

St. Patrick Catholic Church

November 19, 2023

33rd 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

Adoration with Rosary

Tuesday	5:30-6:30 PM
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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,

On the 9th of November we celebrate the feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, this ancient building was donated by the Roman emperor Constantine and after its consecration became the cathedral of Rome. The prayers for this Mass are beautiful and I enjoy celebrating it every year. The last Sunday of June we celebrate the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral. The terms "Dedication" and "Consecration" are used interchangeably to talk about the ceremonies of setting a church apart for the worship of God. Some parish churches are dedicated, others receive a blessing, this latter option is rarely used. The way we know the difference is whether the church has either 4 or 12 candles on the walls.

The gospel for this Mass is the "cleansing of the temple" because it contains the famous quote from the Prophets "My house will be called a house of prayer." When I pass through the church the flickering votive lights call to mind all those who came in to spend some time in prayer. Often I am inspired to add my own prayers to theirs.

The care of our church is meant to underscore the dignity and noble purpose of a church. Also many of the customs surrounding how we use our churches. With the exception of the sick, small children and other physical requirements, eating and drinking aren't done in church. In the history of the Church, our sacred buildings have been used to house pilgrims or others in emergency situations. The beauty of our churches is meant to help draw us into the beauty of God and encourage us as we pursue heaven, which will be infinitely more beautiful than anything we can imagine.

Whether through the Sacred Liturgy or our own personal prayer, churches give us a space to encounter God and to be drawn into a deeper relationship with Him. Many times I encourage people who are facing difficulties in life to come and simply sit in the church; not to pray but simply be with the Lord. The beauty, harmony, and peacefulness of the church offer us a place to be still, the silence allows us to soak in God's presence. This is a form of hospitality itself and a precious gift we make to each other and receive as well.

Hospitality is an important part of our parish culture and stewardship; that can be by welcoming the stranger or strengthening the bonds of fellowship. There is a delicate balance to strike and lately I have been asked if one may or should talk in church. Many of us can remember a time when there was absolute silence kept in church, perhaps this wasn't good. . When I visit other parishes I am surprised to see how the Real Presence of our Lord is disregarded and how difficult it is to pray in church, this isn't good either. As virtue is always in the middle of two extremes, I would propose that quiet talking, whispering is fine in church as long as it is not disruptive and that visiting should be done outside.

It is a heart warming sight when people linger and visit after Mass both for us and for those who drive by and see a happy parish family visiting. I am working to facilitate ways to extend this beyond an occasional or semi-regular opportunity so that we can all enjoy the beauty of our fellowship.

Your Father in Christ,
Father Estrella

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

THANK YOU FROM CLRS



CLRS would like to thank all of our parishioners and vendors who attended our annual craft fair with a special thank-you to Emil of Weiss Bros nursery for allowing us to display our banner.

It is one of our largest fundraisers for the year and it was very successful. Thank you!

40 Hours of Adoration

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.



ADORATION SCHEDULE

Begins / Friday, Nov. 24 at 6:30 pm

Concludes / Sunday, Nov. 26 at 10:45 am

CULTURE OF LIFE

Abortion Pill Reversal is available in Grass Valley

Last week we learned that many women have second thoughts about aborting their child after taking the first dose of the chemical abortion pill, Mifepristone. Fortunately, many Pregnancy Centers and Pro-life medical Networks are available to provide the Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) procedure, including our local medical center, LivingWell.

However, pro-abortion judges, legislators, Attorney Generals, website search engines and mobile apps that publish business reviews are making it nearly impossible for mothers to find the help they need to save their baby's life. Recently the California Attorney General sued Heartbeat International and several California Pregnancy Centers to shut down their *Abortion Pill Rescue Network*. Although not part of the lawsuit, LivingWell Medical Clinic is experiencing its repercussions. Firstly, LivingWell stresses the necessity and makes every effort to provide the women they serve with accurate and up to date information on the APR procedure. And secondly, they began to notice a decline in inquiries related to APR. It has come to light that the search engine Google had blocked information on Abortion Pill ``Reversal''. Google still makes available information on the abortion pill but makes it very difficult to find information on abortion pill reversal.

In another attempt to abort a woman's other choice - to give birth to her child - YELP, the mobile app that publishes customer reviews, has made it their policy to put a disclaimer on top of pro-life pregnancy center information pages. The disclaimers read either, "Consumer Notice: This is a Crisis Pregnancy Center. Crisis Pregnancy Centers typically provide limited medical services and may not have licensed medical professionals onsite." or in the case of LivingWell Medical Clinic, "This is a Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Crisis Pregnancy Centers do not offer abortions or referral to abortion providers." Although the statements may be true in some cases, those details can be found in the Clinic's information. It is unclear how many other services or businesses for which YELP feels a need to provide a disclaimer informing the consumer of what the business does **not** do or does **not** provide. Is it possible one might see this? **Frank's Fish Market...Consumer Notice: This is a fish market. Fish markets typically do not sell hamburgers.** Probably not.

The Texas Attorney General is in the process of suing YELP. But yet again the California AG Rob Bonta and 15 other AGs have stepped in to block lifesaving information for women by submitting a letter in support of Yelp's decision.



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!

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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). <https://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

MT. ST. MARY'S *Annual Crab Feed*



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RCIA



Good things are 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 Calendar-presented by Eric Olson

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

December 14th- Jesse Tree and Christmas- presented by Traci Jagger

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

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.

Creation Care Team:



Take time this autumn to take a walk and enjoy the crisp air and the beautiful color of the fall leaves. If we are aware of

God's creation is all around us, it is easier to feel the need to protect what He has given us, so that future generations can enjoy it as

much as we have. This Thanksgiving, as you relish in a great feast with family and friends, let us not forget to give thanks to God for the incredible gift of creation!

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.

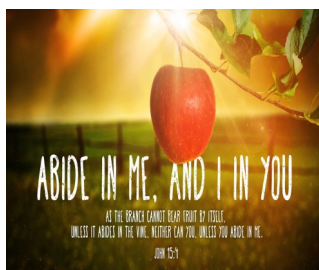
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Sierra Roots reports that they are in need of socks. You have been so very generous in the past years, and we are asking for your support once again. Please place socks in the box provided in the vestibule of the church and accept our sincere gratitude for your kindness. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mercy Associate member Carlie Foote @ 530-305-3150.

Reflecting on the Gospel



How are you using the gifts God gives you? Do you live life to the fullest, or do you tend to play it safe? Are you willing to take risks for who and what you believe in, or does fear drive your days? These are the sorts of challenging questions evoked in today's gospel.

Jesus tells this parable to his followers toward the end of his life, when he too faces big questions about what was and what is to come. The Son of God chose to leave the safety of Galilee and journey to Jerusalem, where those in power wait to persecute him. Yet Jesus goes anyway. He knows his life means something beyond himself. Jesus loves the world so deeply that he is willing to risk his very life for our growth and prosperity.

What would it look like for us, his disciples, to live the same way? God gifts us lives filled with meaning and purpose. Like the master in today's gospel, God gives us talents and expects us to grow them, especially for the sake of the poor, the marginalized, and the suffering.

Two weeks from now, we begin a new liturgical year and a new calendar year kicks off a few weeks after that. Let us take time to consider how we can live more fully into our discipleship this next year. Where is God calling us to take risks for our faith? How is God calling us to act with bravery and boldness for the sake of the gospel?

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 12th — \$ 4,425

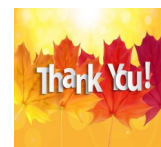
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Upcoming 2nd Collections

Nov 26 No 2nd Collection

Dec 3 No 2nd Collection



Stewardship Reflection for Thanksgiving

If the only prayer you said was "thank you", that would be enough.

- Meister Eckhart (c. 1260 - 1328)

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card, it is NOT too late. Returning your card is an important part of being an active parishioner. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year and return your card this week. Thank you!

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Day	Date	Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel	Mass Times	Intention
Mon	11/20	Saint Edmond	Mc 1:10-15	Lk 18:35-43 (497)	8:30 am	Rose of Sharon Reader (D)
Tues	11/21	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	2 Mc 6:18-31	Lk 19:1-10 (498)	8:30 am	Merrill, Betty & Esther K(D)
Wed	11/22	Saint Cecilia, Virgin Matyr	2 Mc 7:1,20-31	Lk 19:11-28 (499)	8:30 am	Andy & Dorothy Chervenik (D)
Thurs	11/23	St Clement's Day	Thanksgiving readings		8:30 am	Ken Jensen Family (D)
Fri	11/24	Saint Andrew	1 Mc 4:36-37	Lk 19:45-48 (501)	8:30 am	Bob Martinet (D)
Sat	11/25	Saint Catherine	1 Mc 6:1-13	Lk 20:27-40(502)	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Ginger Murray (D) Josephine Andersen (D)
Sun	11/26	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King Of The Universe	1 Cor 15:20-26	Mt 25:31-46(160)	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Reader Family (D) Jack Valentine (D) For the People



DEACON'S CORNER



*Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised
Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'*

This last weekend 45 men came together to share their talents in our annual Cornerstone Retreat. The presence of the charisms of the Holy Spirit touching men's lives was very visible to me. As one person shared as they left mass at the end of the retreat: "That was a special mass, you could feel the life in it." The retreat was joyful but I am still recovering from it. So, this week's Deacon's Corner is centered on thoughts from Fr. Tony Kadavil.

We live in a society that puts safety & pleasure above all else. "So how can we stay safe without risk taking? This amusing reflection helps put this in perspective. First, avoid riding in cars because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents. Second, do not stay home, because 17% of all accidents occur in the home. Third, avoid walking on sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians. Fourth, avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because they cause 16% of accidents. Fifth, of the remaining 33% of deaths, 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals. So be safe & avoid hospitals. But you will be pleased to know that only .001% of all deaths occur during church services. Even less people die from reading the bible. Therefore, the safest place for you to be is at mass or reading the bible. So, for your own safety, go to mass & read the bible. IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!"

In the 1st reading, God shares a beautiful expression of a life-giving image of faithfulness. The Book of Proverbs is the best place to find practical advice about life. This reading describes a good & faithful woman, a gracious wife & mother. She does all her household duties faithfully, & efficiently & finds time to reach out a helping hand to the poor & needy. Unlike the "wicked lazy servant" in the Gospel, this faithful & loving wife works diligently to bring good to others & is judged praiseworthy for increasing the quality of life within & around her. Since she practices love for both God & neighbor, it has pleased God to say: "Her value is far beyond a pearl". This reading suggests that we should emulate this loyal & faithful wife in the use of our God-given gifts. Unlike the "one-talent" man, she takes her gifts & "brings forth good, not evil"; she "reaches her hands to the poor & extends her arms to the needy". The Divine Author of Proverbs believes everyone should be creatively & lovingly active. Writing against a cultural background which stressed the exploits of men, the Sacred Author sees the "worthy wife" as a dynamic, ingenious individual. The ideal Old Testament woman is no empty-headed sex object, but a model held up for imitation by both women & men.

Jesus challenges us to understand that we are accountable for what we have been given, the greatest talent of all: **life**. Do we use this talent focused on others or centered on ourselves? Here are the examples of 2 famous men.

Niccolò Paganini (1782-1840) was an Italian violinist & composer born in Genoa. He was one of the most celebrated violinists & composers of his time & left his mark as one of the pillars of modern violin technique. Many of his compositions are still performed today & have served as an inspiration for other famous composers. He willed his violin to Genoa, where he was born, with the condition that it never be played again. What a pity! Because it was not used, the wood decayed. A violin that is constantly used can be preserved & in some cases even grow richer in tone for hundreds of years. Paganini's decision has resulted in the crumbling of his beautiful violin.

Contrast him with Antonio Stradivari born a century earlier. Stradivari did not pass his audition for the Cremona Boys Choir. When he took violin lessons his neighbors asked his parents for him to stop. Yet Stradivari wanted to make music. But the only thing he was good at was carving wood. He apprenticed with a well-known violin maker. At 36, he started his own violin shop. He worked faithfully & diligently. When he died at 93, he had created over 1500 violins, each bearing his name & year of creation. Nearly 400 years later, they can be sold for over \$1M. Antonio Stradivari couldn't sing, or play an instrument, preach or teach; but he used his one talent to create life, to create beauty. His violins are still making beautiful music. Antonio is a challenge to people who have only a single talent & who try to bury their talent for fear of failure, like the lazy servant in Jesus' parable.

We have life & are able to receive the Body of Christ; what greater gifts do we need? How will we use them?



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