

St. Patrick Catholic Church

October 22, 2023

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Masses

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
First Saturdays	7:40 AM
Communion of Reparation	

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,

When I was a child we had a very observant neighbor; the kind who noticed everything that happened and was particularly interested in what my younger sister and I did. My mother says I was never a bad child but I suspect this neighbor had some justification in her hyper vigilance. On one occasion we hatched a plan that (in our childish minds) would prove her meddlesome ways to our parents-we failed. There was one occasion in which I was vindicated, it was a day I remember well.

We lived close enough to the parish that I could ride a bike and one particular holy day of obligation I was supposed to serve Mass early in the day. I wish I could admit it was my 12-year-old piety but I agreed to it because it meant I'd miss several hours of school-not a bad deal. Our neighbor stopped me and interrogated me as to why I wasn't in school. I informed her I was on my way to church to serve Mass, my mother knew and I would be late if she didn't leave me alone, I smiled in triumph and went on my way.

I have always liked the "interruption" of holy days, whether they are holy days of obligation or special feasts or days of prayer or fasting. This disruption of our daily schedule and normal routine remind us that there is more to our existence than the day in and day out of our normal routine. These extra opportunities give us a chance to reflect, celebrate and more fully live out our existence as Catholics.

Shortly after I was assigned here, one of our young parishioners had a very serious surgery, there was a special Mass and the church was packed full on a Wednesday morning. After the Mass one of our parishioners told me, "I have never felt more a part of the Body of Christ!" On Tuesday of last week, nearly 60 people came for the Holy Hour for Peace. The sound of them answering the prayers of the Rosary was thunderous, another sign of our existence in the mystical Body of Christ. The wisdom of the Holy Mother Church gives us many opportunities to reflect and experience that.

In the next two months we have plenty of opportunities for this to happen. All Saints Day, All Souls Day, our monthly Holy Hour for Vocations, the First Fridays and Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day Mass, The Immaculate Conception, The season of Advent, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Christmas and its brief but beautiful season. These are just the ones that came to mind as I was writing this.

I think the challenge in taking advantage of these is to plan ahead and make the space for them in our calendar. When we miss a Holy Day of Obligation we miss more than Mass, we miss an opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and in the depths of our faith.

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.

ST. PATRICKS MASS SCHEDULE ADDITIONS



All Saint's Day

Holy Day of Obligation Wednesday

Nov 1st: 8:30 AM, 12:15 PM, & 6:30 PM (English)

Oct 31st: 6:30 PM (Spanish)

All Soul's Day

Thursday, Nov. 2nd: 8:30 AM & 6:30 PM (English)

8:00 PM (Spanish)

Kick off Sunday for Annual Stewardship Renewal



This weekend is "Kick off Sunday" for our Annual Stewardship Renewal at both Saint Patrick and Saint Canice Catholic parishes. This is the first week of a three week process where parishioners discern how to share their God-given gifts. As we have been learning over the past few weeks, the Annual Renewal is a time for prayer and reflection as we ponder the God-given gifts in our lives, and how we can express our gratitude for those gifts with our Time, Talent, and Treasure. It's im-

portant that each year we reconsider our commitments as we grow closer in our relationship with God, because we change. And as we change, so do the gifts that we share. In addition, the Stewardship Renewal time affords new parishioners an opportunity to participate in the Stewardship way of life.

Kick off Sunday will feature two events. First, Fr Estrella's homily will help us to better understand the spiritual benefits of the Stewardship way of life and formally invite each of us to participate. In addition, after all Sunday morning masses at St Patrick's Church (7:30/ 9:00/ & 11:00), please join us for donuts/refreshments, as well as visiting the St. Patrick/St. Canice Ministry Fair in the St Patrick Hall. Ministry leaders are available to visit, answer questions, and share more about their ministry. All are welcome!

"Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares his gifts and love of God and Neighbor."

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 Stew-

ardship and is a real eye opener.

Please RSVP to Lillian Glaeser via email lglaeser0566@sbcglobal.net

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

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CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Wednesday, October 25th @ 6:00 PM



Potluck Dinner in the Small Hall

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 escott_place@sbcglobal.net, or just come to our meeting.

Creation Care Team:

Care for God's Creation



The Creation Care Team next Meeting is Tuesday, October 24 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm in the small hall.

Plastic recycling limitations mean that only 25% gets recycled in the U.S.; the rest ends up in waterways and landfills where they can last 100's of years. Please visit our booth at the Ministry Fair this Sunday, 10/22. We will show examples of alternatives to single-use plastics, and information about our Ministry (no obligation to join); our only mission is to help spread the word about caring for God's creation.

CHESTERTON ACADEMY OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Chesterton Academy of the Most Holy Eucharist invites you to our Open House on Sunday, November 12, 2023, from 12 – 2 PM. Please join us for this opportunity to visit our Catholic high school campus in Yuba City, located at 200 Clark Ave. Meet our faculty and current families and learn more about our admissions process for the 2024-2025 school year. We are enrolling grades 9-12.

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CULTURE OF LIFE

October is Respect Life Month

On Defending Life

Last week's pro-life arguments showed that pre-born babies are indeed both human and alive. And as so, intentionally causing the death of a young human life through abortion would seem to constitute murder. But even with science supporting the *human and alive conclusion a new argument for keeping abortion legal has arisen*, "Even if we concede that the fetus is human, it is not a person." Hence, a definition of Personhood is now being debated. Should personhood depend on the state of consciousness, self-awareness or the capacity for transcendent thought? Many may say, "yes" ironically leaving an opening for the inclusion of advanced mammals and even AI as "persons" while at the same time excluding pre-born babies.

According to Peter Kreeft, philosophy professor and author, there is a clear difference between what a person does and what a person is: "One cannot function as a person without being a person, but one can surely be a person without functioning as a person." There is little argument that a human in deep sleep, a state of coma, and early infancy is a person. This reasoning also applies to all stages of life. "Old age, Alzheimer's disease, and disability might rob a person of certain uniquely human capabilities, but those who suffer from such conditions don't cease to be persons."

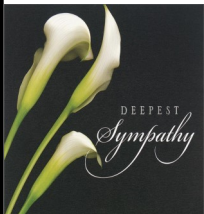
The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "human life must be **respected** and **protected** absolutely from the moment of conception...a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life."

Pray and Fast for an end to Abortion and Physician Assisted Suicide

Respect life. All life is sacred.



WITH OUR CONDOLENCES



St. Patrick Parish community extends our deepest sympathies and condolences to the family of Josephine Enderson who passed away on October 9th.

Please remember her and all the Faithful Departed in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



SOCK DRIVE

SISTERS OF MERCY



Sierra Roots reports that they are in need of socks. You have been so very generous in the past years, and we are asking for your support once again. Please place socks in the box provided in

the vestibule of the church and accept our sincere gratitude for your kindness. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mercy Associate member Carlie Foote @ 530-305-3150.

Thank you for supporting our community!

SISTERS OF MERCY

Second Saturday of the month

The Sisters of Mercy, Grass Valley Associates are a group of women and men who are called together in the spirit of Mercy to participate in the corporal and spiritual works of Mercy in accordance with the critical concerns of the Sisters of Mercy.

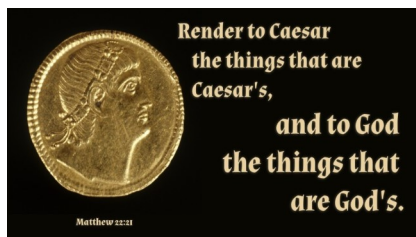
The works of Mercy are many and as varied as the individuals who make up Associate groups around the world. In Grass Valley, we continue in spirit, the works of the Sisters of Mercy who came here over 150 years ago.

Come, we invite you to join us and explore the many faces of ministry in Mercy. Our meetings are the second Saturday of each month in St. Patrick's small hall at 11:30 a.m. Our next meeting is November 11. For further information, please call Maria Diltz at 273-4290. See you then!

October 15th — \$4,373

Your generosity to St. Patrick Church is greatly appreciated. Donations can be placed in baskets during the collection at Mass, mailed to the office, or online through faithdirect.net (Code: CA1104).

Reflecting on the Gospel



The Second Vatican Council made many bold claims when it convened more than fifty years ago. It put forth practical reforms, like the ability to celebrate Mass in native languages, and set

forth guidance for Catholics interacting with their diversifying communities. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the council set a vision for the "church in the modern world." It recognized that while the ultimate authority rests in God, we also live in a world with varying systems of governance.

How do we discern what authority to listen to? What happens if the will of the government clashes with the will of God? These are questions people of faith have asked throughout time, from church councils to the days of Christ. Today's gospel could have inspired the types of discussions happening at Vatican II. The religious leaders of the day ask Jesus a legitimate question-even if their intent was to trick him: "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" They are in essence asking where their allegiances should lie. Jesus's answer may have surprised them: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Jesus recognizes that his followers are responsible to both heaven and earthly matters. The ultimate question is not whether to avoid taxes. The issue is how should Christians hold the government accountable for practicing values like peace and justice? We have a responsibility to engage in the political lives of our communities, to advocate for the marginalized as Jesus did. Being a church in the modern world is not easy. With the Spirit's help, we can discern a right and just way forward.

BILL'S WHEELS

MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Would you like to be 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.

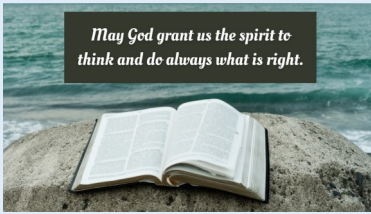
If you have a few hours to give a couple of times a month, to either repair or deliver chairs, we need you. If you want to answer phones or make trips to pick up donations, we need you. We have helped veterans, the injured, sick and disabled. They are so grateful, and they cannot believe how God has 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.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel	Mass Times	Intention
Mon	10/23	Saint John of Capistrano	Rom 4:20-25	Lk 12:13-21 (473)	8:30 am	Karen Colwell (SI)
Tues	10/24	Saint Anthony	Rom 5:12	Lk 12:35-38 (474)	8:30 am	Mildred (SI)
Wed	10/25	Pope Saint Luke	Rom 6:12-18	Lk 12:39-48 (475)	8:30 am	Julissa Lambert (SI)
Thurs	10/26	Saint Crispin	Rom 6:19-23	Lk 12:49-53 (476)	8:30 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fri	10/27	Saint Demetrius	Rom 7:18-25a	Lk 12:54-59 (477)	8:30 am	Mount Saint Mary's Students and Teachers
Sat	10/28	Saint Simon	Eph 2:19-22	Lk 6:12-16 (666)	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Vocations Herbie Flannery (D)
Sun	10/29	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Thes 1:5c-10 Ex 22:20-26	Mt 22:34-40	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Cheryl Riopel(D) For the People

DEACON'S CORNER



"Give to the LORD the glory due His Name!"

Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life. Alleluia, alleluia.

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

I have so often heard this gospel used to discuss the separation of Church & State or the separation of our spiritual lives from our secular lives. The concept that has evolved in the western world since the Age of the Enlightenment is that our faith is a private truth rather than public truth & should only be a motivating authority for the hour we spend in our churches or in our homes but not in the public or secular setting.

Except for only one instance that I can think of, the Reign of God, the Economy of Grace, is founded on "both" "and" rather than "either" "or". This gospel is that one exception. We are on this earth not to live either as a person governed by a secular world view in the public sector or keep our biblical worldview for just our private lives. We are to live both in the secular world governed by biblical truths & bring those truths as the guiding moral authority for public decisions. Jesus reminds the Jewish leaders who they are & Whose they are when he said: "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." In reminding them who they are, He is reminding us, who we are, and challenging us to choose to live in that awareness. As God shares in Genesis, those Jewish leaders & we, are made in the image & likeness of God. Ultimately, that is the image that defines the authority we live by. We have to make the choice between either choosing to live in the image & likeness of Christ, who is the Way & the Truth & the Life or we choose to live in the image & likeness of whatever the secular world decides is our god, our reason for being.

Earlier this year, New York City's mayor, Eric Adams, gave a speech at an interfaith leadership conference & shared how his faith influences his decisions. Here are a few passages from his speech and I invite you to read his complete speech. "I was learning to box & every time I stepped into the ring, I would lose the fight & my trainer would say: Eric, the problem is you leave your best fight in the gym & you are supposed to take it into the ring with you." And that is what has happened to many of us. The synagogue is our gym, The Church is the gym. The Sikh temple is the gym. The mosque is the gym. You are there for training. You are not there to leave your best worship in the "gym". Because if we are bringing our best fight into the ring (society), we would not have the homeless in this city. We would not have a crisis of domestic violence. We would not have children dying. When we took prayer out of schools; guns came in. So, the reflection point today.... Are we leaving our best fight in the gym? (Are we bringing our faith into the world?) It means instilling in them (our children) some level of faith & belief. Ingrid is right. Don't tell me about the separation of church & state. State is the body. Church is the heart. You take the heart out of the body, the body dies. I can't separate my belief because I am an elected official. When I walk, I walk with God. When I talk, I talk with God. When I put policies in place, I try to put them in with a God-like approach to them. That's who I am. I was that way in the 3rd grade & I am going to be that way when I leave the government. I am still a child of God & will always be a child of God & I won't apologize for being a child of God. It is not going to happen... Do people see God in us? Do they see God in us? When you walk in a room, do people feel as though I've just been in the presence of (someone) God-like? When you sit down & make decisions, do people feel as though they have just been in the presence of (someone) God-like?

Mayor Eric Adams, if just for a brief moment, reminds us also who we are & whose we are. Living our faith means just that, living it in our homes, in our workplace, in our communities, & in how we vote. It needs to influence everything we do. So, Jesus is asking you to choose. What is the greatest influence in your life? Are you an American Catholic? Does church teaching come first in your life? Or are you a catholic American? Do you pick & choose what church teachings are important & listen to other voices?

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