St. Patrick Catholic Church

October 15, 2023 28th 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

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 of my earliest devotions was that of the Sacred Heart and it still remains a vital part of my spirituality today. My grandmother was a member of the Sacred Heart Auto League and so when I was about 11 they sent her a poster of the Sacred Heart which she gave me. I really liked it-except that the eyes always looked like they were following me! I don't think I was doing anything too naughty at that tender age and so I'm guessing it wasn't my guilty conscience, just my imagination...

A year after I was ordained I had the chance to visit Paray-le-Monial, the place where St. Margret Mary Alacoque received the vision of the Sacred Heart. In my short life as a priest I have been blessed to visit Our Lady of Guadalupe, Fatima and Lourdes. Perhaps one day I will have the grace to visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy in Poland. All of these have something in common more than my travels-they are all categorized as private revelation. It is important that we have a proper understanding of private revelation.

Divine Revelation comes to us from two sources: Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. All Public Revelation ended with the death of St. John the Apostle in A.D. 99; there has been no novelty in Divine Revelation since that moment. Whether it is the aforementioned devotions, apparitions, mystical writings, or anything else along these lines, they can only be categorized as private revelation. When these things happen, the Church may decide to investigate and the highest approval they can receive is "worthy of belief." No Catholic is obliged to follow or believe anything that is private revelation. If it helps us grow in faith, hope, and love then we make use of them, if they don't we cast them aside. Nobody's salvation is won or lost because of private revelation.

Every so often, I find or hear about things being promoted, two of the most current are "Illumination of Conscience" and the "Three Days of Darkness" in the realm of the private revelation, these have never received any formal recognition by the Church. For this reason, I go back to my previous statement: If it helps us grow in faith, hope, and love then we make use of them, if they don't we cast them aside. Let us treasure the great deposit of faith given to us by our Lord and the many rich devotions developed in the course of our church's history and bear such beautiful fruit.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the individuals and ministries that worked so hard to carry out our joint parish picnic. As I write this I recall last year's picnic and look forward to the picnic we will have shared by the time you read this. Once again, a great big thank you to All!

Your Father in Christ,

Father Estrella

WE PRAY FOR:

Karen Colwell, Geri Lampman, Richard Tumilty, 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, Susan Roberts, Chuck Ryan, Frank Santos, Larry Schmidt, Stella Spring...and their families.

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

Catholic Ladies Relief Society presents the

ANNUAL COMMUNITY CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 4 from 9am-4pm & Sunday, November 5 from 8:30am-1:00pm



25 local artisans displaying crafts of art, weaving, paper art, quilting, knitting, clothing, antiques, soaps, jewelry and more! Unique holiday gifts for everyone! Enjoy lunch at our craft

kitchen serving, soup, salad and beverages! There will also be a homemade bake sale with cookies packaged to take home!

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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
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in St. Cecelia's center. Contact Traci Jagger at rcia@stpatrickgrassvalley.org, or 530-575-0176 for more information or directions.

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Annual Stewardship Renewal

Sunday October 22nd

n preparation for Commitment Sunday, please join us after the Sunday morning Masses next weekend for doughnut Sunday and our Saint Patrick and Saint Canice Ministry Fair.

Enjoy delicious doughnuts, coffee or juice, and fellowship in the small hall, then wander into the main hall to check out the many ministries in our parishes.

Feel free to ask questions with representatives from our ministries then consider which ministry or ministries you might be interested in joining.

Following the Ministry Fair, we hope that you will seriously consider joining one or more of the ministries then indicating interest by adding your choice or choices on the commitment card that you will receive in the mail. Soon after, you will be contacted by the ministry leader and provided with particulars as to how to become involved.



Stewardship Sunday and Donuts

Sunday October 22nd will be a Sunday of joint celebration, Donuts in the small hall and Stewardship booths in the large hall.



Come visit, get a donut, a cup of coffee and peruse the many opportunities you have in our Parish to get involved. Parish groups will be in the large hall ready to share with you the many options you have to participate in Parish life here at St. Patricks and St Canice.

Looking forward to seeing you all!

MOVIE ON CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

ST. CANICE CHURCH

OCTOBER 28



St Canice Stewardship is presenting a continental breakfast and movie on October 28,2023 in the St Canice Hall. Breakfast will start at 9:30.

All parishioners are invited to attend and enjoy some fellowship. The movie is on Christian Stewardship and is a real eye opener.

Please RSVP to Lillian Glaeser via email Iglaeser0566@sbcglobal.net

Please join us this is a way to meet other church goers and make new friends.

BILL'S WHEELS



Would you like to be MAKE A DIFFERENCE a part of one of our St. Patrick Ministries that affect so many people in our community? Many years ago, Bill Dobbins, a

veteran and survivor of Pearl Harbor, started helping neighbors with their wheelchair repairs. His helpfulness grew into a much larger commitment that eventually became today's effort, where volunteers from the Knights of Columbus spend two mornings a week repairing donated wheelchairs and then gifting them to those in need.

If you have a few hours to give a couple of times a month, to either repair or deliver chairs, we need you. If you want to answer phones or make trips to pick up donations, we need you. We have helped veterans, the injured, sick and disabled. They are so grateful, and they cannot believe how God has blessed them with fulfilling their desperate needs for a way to move about their homes and their community. It is very gratifying to help our disadvantaged neighbors.

Call Greg Peters @ 530-205-7011 to inquire about how you may help.

CULTURE OF LIFE

October is Respect Life Month

On Defending Life



Pro-lifers and the Catholic Church defend life not solely on religious terms but scientific ones. Because science affirms that preborn babies' lives begin at conception our faith then compels us to defend them. And to prove that human life begins at conception according to the book What to Say When by Shawn Carney and Steve Karlen, one needs to prove just two things: The fetus, Latin for "offspring", is alive and human.

The Fetus is Alive: Living things grow according to their unique DNA. Cell division takes place. Nutrition is processed. Specialized organelles develop. A non-living thing, a rock for example cannot grow through cell division, move independently, metabolize calories nor does it contain functioning parts or organs. A human mother's offspring is alive, it rapidly grows from one cell to an organism of tens of thousands of specialized cells and functioning organs in just 8 weeks. And by birth, there are 100 billion cells in the brain alone.

The Fetus is Human: One living creature does not transform into a different species through the birth process. A fetal dog is born a dog, a fetal whale is born a whale. A "blob of cells" or the "product of fertilization" (terms used by the abortion industry) do not become a living human being by simply passing through the birth canal. It is absurd to believe that a simple change in location, could turn a nonhuman living thing into a human being. Science is clearly on our side; a new and unique human is formed at conception.

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you..." Jeremiah Pray and Fast for the end to Abortion.

Parish Book Club Gathering

Monday, November 13, 2023



RESCUED All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and St. Canice Book Club on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 1:30 P. M. in St. Patrick's Small Hall. We will be discussing Rescued: The unexpected and extraordinary news of the Gospel, by Fr. John Riccardo. The

discussion, which will last about an hour and a half, will be led by Michael Moreland. The book is available at your favorite bookstore or online. In addition to stimulating conversation, coffee, tea, and cookies will be served.

BABY BOTTLE DROP OFF

You still have three options to drop off your baby bottle:



- 1. You can call or text Marilyn Peters at 530 913-6583 and arrange to have her pick up your bottle.
- 2. Bring your bottle to St. Patrick/St. Canice Office.
- 3. You can drop your bottle directly at LivingWell Medical clinic- 105 Catherine Lane, Grass Valley. They are open Monday thru Thursday from 9-5.

Please do NOT leave bottles unattended in the church, they can disappear.

Thank you for your support!

Creation Care Team:



Pope Francis has recently announced an addendum to Laudate Si' called "Laudate Deum" (www.laudatedeum.church)

which is an exhortation to the world that there is not enough being done to avoid a climate crisis. Much of this problem is due to fossil fuels, which account for over 75% of greenhouse gases. Over 98% of single use plastics are made from chemicals sourced from fossil fuels (Earthday.org).

Next Sunday, the Creation Care Team will display examples of alternatives to single-use plastics at our booth at the Ministry Fair. Please visit us!

"On behalf of all the Ordinaries of the Holy Land, I invite all parishes and religious communities to a day of fasting and prayer for peace and reconciliation.

We ask that on Tuesday, October 17, everyone hold a day of fasting, abstinence, and prayer. Let us organize prayer times with Eucharistic adoration and with the recitation of the Rosary to Our Blessed Virgin Mary.

This is the way we all come together despite everything, and unite collectively in prayer, to deliver to God the Father our thirst for peace, justice, and reconciliation."

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem



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Reflecting on the Gospel



Today's readings highlight the covenant That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, relationship between God and the chosen people. The reading from the prophet Isaiah showcases the joy that can come from a life dedicated to the Lord. God will provide for God's chosen people. Every tear will be wiped away. Death will no longer have the final say. The people look to the Lord in awe and wonder: "This is the LORD for whom we

looked; / let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!"

Today's gospel highlights a different side of the covenant relationship. God desires to have a people and to provide a rich banquet for them. God expects the chosen people to show up. Covenant relationships must go both ways. God provides for the people and the people must obey God. Obedience has never been the easiest practice. People then and now get busy, make other plans, and rebel against powers that appear to tread on their freedom. The chosen people in the parable reject the king's invitation so the king calls others to the feast and warns the chosen ones of their impending doom. Obeying God matters. Showing up for significant relationships matters.

Today's readings may challenge us to reflect on the ways we show up for God and the ways we fall short. We are members of God's chosen people today, baptized into the life of Christ and his church. May our minds and hearts be open to God's gracious invitation.

SOCK DRIVE



Sierra Roots reports that they are in need of socks and are asking for support once again. Please place socks in the box provided in the vestibule of the church. Thank you!

Sierra Roots envisions a relationshipbased community in which everyone has a chance to heal and a place to

call home.

Sierra Roots takes a relationship-based approach in our work with homeless people. We are dedicated to listening to homeless people and collaborating with them to make progress in their health, self-reliance, and action plans for secure, safe homes.

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.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel	Mass Times	Intention
Mon	10/16	Saint Margaret	Rom 1:1-7	Lk 11:29-32 (467)	8:30 am	Rene DelChiaro (D)
Tues	10/17	Saint Ignatius of Antioch	Rom 1:16-25	Lk 11:37-41 (468)	8:30 am	Rose of Sharon Reader (D)
Wed	10/18	Pope Saint Luke	2 Tm 4:10-17b	Lk 10:1-9 (661)	8:30 am	Merril, Betty and Esther King (D)
Thurs	10/19	Saint Isaac Jogues	Rom 3:21-30	Lk 11:47-55 (470)	8:30 am	Jose Chavez (D)
Fri	10/20	Saint Paul of the Cross	Rom 4:1-8	Lk 12:1-7 (471)	8:30 am	David and Sally Simonettii (SI)
Sat	10/21	Saint Ursula	Rom 4:13, 16-18	Lk 12:8-12 (472)	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Vocations Herbie Flannery (D)
Sun	10/22	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Is 45:1,4-6 1 Thes 1:1-5b	Mt 22:15-21	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Frances & Yolanda Reade(D) Atilio Cividino & Santa R(D) For the People



DEACON'S CORNER

Deacon's Corner October 15, 2023

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines,

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son.



Paul was a fine young man in his teens whose parents had emigrated to America from Armenia. He was a good & kind14-yr-old, but even good kids get into trouble once in a while. Paul & his best friend were being irresponsible & boisterous & broke a store window. The store owner called the police & the boys were taken to the police station, where Paul's parents were called. The father came to the station to pick up the boys, & to "read them the riot act." He apologized to the store owner with whom he agreed on payment for the window. But the police had not been able to reach the other boy's parents & were reluctant to release him to the custody of Paul's father. So Paul & his father waited at the station. Paul was embarrassed beyond words & wanted to go home. "His friend could stay & wait until his parents were contacted," Paul whispered to his father. But his father refused to leave the other boy. Finally the police relented & let both boys go & Paul & his father took Paul's friend home.. After he & his father had dropped Paul's friend off, young Paul berated his father for his insistence on waiting until the other boy was released. The father listened patiently for a while until the son demanded, "Why did you do that?" To which his father answered, "Because he has sat at our table." For Jesus, the greatest example of heaven is the banquet table because for Jesus it not only symbolizes the brotherhood & sisterhood of family, the Eucharist creates family. The following is from Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu's book God Has a Dream. A book that touched me deeply.

"Dear Child of God, before we can become God's partners, we must know what God wants for us. "I have a dream," God says. "Please help Me to realize it. It is a dream of a world whose ugliness & squalor & poverty, its war & hostility, its greed & harsh competitiveness, its alienation & disharmony are changed into their glorious counterparts, when there will be more laughter, joy, & peace, where there will be justice & goodness & compassion & love & caring & sharing. I have a dream that swords will be beaten into plowshares & spears into pruning hooks, that My children will know that they are members of one family, the human family, God's family, My family."

In God's family, there are no outsiders. All are insiders. Black and white, rich and poor, gay and straight, Jew and Arab, Palestinian and Israeli, Roman Catholic and Protestant, Serb and Albanian, Hutu and Tutsi, Muslim and Christian, Buddhist and Hindu, Pakistani and Indian—all belong....

We have heard of God's dream from His prophets throughout history and in modern times from great leaders and humanitarians like Martin Luther King, Jr. & Mahatma Gandhi. King spoke of it ... when he dreamed of the day that the sons of former slaves & the sons of former slave owners in Georgia would be able "to sit down together at the table of brotherhood." Gandhi wrote about it in 1929 when he stated that his goal was not just the brotherhood of Indian humanity but "the mission of brotherhood of man." (Today they would have referred to daughters & sisterhood, too.) The visions & triumphs of these prophets of God helped change their nations & inspire the rest of us around the world in our own struggles for equality.

We can look at the life of Jesus to see what God asks of us. Jesus came into a deeply divided and polarized society. There was a divide between the hated foreign oppressor and the citizens of the vassal state. Within Judaism there were different religious groupings, the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Zealots. There was the divide between the Jew, the Gentile, and the Samaritan. And then men were segregated from women. There were free persons and there were slaves. There were the rich; there were the poor. The world saw a veritable miracle unfolding before its very eyes as all sorts and conditions of women and men, rich and poor, slave and free, Jew and Gentile—all these came to belong in one fellowship, one communion. They did not regard one another just as equals. That in itself would have been a huge miracle. No, they regarded one another not just equals but as sisters & brothers, members of one family, God's family." I wonder, will we share, through our actions, this gift of the Eucharist we have received with others?





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