## St. Patrick Catholic Church

# October 29, 2023 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Office Hours
Mon - Fri: 9:00 - 2:00 PM



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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

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 Parish Family,

As we encounter our annual Stewardship Renewal, I hope that you will share in my enthusiasm for this year's focus, a vital element of Christian life. Ongoing personal formation is vital to our growth as Disciples of Christ. When we commit to continuously pursue our faith, we become Formed in Christ.

During this Stewardship Renewal, I encourage you to consider how you can intentionally pursue your faith by making commitments in prayer, ministry, and offertory giving - or what we call time, talent, and treasure. Read and pray over the materials that you should have all received in the mail and choose what most attracts or challenges you at this time in your life. All commitment cards are confidential. We have separated the ministries by parish so that you can easily tell which parish a ministry is affiliated with; however, please feel free to get involved in any ministry regardless of your parish affiliation. If we continue to pursue God, He will enlighten our minds, convert our hearts, and help us live a stewardship way of life.

It is a blessing to be your pastor, and I thank you for your commitment to be Formed in Christ as we deepen our stewardship way of life at St Patrick and St Canice.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Estrella Pastor

## Lay Witness talk for annual Stewardship Renewal

This weekend Fr Estrella has invited Seth and Desiray Baxter to share with us their personal experience with Catholic Stewardship at St Patrick's. As a parish, we are deeply grateful and blessed to have the Baxter's share their personal experience and insight into the Stewardship way of life. We invite each of you to pray for them as they share their encounter with God and his holy Catholic Church.

"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."

#### ST. PATRICKS MASS SCHEDULE NOV 1 & 2

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)



#### CORNERSTONE MEN'S RETREAT NOVEMBER 10TH and 11TH



#### The Best 26 Hours You can spend this November

As men there is always something we need to do, the next project, the next practice, the next meeting. Our schedules will always be there for us to get through, but we are only offered this one opportunity this year in our parish for men to come together to spend just over a day in the Presence of Our Lord.

Don't miss this opportunity. Come join us as we strive to grow as Catholic Men. Come join us as we strive to grow as Catholic Men. You can still register at https://spcornerstone.org or at the parish website.

For more information contact Deacon Rick Soria @ 310-626-5673 or Mike Maples at 805-478-2264.

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



Each year, the average American family of four loses \$1,500 to uneaten food. USDA

offers a range of advice to help Americans reduce food waste, which in turn increases household food budgets and makes nutritious diets more affordable (from US EPA). In addition, food waste, "shows an arrogant disregard for everything that, in social and human terms, lies behind food production". (Pope Francis' letter to UN Food and Agricultural Organization, Sept. 2023)

#### **SCAM ALERT**



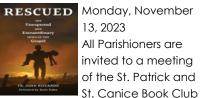
Good Morning, How're you doing today? I need a favor from you, text me as soon as you get this message.

Your Fr in Christ, Fr Alexander Estrella

Once again, someone has sent out messages asking for a "favor" in Father Estrella's name.

These messages are not from him please disregard that petition that might come via text or email.

## **Parish Book Club Gathering**



RESCUED Monday, November 13, 2023 All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and

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.

#### **Communal First Saturday**

Sat November 4th, 7:45 am



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

#### **Daylight Savings Time Ends**



It is getting to that time of year when the clocks will once again go back due to daylight saving time.

This will happen on **November 5** at 2 a.m. local time. Although this means the morning and evenings get darker, we do gain an extra hour of sleep.

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST**



Sunday, November 12 after 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am masses. Join us this Sunday after all Masses for our usual all-you-can-eat menu.

Adults are \$8 and children are \$5. All proceeds go to MSM.

#### **CULTURE OF LIFE**



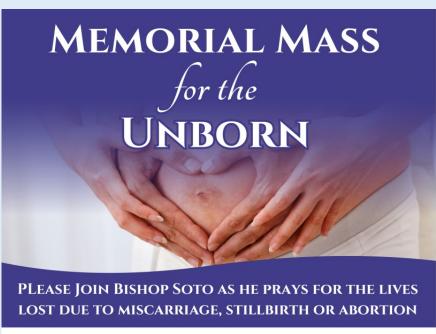
#### November 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Souls Day.

Gracious and merciful Jesus, we pray for the souls of the little ones who have died without the blessings and graces of Baptism. We ask that through your mercy and love you will again call these little children to you and declare that "the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these." In your name we pray, Amen

### Culture of Life Ministry on Monday, November 6th at 6:00pm in the Small Hall



Would you like to help build up the Culture of Life in our parish and community? We can use more help. Parishioners in the Hispanic Community are especially invited to help us spread the word to our Spanish speaking community. Please join the Culture of Life Ministry on Monday, November 6th at 6:00pm in the Small Hall.



FOR MORE INFORMATION



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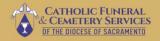
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### **November 4 - Remembering the**

little children.

Bishop Soto will celebrate a Memorial Mass for children lost before birth, to miscarriage or abortion. The Mass will be held at 9:00 am at Calvary Cemetery, 7100 Verner Ave. in Citrus Heights.

If unable to attend the Mass but wishing to pray for the loss of these little children please stop by the St. Patrick Memorial for the Unborn located between the Rectory and the Hall on Saturday, November 4th. Printed prayers for the Victims of Abortion and Those Who Have Lost a Child to Abortion will be available at the benches near the statue of Mary and the memorial marker. Consider setting aside some time to remember and pray for the precious child you personally may have lost due to an abortion or miscarriage or for the ~1 million babies that die every year in America from abortion.



#### Mt. St. Mary's Academy



Mt. St. Mary's Academy Annual See's fundraiser is now open for purchases for Thanksgiving and Christmas treats. Below is the link for the online store that will be open until 12/01/2023 (more selections available

https://www.yumraising.com/secure/ mtsma\_mt\_st\_mary\_academy\_\_winter\_sees\_candies28/Lau\_Lim4619/

Paper order forms need to be turned into the school office by:

November 6th (Thanksgiving treats)

December 1st (Christmas Treats)

Any questions please email Wendy Hylinski at: wendyroo81@gmail.com

Thank you in advance,

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Mt. St. Mary's Academy



#### **Votive Mass** of the **Sacred Heart**

#### **First Friday Mass** November 3 at 6:30 p.m.

All Parishioners are invited



#### October 22nd — \$ 5,618

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).

#### **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!

## **Catholic Ladies Relief Society presents**

#### **ANNUAL COMMUNITY CRAFT FAIR**

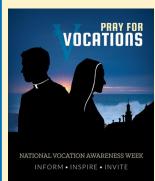


Saturday, November 4 from 9am-4pm & Sunday, November 5 from 8:30am-1:00pm

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! Enter the raffle to win a basket overflowing with holiday season items!!

#### National Vocations Awareness Week is celebrated in parishes Nov. 5-11



National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in the Catholic community throughout the United States Nov. 5-11.

This is a time for the Catholic Faithful to ask Our Lord for more dedicated holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation.

Many parishes in the diocese will be hosting activities this week, including holy hours for vocations, a rosary for vocations, and priests and religious sharing their vocation stories. For more information, visit the diocese's Office of Vocations at /vocations

Meet Our Seminarians | Diocese of Sacramento (scd.org)

## **Reflecting on the Gospel**



How are people of faith to act in the world? Today's set of readings offers clear practices by which to live. The first reading from Exodus tells people what not to do: do not oppress

foreigners, do not wrong widows or orphans, do not extort neighbors in need. Knowing what practices to avoid helps build healthy boundaries. It's like putting up a fence—the harmful practices stay on the outside. We are left with bountiful space inside the fence to do God's will. Today's gospel makes that crystal clear: first, love the Lord your God; second, love your neighbor as yourself.

These are two of the most well known commandments for people of faith, having first been part of Jewish law. By this point, we have a good idea of what it means to love our neighbors, even if we struggle to live it out at times. Concrete practices that show love for our neighbors include feeding those in need, visiting the sick and lonely, and advocating for just wages and good healthcare for all. The list goes on for ways we can love the people around us.

But the first and greatest commandment to love God with the fullness of our beings may not be as obvious. What does it look like to love God, in God's great vastness and mystery? How do we love something that is always present and often hard to see?

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



Mike Blake, 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.

#### **World Mission Day 2023**



A heartfelt thank you to each one of you for your outpouring of support on World Mission Sunday. Together, our parish raised \$946.00 for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Your generosity echoes the theme "Hearts on fire, feet on the move,"

bringing warmth and hope to communities worldwide. To remain connected and engaged with the Pope's missions throughout the year, please visit OneFamilyInMission.org. Your commitment to the universal mission of the Church is deeply appreciated.

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

Day	Date	Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel	Mass Times	Intention
Mon	10/30	Saint Marcellus of Tangier	Rom 8:12-17	Lk 13:10-17 (479)	8:30 am	Susan Lundquist (D)
Tues	10/31	Saint Marcellus of Tangier	Rom 8-18-25	Lk 13-18-21 (480)	8:30 am	Bob Martinet (D)
Wed	11/01	All Saint's Day	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14	Mt 5:1-12a	8:30 am	Reparation for sin and Sacrilege (SI)
Thurs	11/02	All Soul's Dayt	Any readings from no 668	Masses for the Dead	8:30 am	Robert Devincenzi (D)
Fri	11/03	Saint Martin De Porres	Rom 9:1-5	World Community Day	8:30 am	Poor Souls in Purgatori
Sat	11/04	Saint Charles Borromeo	Rom 11:1-2a	Lk 14:1 (484)	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Vocations Josephine Andersen(D)
Sun	11/05	31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mal 1:14b	1 Thes 2:7b-9 (151) Daylight Saving Time Ends	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Poor Souls in Purgatori Cheryl Riopel(D) For the People

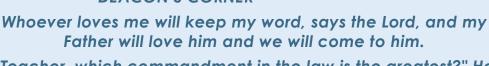


to him, If a man love me,

we will come to

he will keep my words: and my Father will love

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



"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him,

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

They were on a military training exercise & the men were getting bored. Still it was surprising when the radio operators of the British divisional Command heard a voice one quiet night breaking silence, The voice asked, "Are there any friendly bears listening?" After a moment a voice replied, "Yes, I 's a friendly bear," a 2nd voice soon responded & a 3rd "I am a friendly bear too." At this point, the Officer on Duty, grabbed the mic & let loose a blistering tirade at the operators for fooling around on their radios while on duty. When he had finished, there was silence for about 10 seconds, and then a child's voice said: "You aren't a very friendly bear, are you? These 2 stories from Fr. Jerry Fuller reflects the heart of today's gospel far better than I can, so please enjoy them. "Actor Christopher Reeves had everything – wealth, fame, fabulous health. He was one of the most handsome, physically fit men in Hollywood. Then he fell from a horse. Suddenly he was a quadriplegic. When he awoke from his accident, his first thought was that maybe he should go ahead & die. But one thing stopped him & gave him the will to live. His wife, Dana, spoke to him firmly, yet gently. 'I am only going to say this once,' she said. 'I will support whatever you want to do, because this is your life & your decision. But I want you to know that I'll be with you for the long haul, no matter what. You're still you, & I love you.' Those words gave Christopher Reeves the strength to go on." Today's gospel tells us that we need to put our priorities in order & love God above all else. Our love of God should come from our realization that God has 1st loved us, especially as shown through the life & example of His Son, Jesus Christ. Secondly, it means that we should have a healthy love of ourselves which comes from a knowledge of God's love for us. And thirdly, we must express that love of God & ourselves in our love of neighbor. This love must be expressed in words & in actions. Sometimes the words come hardest of all. An 8-yr-old boy had a younger sister who was dying of leukemia. His parents explained to him that she needed a blood transfusion & that his blood would help her. They asked if they could test his blood. Sure, he said. The results showed that his blood would be a good match. Then they asked if he would give his sister some of his blood, that it could be her only chance at living. He said he would have to think about it. The next day he went to his parents & said he was willing to donate his blood to his sister. So they took him to the hospital where he was put on a bed beside his sister. Both of them were hooked up to IVs. A nurse withdrew a pint of blood from the boy, which was then put into the girl's IV. The boy lay on his bed in silence while the blood dripped into his sister. The doctor came over to see how he was doing. The boy opened his eyes & asked, "How soon until I start to die?" Something of this boy's positive & proactive love was clearly in evidence in the early Christians who were described as such by the 2nd-century Athenian philosopher, Aristides. In his "Apology of the Christian Faith," addressed to the Emperor Hadrian, the non-Christian Aristides wrote: 'Christians love one another. They never fail to help widows; they save orphans from those who would hurt them. If one of them has something, they give freely to those who have nothing. If they see a stranger, Christians take him home & are happy, as though he were a real brother. They don't consider themselves brothers in the usual sense, but brothers through the Spirit, in God. And if they hear that one of them is in jail or persecuted for professing the name of their redeemer, they give him all he needs ... This is really a new kind of person. There is something divine in them." Aristides had never read St. Paul who said in his letter to the Corinthians: "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new person; the old has passed away. Behold, all is new!" (2Cor. 5:20)

The 2 questions I need to ask myself, the 2 questions we need to ask ourselves are: Is God's love my priority & do I reflect His love within my family? Second, if Aristides was alive today would he write the same words about the parishioners here at St. Patrick's or St. Canice'?





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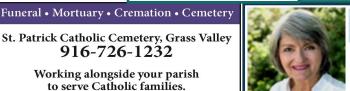


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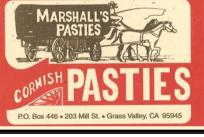


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