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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

Adoration with Rosary

Tuesday 5:30-6:30 PM

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,

This past week I was driving back from a hospital call and noticed that the closed end of Mill Street was already decorated for Christmas! I did a double take and even thought to google to see if a Christmas movie was being filmed in Grass Valley! My next thought was that "it's not even Thanksgiving." Personally, some Thanksgiving decorations would have been fun-maybe a big inflatable turkey and some pilgrims... I don't know... I don't decorate the rectory much. Normally I would write this reflection some time closer to Advent but it seems I need to do it in mid-August!

On Epiphany there is beautiful chant which gives the dates of all the coming feasts, it's a lovely chant and while not needed because we all have Siri and Alexa to tell us, or at least a calendar, it gives a connection between the Incarnation and Birth of our Lord and Easter with all the beautiful feasts that follow. We often modify the word "year," we have a liturgical year, we have a fiscal year, what we call the "calendar" year is really a civic year. There is some overlap, Christmas and Easter are public holidays, Thanksgiving has a special Mass, some days while not having a liturgical rank are included in our Mass.

I would propose that the liturgical year becomes the lens for how we look at all the other years. The carol of Good King Wenceslas says he went out on the "feast of Stephen" to give alms to a poor man. The Feast of Stephen is Dec 26th, the second day of Christmas. I am sure you know the old song "The Twelve Days of Christmas." It is not uncommon in church documents to include the feast or saint's day in the date of the document or for important feasts to be chosen for events or special documents.

By using the liturgical calendar as our main point of reference we connect not only the feast days to our lives and the events around us but more importantly the liturgical seasons as well. Next year Ash Wednesday is on February 14th, which will win out for you? All around us we will see people going out to eat nice dinners, drinking champagne and other things and of course the famous boxes of chocolate. It is easy to say "it's only one day." But the Scriptures teach us that today is the acceptable day, today is the desirable day. It will be hard but worth it knowing we place nothing before the love of God and deeper conversion.

How will you keep Advent this year? Will your own life be like Mill St. decked out with boughs of holly to be swept away on the feast of Stepehen? Will you keep the 12 days of Christmas? Will you slow down and reflect on preparing the way of your heart for His arrival? How do you keep Easter? Is "Alleluia" only sung in church?

If we can keep the liturgical year and seasons at the forefront, then the Lord's Sacrifice, the work of our Redemption stays at the forefront and we soon see the world and others through the power and meaning of the Cross. If we do this then we can see the world and our neighbor through the eyes of Jesus.

Your Father in Christ, Father Estrella

CORNERSTONE RETREAT FOR MEN



This weekend 25 men from our parish participated in our Cornerstone Retreat & received the gift of spending time together to draw closer to Our Lord & to share that experience with other men. In the laughter, the stories & quiet time the Holy Spirit was able to touch the lives of our brothers. This retreat was possible because of Fr. Estrella's support & the 24 men who volunteered to organize, prepare & lead the retreat, as well as the men or their wives who donated an hour of prayer in the church before the tabernacle during the retreat's 26 hours. Also want to thank Fr. Jossey & Colleen for the gift of the Mass on Saturday. Without the Sacraments of Reconciliation & the Mass the men would not experience the fullness of God's Love & Mercy.

Sponsor A Family for the Holidays!

A holiday dinner for one family costs \$25

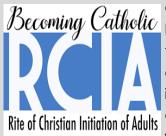


It's hard to believe, but the holidays are right around the corner! IFM will be holding

their annual Sponsor A Family for the Holidays fundraiser. IFM serves 10,000-13,000 individual clients annually.

As the Holidays near, our goal is to provide each client's family with a memorable holiday meal. We can only achieve this through the generosity of the community. What is included in a holiday meal? Turkey or ham, potatoes, vegetable, soup, and cranberry sauce. A holiday dinner for one family costs \$25. Donate to IFM and provide a family or families with a delicious meal this holiday season!

RCIA



Good things are Becoming Catholic happening in RCIA over the next few months, and we are happy to invite any parishioner to come learn and share with our group of

inquirers as we learn about the following topics:

Nov. 16th-Sacred Tradition, presented by **Father Estrella**

Nov. 30th- Advent, and Liturgical Calendarpresented by Eric Olson

Dec. 7 Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Immaculate Conception, presented by Deacon Rick

December 14th- Jesse Tree and Christmaspresented by Traci Jagger

All are welcome in the RCIA room located in St. Cecelia's. The sessions run from 6:30-8:30pm

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS IN MEMORY OF ALL DECEASED KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Sunday, November 19th at the 9:00 Mass



Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Knights of Columbus to be held on Sunday

emory November 19th at the 9:00 Mass. All Knights, Spouses and

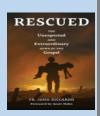
Ladies of deceased Knights are requested to sit together in the front pews on the left. Meet and minale in the Small Hall afterwards.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life: whoever believes in Me, though he should die, will come to life..." (JN 11:25-26)

Parish Book Club Gathering Monday, November 13, 2023



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.

DONUT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 19



Mark your calendars for Sunday November 19th it's going to be Donut Sunday after all the masses. Come join us, share a cup of coffee or juice and a donut with fellow parishioners.

Looking forward to seeing you all.

FAMILY MINISTRY



Family ministry will be meeting at St Cecilia Hall on Sunday November 19 to share witness and support. All families new and old are welcome to attend. We will gather from 4-7 pm. Bring your favorite

family size pizza or side. There is always plenty for all.

If you have any questions, please contact Paula via text at 520-309-5082.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

November 5-11, 2023



Where is God calling you? "Vocation, more than our own choice, is a response to the Lord's unmerited call" Pope Francis, August 4th 2019

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

What is the significance of a commitment card?



MISSION

God created each of us not by accident, but to serve his purposes or mission. What's your mission? As we pray and a Family of Ministries reflect on our personal mission to serve God's kingdom, your

commitment card offers simple suggestions to ponder as you make a decision to respond to God's invitation. As an example, as we go through an examination of conscience prior to confession using the 10 Commandments as a guide, we do likewise by examining our choices on the commitment card. We do so in union with the Holy Spirit.

Once you understand your mission, do it in haste. Don't procrastinate. Remember, no matter how insignificant your commitment is in the eyes of the world, it is great in the eyes of God.

CULTURE OF LIFE

With the rise in chemical abortions, pregnancy care providers see Abortion Pill Reversal as the antidote.



Continue This Treatment

With Her Doctor And Her Baby Will Now Have A 64% - 68% Chance Of Survival

"Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) provides a lifesaving second chance for moms who realize they made a terrible mistake." reports 40 Days for Life. During the 2023 Spring 40 Days for Life vigil, an article detailed the story of a mom named Aniah who after having taken the first dose of the Abortion Pill received help from the campaign leader to obtain Abortion Pill Reversal treatment from an APR doctor 90 minutes away. Aniah returned to the vigil location during the Fall campaign to thank vigil participants and introduce them to her baby Saylah. "The mother admitted that she had regrets immediately after taking the abortion pill. 'I wanted my baby, and I just felt like what I did was wrong and I had to fix it,' she said. 'I thought about the two girls I met [standing vigil in front of the abortion facility], and I looked through the gifts that they gave me and saw the Abortion Pill Reversal phone number...' 'I really appreciate everything that they did for me, 'Aniah added. 'Because without them I feel like I would be regretting my decision over and over and over and over again."

If California Attorney General Rob Bonta has his way women in California facing this same situation will have nowhere to turn for help. He announced a lawsuit against Heartbeat International and five pregnancy care centers in Northern California. The lawsuit seeks to

shut down their Abortion Pill Rescue Network. More on this topic will be addressed in the near future. For information regarding the lawsuit go to heartbeatinternational.org.

Mt. St. Mary's Academy



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

www.yumraising.com/secure/

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

December 1st (Christmas Treats)

Click here for See's Order Form

Any questions please email Wendy Hylinski at:

wendyroo81@gmail.com

Thank you in advance,

Mt. St. Mary's Academy

Creation Care Team:



In Laudate Deum, Pope Francis urges all people of good will to take action on the climate crisis and "move beyond the mentality of appearing to be concerned but not having the courage needed to

produce substantial changes." He echoes Popes before him such as Pope Benedict XVI who said, at his inaugural Mass in 2005: "The external deserts in the world are growing, because the internal deserts have become so vast. Therefore, the earth's treasures no longer serve to build God's garden for all to live in, but they have been made to serve the powers of exploitation and destruction."

40 hours of Adoration Friday, November 24 to Sunday, November 26 Will you sit with our Lord?



Join us for the upcoming 40 Hours of Adoration in preparation for the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, which will start with a procession on Friday Nov. 24 at 6:30 pm, and end with a procession back into the church on Sunday morning the 26th at 10:45

We invite you to come spend time with the Lord and grow closer to Him in preparation for the Feast of Christ the King and the beginning of Advent soon thereafter.

All are encouraged to implore our Lord to pour forth His abundant graces not only for themselves and their own needs, but for those of the world.

Thank you to the members of the Knights of Columbus that will provide security during the late night hours so that we may feel safe and comfortable attending at any time.

WE PRAY FOR:

Conchetta Greco, Mike Blake, Karen Colwell, Geri Lampman, Richard Tumilty, Juan Gutierrez, Kathy Smith, Michaels family, Diana Boyarsky, Vida Santos, Bonnie Burke, Diane Damron, Marilyn & Tom Falls, Cathie Fideli, Gary & Linda Grube, Jack Harris, Jeff Hill, Dee

Lavrador, Wayne McHone, John Mercurio, Kathleen Montavon, Susan Roberts, Chuck Ryan, Frank Santos...and their families.

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

HERE TO HELP

Marriage, family, and individual therapy is now avail-



able to interested parishioners that are in need of these services. Counseling sessions will be held at St. Patrick's and a good-will offering in the amount of your choosing should be made to St. Patrick. All information is strictly confidential and all proceeds will benefit

St. Patrick's. For more information or to make an appt. contact Sue Schwarz, licensed marriage & family therapist, @ 530-559-5462.

Reflecting on the Gospel



How can we prepare to wait? This odd question strikes at the heart of today's gospel. Jesus offers the parable of ten virgins waiting for the bridegroom to help his followers imagine what it will be like to wait for the Son of Man to return. First, we see the virgins arrive together and stay

together. If only one virgin had been there alone all night, it would have been much easier for her to give up. Who would have kept her motivated? Who would she have turned to when the waiting got hard? Like the virgins, Jesus wants us to live in joyful hope for the coming of the kingdom as a community. The Church at its best encourages and strengthens the community of believers.

The wise virgins came prepared with flasks of oil but not infinite amounts. Similarly, Jesus calls us to be ready to wait for the coming of God's kingdom with humility and patience, recognizing that we do not yet have the fullness of faith, hope, and love in our lamps. But we do have something. Our lamps need not run empty if we steward our oil well. Like the wise virgins, we are called to wait with anticipation. Surely the bridegroom will come back!

If the wise virgins had no faith in the bridegroom's return, why would they have continued to wait? Something likely those spiritual gifts of faith, hope, and love-convinced them to keep vigil. We too receive spiritual gifts through the sacraments and the life of the church that empower us to keep waiting and to keep believing that what has been promised by God will one day be fulfilled.

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).

November 5th — \$ 8,530

All Saints Collection \$539

All Souls Collection \$1,310



Upcoming 2nd Collections

Nov 19 No 2nd Collection

Nov 26 No 2nd Collection



Circle of Friends Bodega Bay, CA



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 are meeting this month at the Bodega Bay beach on Wednesday, November 29.

We would love to have you join us and if you have any questions, please feel free to call Ginny at 530-432-1175 or Dolores at 530-263-6537 and escott place@sbcglobal.net.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel	Mass Times	Intention
Mon	11/13	Saint Francis Xavier Cabrini	Wis 1:1-7	Lk 17:1-6 (491)	8:30 am	Sal Suniga(D)
Tues	11/14	Saint Lawrence	Wis 2:23	Lk 17:7-10 (492)	8:30 am	Sharon Rita Henry(D)
Wed	11/15	Saint Albert the Great	Wis 6:1-11	Lk 17:11-19 (493)	8:30 am	Julissa Lambert (SI)
Thurs	11/16	St Margaret of Scotland	Wis 7:22b	Lk 17:20 (494)	8:30 am	Sandy Dillie (SI)
Fri	11/17	Saint Elizabeth	Wis 13:1-9	Lk 17:26-37 (495)	8:30 am	Andrea Rosales (SI)
Sat	11/18	Saint Peter and Paul	Wis 18:14-16	Lk 18:1-8 (496)	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Poor Souls in Purgatori Frances & Yolanda Reader (D)
Sun	11/19	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	1 Thes 5:1-6	Mt 25:14-30 (157)	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	James Langdon(D) John Satori(D) For the People



DEACON'S CORNER



Resplendent & unfailing is wisdom & she is readily perceived by those who love her, & found by those who seek her.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines & my soul thirsts, like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

Behold the Bridegroom! Come out to meet Him.



A preacher at a military prep school for young men ended his sermon on today's Gospel with a rhetorical question for these young men: "Men, I ask you, where would you rather be? Here in the light at the Feast of the Bridegroom or out there in the darkness with a group of foolish girls?" Without a moment's hesitation & almost in perfect harmony the students responded: "Out in the darkness with the foolish young girls, Sir!"

In the following 3 real life stories the meaning of Jesus' words will take a modern revelation. Also, as you reflect back on this Gospel, read it with the understanding that oil is a biblical symbol for the Holy Spirit.

As the Titanic was sinking, a frightened woman found her place in a lifeboat that was about to be lowered into the raging North Atlantic. She suddenly

thought of something she needed, so she asked permission to return to her stateroom before they cast off. She was granted three minutes or they would leave without her. She ran across the deck that was already dangerously slanted. She raced through the gambling room with money, ankle deep. She came to her room & quickly pushed aside her diamond rings & expensive bracelets & necklaces as she reached to the shelf above them & grabbed 3 small oranges. She quickly found her way back to the lifeboat & got in. Thirty minutes earlier she would not have chosen a crate of oranges over her smallest diamond. But death had boarded the Titanic. One blast of its awful breath had transformed all values. Suddenly, priceless things had become worthless. Worthless things had become priceless. At that moment she preferred 3 small oranges to a crate of diamonds. What or who would you run back for? Who in your life gives you life?

When Mt Vesuvius erupted in Italy, the city of Pompeii lay buried under 18 feet of volcanic ash. The city remained that way until modern times, when archaeologists excavated it. What they found amazed everyone. There were carbonized loaves of bread, fruit still retaining its flavor, & olives still swimming in their oil. The volcanic ash had frozen people in the exact position they had occupied when the disaster struck. The bodies of the people decayed. As they did, they left behind hollow cavities in the hardened ash. By pouring liquid plaster into these cavities, archaeologists were able to make casts of the victims. Some of the casts evoke an emotional response. One is of a young mother hugging her child tightly in her arms. A 2nd, that of a Roman sentry still at his post, standing erect, fully armed. He had remained calm & faithful to his duty to the end. A 3rd, that of a man standing upright with a sword in his hand. His foot is resting on a pile of gold & silver. Scattered about him are five bodies of the looters he had killed. What would the mold of your life look like if Jesus came tomorrow?

Fr. Jerry Fuller shares this story. A little girl lived near the beach. She had a grandfather she loved very much & always looked forward to visiting him. Her grandfather had a collection of hourglasses & always had fun turning them upside down & watching the sand sift through. She asked her grandpa why he had all of those hourglasses. He said they reminded him that time was the most precious thing in the world. It was close to Christmas & the little girl had not seen her Papa for weeks. Eventually her mother explained to her that Papa was in the hospital & he was very sick & might die. The little girl wasn't sure what death was. Her mother said that life was like one of grandpa's hourglasses & that he had very little time left. One day, her mother told the little girl that they would be going to visit her papa that afternoon & asked her to make some kind of special Christmas present for him. The girl excitedly went to work on her gift. When they got to the hospital, the little girl gave her Papa a beautifully wrapped box. He slowly unwrapped his gift & looked inside & smiled. He understood immediately. His granddaughter had filled the box with sand. How do you use the most precious gift you have, Time? How will you share God's love for you? Is there anything more important or precious for you?

"Lord, teach me to know you more, love you more, and serve you more faithfully in my life."



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