in a boat how much he would charge to take them out on the water. The man saw Twain's white suit, white shoes & white hat & supposed he was a rich Texan, so he said the cost would be \$25. As Twain walked away he said, "Now I know why Jesus walked on water."

There's a commercial that I really like. A grandfather & his grandson are putting the rear wheel on the bicycle. In the next scene, the little boy is on the bike, wearing a helmet almost too large for his head. He fidgets on the seat as he places his two hands firmly on the handlebars. Grandpa is behind him, holding the back of the seat, actually holding the boy up. Then Grandpa starts pushing the bike forward, the little boy pedaling, struggling to keep the front wheel going in a straight direction. Faster & faster, Grandpa puffing in back until finally he lets go & his grandson rides away, a few front-wheel right & left wobbles. In the last scene Grandpa stands up & leans back with a smile on his face as he watches his grandson ride away on the bike. It's a scene as old as learning to tie your shoes. But it goes on as long as there are grandpas & grandsons who need to learn how to ride a bike. That's where we find the wonder of faith in life, in something so simple & tender. So, too, Jesus is always behind us, holding the seat till we get pedaling by ourselves, then running with us to be there to support us should we fall & skin our knee

This week, I reached a milestone birthday & Sunday afternoon, I will celebrate it with most of my family. Twelve years ago, as the cardiologist worked to unblock the blockage of my left anterior descending artery, I never thought I would enjoy this birthday. The overriding gift I received from the doctor's gifted hands, besides life itself, has been the gift of seeing life through the eyes of gratitude, to see God poking through the commotion & grind of each day. I have found that it is this sense of gratitude that allows me to stretch beyond my fears & trust in Jesus' words: **"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."** For the rest of the month, I will be sharing some thoughts on gratitude from some current Catholic writers. I will begin with this reflection by Benedictine Sister Joan Chittiser.

"Gratitude is not only the posture of praise, but it is also the basic element of real belief in God. When we bow our heads in gratitude, we acknowledge that the works of God are good. We recognize that we cannot save ourselves. We proclaim that our existence & all that is good comes not from our own devices but are a part of the works of God. Gratitude is an alleluia to existence, the praise that thunders through the universe as a tribute to the ongoing presence of God. Thank you for the new day. Thank you for this work. Thank you for this family. Thank you for our daily bread. Thank you for the storm & the moisture it brings to a parched land. Thank you for the correction that brings me to growth. Thank you for the plants that bring color to the hillside. Thank you for the pets that bind us to nature. Thank you for the necessities that keep me aware of your bounty. Without doubt, unstinting gratitude saves us from the sense of self-sufficiency that leads to forgetfulness. Praise is not an idle virtue. It says to us, "Remember to whom you are indebted. If you never know the need, you will come to know neither who God is nor who you yourself are." Need is what tests our trust. It gives us the opportunity to allow others to hold us up in our weakness, to realize that only God in the end is the measure of our fullness. Once we know we need, we are better human beings; for we know solidarity with the poorest of the poor. We become owners in the pain of the world.... Finally, it is needed that shows us how little it takes to be happy. Once we know all of these things we have come face-to-face with creation & the Creator. It is the Alleluia moment that discovers both God & goodness for us. Let us learn to come to prayer with an Alleluia heart so that our prayer of thanksgiving can be sincere."

*Give thanks to the Lord for He is good; for His loving kindness is everlasting.... The Lord is for me; I will not fear. Psalm 118: 1, 6a*



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