# St. Patrick Catholic Church

### September 3, 2023 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Weekday Mon - Sat 8:30 AM Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM

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

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,

Monday of last week our seminarians started a new year of formation with the Mass of the Holy Spirit. The first day back at the seminary wasn't a day of classes but the day with this Mass, an address from the Rector, a lecture by a professor and then a great BBQ out on the quad. In between all of this was unpacking, visiting, buying books and all the other preparation for a new school year. I'm nearly out of the seminary as many years as I was in it and the Mass of the Holy Spirit remains one of my favorite memories. The reunion of classmates and friends, the exhortation to be dedicated to our prayers, studies and formation were both welcomed and familiar. There was a priest whose address I could deliver by heart! It was a day well spent as we were able to enter into the swing of studies with ease on Tuesday.

I have always said a Mass of the Holy Spirit for the parish school as well, both here and in Sacramento. This beautiful tradition reminds us that we learn for a reason greater than knowledge; learning shapes and forms the whole person and should lead us to know and love God more. The rhythm of parish life reflects the academic calendar, the civic calendar and, of course, the liturgical calendar and so this opportunity gives me a chance to invite the grace of the Holy Spirit in the next year of ministry and to guide my discernment and leadership of the parish. While it's been a few weeks since we had this Mass for MSM we always can (and should) invite the Holy Spirit into the events and plans of our life.

The start of the new school year at the seminary also gives us a chance to pray for our seminarians and those discerning a vocation to the priesthood. The need for more priests only grows stronger. While I find great joy and fulfillment in being a priest, I also remember the fear and worry over the seemingly great sacrifice being a priest required in those early years of discernment and seminary. Our society is increasingly self-centered and so responding to a call to the religious life or priesthood is harder and harder. We must pray for those whom God calls.

As has often been said, the vocations crisis isn't because God no longer calls men to the priesthood but because fewer and fewer are listening and responding. Our prayers make the difference! I remember once in my second year of seminary; I was prepared to quit and when I checked my mail I found some cookies from a family in my parish (one of whose sons is now a seminarian) and a note thanking and encouraging me. A small but meaningful gesture that caused me to refocus. In our vestibule is the vocations poster, perhaps part of your prayer for vocations is to spiritually adopt a seminarian and even send him a note or some cookies. You could be the difference his vocation needs.

Your Father in Christ,

Father Estrella

#### **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.

#### STEWARDSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

"Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labor" (Ecclesiastes 4:9)



Last week, Fr Estrella's pastor's pondering formally welcomed St. Canice into the Stewardship way of life. As Fr Estrella indicated, the Stewardship council hosted their annual

Leadership Gathering, where ministry leaders were afforded the opportunity to gather in fellowship and listen to Fr Estrella share his vision for stewardship in both of our parishes. It was a terrific event. It was a joyful evening and a delight to welcome St. Canice to Stewardship. The evening concluded with Small Group sharing as we listened about each of our ministry activities, vision, and future goals. Welcome St. Canice. We look forward to sharing with you the many blessings and promises the Stewardship way of life has to offer.

#### **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

#### **NOW IS TIME** REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN & FAMILY FOR **FAITH FORMATION**



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

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

For more information contact Dcn Rick at 530-273-2336 x3201 faithformation@stpatrickgrassvalley.org

#### **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 ksouders@gmail.com 530) 263-5767

#### THE OPENING DOORS MINISTRY



The Opening Doors Ministry will soon begin a new season of classes, and will continue until May 2024, breaking for the summer. We are a faith formation and Sacramental program for adults who have special needs or developmental disabilities. Our focus is always on God's love shown to us through stories from the Bible, through the Sacraments, mu-

sic, prayer and through the lives of the saints. Our doors are always open to both Catholics and non-Catholics. We meet on Sundays, 10-11am, beginning on Sept 24th. For more information, or if you would like to join us, please contact Helen Albano, (530) 210-1721.

#### Adoration

This Sunday, September 3rd from 2:00 -7:00 PM Church



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



Registration extended to Sep 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



#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



Loving God, we come to you with hearts of gratitude and thanksgiving, knowing that all that we are, and all that we have our gifts from you. Speak your words into the depths of our souls, that we may hear you clearly. Give us the wisdom and the insight to understand your

will for us and the fervor to fulfill your plans for your Kingdom. We offer our gifts of time, talent, and treasure to you as a true act of faith and trust, to reflect our love for you and our neighbor, and an expression of our gratitude for the many gifts you have given each of us. Amen.

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#### <u>CLRS September Meeting</u>: 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

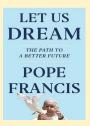


#### **Creation Care Team:**

It's the Season of Creation month! As your garden is beginning to pay off with produce, consider how fortunate you are to be eating healthier. You are also helping the earth by cutting down on emissions from food transport.

Save the date for our own Mount St. Mary's Garden Open House!

It will be after all Masses on Sunday, Sept. 24. Come and see how the MSM students are "caring for our common home" by learning about and practicing gardening techniques.



#### **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.



#### **Second collection on September 10**

#### **Support Priest Retirement**

This is an opportunity for parishioners to thank our faithful and dedicated priests for their long and loving service to the Diocese. Please consider making a donation.



Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

August 27th— \$4,960

### September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

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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

#### **BILL'S WHEELS**



Bill's Wheel's is currently open for those in need of power wheel chairs, manual wheel chairs, walkers, crutches, etc. We are open by appointment only and our hours are Tuesdays & Wednesdays from 9:00 - 11:30.

Please call 273-1550 to set up an appointment. Bill's Wheel's is located at 425 Dalton Street.

#### **CULTURE OF LIFE**

The pro-life diaper company EveryLife released an ad which celebrates every baby as a miracle from God. They claim that as many companies promote what is wrong, they choose to celebrate what is right by affirming that every baby deserves to be loved, protected and supported. Their ad shows images of a mother seeing her baby's heartbeat during an ultrasound and another receiving her baby in her arms for the first time.

While envisioning an end to human trafficking many Catholic organizations have boots on the ground working to prevent it, aiding survivors and raising awareness of this world-wide crisis. A few include: U.S. Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking; The Coalition of Catholic Organizations Against Human Trafficking; the USCCB; Caritas Internationalis; Dignity House (Catholic Charities).

Close to home the Notes of Hope project provides a message of hope and love to those who contemplate taking their own lives at the Foresthill Bridge in Auburn. Community members write positive life affirming notes which are laminated and then attached to the railing on the bridge. According to Brittany Hendricks, the project originator, 13 lives have been saved. St. Patrick and St. Canice Culture of Life Ministry will be asking parishioners to help write Notes of Hope. Please watch for more information in the coming weeks.

Mental health and suicide prevention organizations launched the quick-dial 24/7 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 988 where people can get help, support and treatment they need. Using 988 rather than 911 connects

the caller with a trained mental health professional. Now that you know, can you help make others aware of this new suicide prevention tool?

988 LIFELINE



Tickets will be on sale starting next weekend and will be \$15 for adults and \$7 for children 5-11.

St. Canice Church

# 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

Feat: Indiana Jones and Raiders of the Lost Ark

#### What to bring:

- Potluck salads welcomed
- Bring chair or blanket

Please RSVP with Kate Higgins (530) 477-5878

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#### Flame of Love:

The Flame of Love is a growing apostolate in the church that facilitates prayer for the church and the world while understanding God's love coming from the Immaculate Heart of Mary. A prayer cenacle meets after the 8:30 AM Mass on Thursdays in the church from 9:10-10:30. All are welcome.

For more information see the FOL website: www.flameoflove.us or call 530-559-7488.

#### **Reflecting on the Gospel**

The sacred Triduum celebrations are likely far from our thoughts as we glory in the joys of summer. The Easter baskets are tucked away in the attic. The palms lay discreetly on our mantels. Our shift of focus makes sense. It is Ordinary Time after all the church declares it so. And yet, the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ anchors the Christian story year round. We are always Easter people, called each day to take up our crosses and follow Jesus. Today's gospel begins with the Triduum reminder or at the time, the Triduum foreshadowing. Jesus knew the suffering, death, and resurrection that awaited him. He kept these moments always before his eyes. Formed in Christ's image, we are called to do the same.



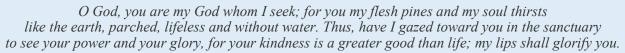
In today's gospel, Peter displays the misdirected confidence that can be all too prevalent in faith circles. Jesus gives Peter the keys to the kingdom of heaven and declares Peter the rock upon which he will build the church. In the very next passage, Peter takes matters into his own hands and rebukes Jesus. Peter thinks he has the authority to decide what Jesus should or should not do, who Jesus should or should not be.

How often do we claim that same authority, declaring with mistaken confidence Jesus's intentions and actions that fit our image of the Lord? In reality, Jesus is far more radical than we may care to admit. He is far more loving, generous, and merciful than we may dare to imagine. Rather than rebuking Jesus, we are called to follow in his footsteps, to take up our crosses and find life in Christ.

#### **COMING UP THIS WEEK**

Day	Date	Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel	Mass Times	Intention
Mon	9/4	St. Rosalia	1 Thes 4:13-18	Lk 4:16-30 (431)	8:30 am	Bob Martinet (D)
Tues	9/5	St. Teresa of Calcutta	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11	Lk 4:31-37 (432)	8:30 am	Ginger Murray (D)
Wed	9/6	St. Eleutherius	Col 1:1-8	Lk 4:38-44 (433)	8:30 am	Reader family (D)
Thurs	9/7	St. Cloud	Col 1:9-14	Lk 5:1-11 (434)	8:30 am	CLRS Living and Deceased (D)
Fri	9/8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mi 5:1-4a	Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 (636)	8:30 am	Cilione Family (D)
Sat	9/9	St. Peter Claver	Col 1:21-23	Lk 6:1-5 (436)	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Debby Hutchinson D) Cheryl Riopel (D)
Sun	9/10	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ez 33:7-9 Rom 13:8-10	Mt 18:15-20 (127)	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Victoria Reyes (D) Jack Valentine (D) For the People





Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

Back when the Flip Wilson Show was still on television, he used to portray a character named Geraldine. He once did a skit as Geraldine where she came home to her husband after a shopping spree at the local mall. When she gets in the door, her husband asks her "Did you find anything?". "Well, there was this very expensive dress in the window & I heard a little voice telling me, 'Go in & try it on.' So I did." The husband asks: "And then what...?" Geraldine says: "Well, I looked at myself in the mirror & I heard this little voice whisper, 'You look fabulous in that dress." "Well, did you hear that little voice say, 'Get behind me, Satan?" "Yes, I did. And he said, 'It looks fabulous from the back, too.' So I bought it."

I love Peter sooo much,. I am sooo grateful Jesus chose Peter to lead us. Peter gets it and then he doesn't. If Our Lord can love Peter sooo dearly then I figure there is hope for me. Much has been said over the years about Jesus' response to Peter's rebuking Jesus' prophesy of being crucified. Peter rebuked Jesus out of his own fear of suffering & death & that fear is the lens that Satan wants us to see the world & our lives through. Fear keeps us from loving fully. Fear diminishes our ability to experience joy & gratitude. Fear can keep us from doing what is good for ourselves and others. Yet even in Jesus' rebuke of Peter, He gives us hope & the way to experience the joy we were created for. Get behind Him & trust that if we can pick up our cross & carry it, we will find life. For me, the reality of picking up my cross is to let go of my petty ego & try to find the good in this moment of pain & struggle. How will my response in this moment make Christ present.

I want to continue to share with you about the gift & need for gratitude. Fr. Terrance Klein shares this thought. "St. John of the Cross suggested that the first movement of an authentic spiritual life wasn't an acknowledgement of sin. That's probably second. The first movement of the spiritual life is gratitude: an awareness that all of nature, all the world, all of life comes to us as gift.... There are 2 ways to look at life and the world: seeing what you can get out of it or to recognize what you have been given in it."

St Teresa of Calcutta has some ideas of how to live with Gratitude. First: **Change Your Perspective**. "Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." The easiest thing to change is our attitude and perspective. "Each sunrise is the promise of rewriting our story. Why not make it a positive one." Second: **Interact With people**. Let no one come to you without leaving better & happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness: kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile." Compliment a stranger. If you have the opportunity to put a smile on someone's face, do it. "A smile is a simple way to make kindness contagious. Easy to give, easy to receive." Third: **Do Good Works**. God doesn't require you to succeed, He only requires that you try." Give a smile or a helping hand doesn't take much and it does wonders for our soul. We may never know when a simple gesture by us may have a profound effect on another. Fourth: **Focus on Family & Friends**. "What can you do to promote world peace? Go home & love your family." I may feel powerless to prevent evil to infect our community; but I can create a loving & supportive environment for my spouse, children & grandchildren, or those who walk into St. Cecelia's. Sometimes making a difference in the world, just means making a difference in someone's life. Finally, **Love Yourself!**"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies." Just remember that there is no better way to get in touch with gratitude in your life than to be thankful for you. God doesn't create cr\_p. After God created Adam & Eve: "God looked at everything he had made & found it very good."

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you"





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