# St. Patrick Catholic Church

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Daily Rosary 7:40 AM

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## 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

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,

I am very excited to share with everybody that St. Canice will join with St. Patrick's in our journey of stewardship! Catholic Stewardship Consultants (CSC) very graciously made it financially possible for St. Canice to begin the journey towards stewardship. In preparation for this several ministry leads from St. Canice joined our annual ministry leadership gathering for an evening of reflection and discussion on what it means to live stewardship.

The newsletter will be "re-branded" to include both parishes, parishioners and members from both parishes will be featured in the newsletter as well. Each parish will have its own stewardship renewal and commitment. I pray you will join me in this excitement as we continue to get to know each other and work together not only in stewardship but in many more aspects of our faith.

I have always wanted to incorporate stewardship at St. Canice but always thought it financially impossible and so am very grateful for this opportunity. Stewardship is not a program but a way of life and, I believe, the most effective way to live as intentional disciples of the Lord Jesus. Our commitments of time, talent, and treasure help us put into practice what our Lord has taught us. In the video we watched on Wednesday evening, Bishop James Golka of Colorado Springs expressed discipleship as learning from the Lord and stewardship as we live like Him. Stewardship goes beyond the basics aspects of time, talent, and treasure to help us espouse fuller lives modeled after our Lord.

Sharing this great news also gives us a chance to reflect and pray about the way we pattern our lives after the life of the Lord. How do we pour ourselves out like He did? How do we give ourselves to the Father in self-emptying love as He did? The answer is through a life lived for others, a life committed to the faith put into practice with great intentionality and awareness. Our commitment to stewardship provides an opportunity for growth in the spiritual life and the practice of the faith.

On a separate note, I will be away Sept 6th-21st on a personal pilgrimage through Italy. While I am helping a priest friend lead a group, I am gladly second fiddle on this trip and look forward to having a chance to visit some very special holy sites. Of particular note will be visiting San Giovanni Rotunda, Assisi, and Venice which is the birthplace of BI. Carlo Actuis. I hope this trip will give me the opportunity to unpack the many graces received on World Youth Day.

I know many are asking about hearing from our World Youth Day Pilgrims and now that I am caught up from being away from that, I hope to provide an opportunity soon. I know it was a beautiful experience and look forward to sharing. I jokingly told someone that I am the "visiting pastor" but I hope soon all my traveling will wind down and I will be back at the parish.

Your Father in Christ,

### **SPY (Saint Patrick's Youth)**



Join us August 29th in the small hall at 7 pm for a bible study and gospel reading.

All youth grades 8th-12th are welcome.

James Mabry will be leading these two meetings. We hope to see you there.





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# **September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month**

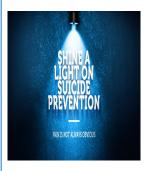


Please consider praying for someone known or unknown to you who is tempted or being pressured to end their own life.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I call upon you today to fill (name) with hope, to heal their broken heart and provide consolation and grace needed to resist any pressure or temptation to end their own life. I pray this with great confidence in your love and mercy. Amen

## **CULTURE OF LIFE**

## **Appreciating the Gift of Life**



A young Irish boy of 12 is diagnosed with bone cancer. He underwent chemotherapy and surgery but cancer returned two years later. Another round of treatment and surgery this time to remove half of his lung added a couple more years to his life. It was during his third and final battle with cancer that he was inspired to write about his trials, his faith and how he persevered in what he called, "climbing God's mountains."

At this same time there were reports of a rise in teenage suicides. So, when the young cancer patient, Donal Walsh, became aware of this trend he wrote of his frustration in seeing young people end their lives while he was fighting each day for his own. Near the end of his life Donal decided to go on a national Irish talk show to share his story and emphasize the value of life. He said, "If I'm meant to be a symbol for people to appreciate life — it might not be just suicide — but just to appreciate life more in general, then I'd be happy to die if that's what I'm dying for." He passed away four weeks later at age 16.

Months after his death the coroner of County Kerry reported a decrease in suicides. Ten years later 2000 Irish youth again gather at an annual event to honor Walsh's memory and to be inspired, informed and reminded of the value of life. When asked to share her thoughts on her son's life his mother described him as having a remarkable faith and that he was determined not to let cancer dictate his life. She recalled how Donal asked her to ensure that he received Communion everyday so that he might die with a "clean spirit."

Fenton, Francesca Pallio. "Legacy of Irish teenager who inspired a nation lives on 10 years after his death". Catholic News Agency Jun. 10,2023.

#### CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Wednesday, August 30th 6:00 PM



Potluck Dinner in the Small

If you find yourself alone and don't care to go solo to dine, see movies, travel, etc. then you are welcome to join the "Circle of Friends". We would

love to have you join us! Call Ginny at 530-432-1175 or Dolores at 530-263-6537 or email <a href="mailto:escott\_place@sbcglobal.net">escott\_place@sbcglobal.net</a>, or just come to our meeting.

# Return of the Annual Family Movie Night At St. Canice Church

Join your fellow parishioners for a dinner and a movie!

When: September 9 at 6:30 PM

Where: St. Canice Rectory Patio

<u>Feat:</u> Indiana Jones and Raiders the Lost Ark

## What to bring:

- Potluck salads welcomed
- Bring chair or blanket

Please RSVP with Kate Higgins

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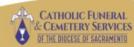
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Open to families with children from Pre-K through High School

Family Faith Formation begins Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> after the 9:00 Mass.

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For more information contact Dcn Rick at 530-273-2336



# **CLRS September Meeting** Thurs, September 7th at 10am

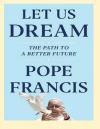
Catholic Ladies Relief Society (CLRS) meets on the first Thursday of each month. Our September meeting will be on **September 7th following the 8:30 am Mass.** 

We enjoy refreshments and conversation before our meeting which starts at 10am. All ladies of our parish are invited to join us.



### **Creation Care Team**

If you smoke cigarettes or know someone who does, consider that quitting can help the environment. By sheer numbers, cigarette butts top the list of plastics littering the world's beaches (2.4 million were collected in one brief beach cleanup period last year). The cotton-like fibers in cigarette filters are made of plastic, and once on beaches or in the ocean they can be ingested by marine life, damaging the food chain. Sometimes, small things can lead to big problems.



#### **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.



## **Communal First Saturday**

Sat September 2nd, 7:45 am

Joins us for guided Fatima prayers, Rosary, Mass and 15 minutes of meditation.

# **STEWARDSHIP**



Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, leads us to take a serious look at whether our lives give God the glory He deserves or do we glorify ourselves and our achievements. It comes in the form of a question that Jesus poses to his disciples. "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" You know their varied responses. Then, Jesus gets personal with them. "But who do you say that I am?" Peter gets it right: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Today, Jesus is getting personal with you. He poses the same question to each one of us who call ourselves His stewards and modern-day disciples. How do you answer that question? Who do you say that He is? Think about it.....for a while. Take the TIME!

Then ask yourself, do our lives truly reflect this answer? If we really believe that Christ is the Son of God, sent to save us from our sins and lead us to Heaven, then we must say so, not just with words but with our actions of daily living. Do my ambitions and priorities in life say that Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple? Does my budget, my family time, my work reflect my vocation for God's will in building His kingdom?

The gifts and blessings that God has given us — our time, our talents, our stuff — are meant to be used in a manner that says "Christ, the Son of God, is my Savior and I am His disciple." The most eloquent praise we can offer Him is a life lived in grateful response to His unfathomable love and graces. This is the beauty and power of a stewardship way of life. ©Catholic Stewardship Consultants

#### **WE PRAY FOR:**



Richard Tumilty, Joyce Regan-Gear, 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.

# **Monthly 1st Friday Votive** Mass

Friday, September 1st at 6:30 P.M.

All parishioners are invited.



## **CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!**



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 ksouders@amail.com (530) 263-5767

## Knights of Columbus Fr. Phelan 23rd Annual Golf Classic



# Register by September 4th!

# SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH ALTA SIERRA COUNTRY CLUB

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Please consider being a part of this amazing event that is hosted by the Knight of Columbus.

Sign-up forms can be found in vestibule or in St. Patrick's Office

# **Reflecting on the Gospel**



Jesus gives the keys of the kingdom of heaven to . . . Peter? It may seem like an odd choice at first glance to anyone familiar with Peter's track record. This is the same man who Jesus calls "Satan" just a few verses later when Peter takes issue with Jesus's suffering. This is the same man who denies Jesus three times on the night when Jesus could have used support the most. Time and again, we see Peter misspeak or misstep. Yet Jesus decides that Peter is the rock upon whom he will build the church. Why? Jesus recognizes in Peter a deep, abiding faith. Peter believes Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," and he is not afraid to say it. Peter is not a perfect person. Jesus does not expect him to be perfect. Rather, Jesus's hope for Peter and for all of us is that we will faithfully witness to the truth of the living God, the Almighty One, who sent God's only son. into the world out of profound love for all of creation. This is the witness upon which our church is built.

Imagine Christ asking you the central question from today's gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" How would you respond? We cannot know the fullness of Jesus right now the mystery of his life, death, and resurrection continues to be revealed. But like Peter, we can say with confidence that Christ is brother, friend, confidant, Redeemer, Savior, Son of the living God, and so much more.

#### **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 meet weekly on Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30 in the RCIA room, located in St. Cecelia's center. Contact Traci Jagger at rcia@stpatrickgrassvalley.org, or 530-575-0176 for more directions.

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## **COMING UP THIS WEEK**

Day	Date	Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel	Mass Times	Intention
Mon	8/28	Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10	M† 23:13-22 (425)	8:30 am	Mario Devincenzi (D)
Tues	8/29	The Passion of Saint John the Baptist	1 Thes 2:1-8 (426)	Mk 6:17-29 (634)	8:30 am	Cheryl Riopel (D)
Wed	8/30	Saint Rose of Lima	1 Thes 2:9-13	Mt 23:27-32 (427)	8:30 am	James Langdon (D)
Thurs	8/31	St. Raymond Nonnatus	1 Thes 3:7-13	Mt 24:42-51 (428)	8:30 am	Rose of Sharon Reader (D)
Fri	9/1	World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	1 Thes 4:1-8	Mt 25:1-13 (429)	8:30 am	Merril, Betty, & Esther King (D)
Sat	9/2	St. Ingrid of Sweden	1 Thes 4:9-11	Mt 25:14-30 (430)	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Andy & Dorothy Chervenik(D) Cheryl Riopel (D)
Sun	9/3	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jer 20:7-9 Rom 12:1-2	Mt 16:21-27 (124)	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Ken Jensen Family (D) John Craig Weller (D) For the People





#### **DEACON'S CORNER**

I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord; the lowly will hear me & be glad. Glorify the Lord with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the Lord, & he answered me & delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, & your faces may not blush with shame. When the afflicted man called out, the Lord heard, & from all his distress he saved him. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, & delivers them.

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I hope you enjoy these excerpts from For Your Goodness---A Prayer of Gratitude in Trying Times an article by Fr. Brendan Busse, SJ. "Few moments are as wonderful as when you come to know the goodness of a thing. Not your liking it, not your needing it, wanting it, or

not. But rather, the moment you come to recognize its fundamental goodness & come to accept its goodness is enough. When this happens you forget yourself & you fall in love with the object of your intention as you adopt a reverent posture of wonder before it. You express only gratitude for noticing it.... It could be anything really or anyone, because when we recognize goodness, when we are free enough to recognize it, we are actually reverencing God. Few moments are as devastating as when we deny the gift of our goodness & refuse to accept that we belong to each other. We seem to be living through one of those moments now. It seems very difficult these days to see our goodness...! Oh my Goodness, Oh My God ...Oh My Goodness. (What happens when we combine them?) What we might mean by that expression is that we are as reverent as we are surprised, and that sometimes, our wonder is enough. Perhaps a love that recognizes goodness, without adding conditions or judgements, perhaps that is the kind of love we need. Perhaps accepting the self-giving goodness of things is enough.

Our recognition of goodness is always coming into the Presence of God. This is the wisdom of worship, the righteousness of reverence & the mystery of revelation. This is the great gift of self-giving love, the peaceful beauty of things merely being what they are. (Not what we want them to be.).... The goodness of a thing is not an abstract idea, but something to be experienced. This is important, however difficult to remember in times of violence & confusion, division & despair, even death. We will not think our way to goodness. We will only come to know the goodness of a difficult moment by living through it. If we want for the grace of knowing God in all things we must also want the courage to do the will of God in every moment. Spanish has a great word for this---la bondad--- which can mean both goodness & kindness. We generally think of kindness as something to do & goodness as something to be. The truth of course is both. Our goodness is made known in kindness; & kindness is an expression in our kinship--- the goodness of our being of one flesh, our being bound together, our belonging to each other. Our kindness is our share in the Godness of things".

Fr. Busse concludes with this reflection on the July 9, 2016 sniper attack in Dallas. "A striking image surfaced after a sniper opened fire on a crowd in Dallas, a dramatic photo of a group of people surrounding a baby carriage as soon as the shooting began. These people, apparently strangers to one another, placed their bodies between the bullets & the baby. Seeing this photo moved me first to tears and then to prayer." (My response was similar)

"Few moments are as wonderful as when you come to know the goodness of a thing." Boston Metro journalist Nicole Morley echoes Father's thoughts when she wrote: "During the horror of the gunshots and the chaos caused by thousands trying to flee at once – these people huddled towards a carriage to protect the infant inside. So let's take a second to appreciate these unidentified five or six people, whose very first thought in a moment of blind panic was the safety of a child. A child they probably didn't even know."

Do not play small with the light of goodness you were created to be, with the God-ness within you. "I am already being poured out like a libation. The time of my dissolution is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on a merited crown awaits me"



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