## St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 3, 2023

### First Sunday of Advent

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Office Hours

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

CLOSED HOLY DAYS

OF OBLIGATION



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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

#### 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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## Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8



Masses for today's holy day of obligation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be at:

St. Patrick

Dec 7 Vigil Mass 6:30 pm Spanish

Dec 8 8:30 am, 12:15 pm and 6:30 pm English

St. Canice

Dec 8 7:30 am and 5:30 pm



## Christmas Schedule

#### **Confessions:**

St Patrick: Tuesday / December, 19 4-5:15 P.M.

Wednesday / December, 20 6:30-8 PM

Thursday / December, 21 3:30-5 PM

Friday / December, 22 5-6 PM

Saturday / December, 23 9:30-11. There will be no Saturday afternoon confessions in either parish this day.

St. Canice: Wednesday / December, 20 4-5 PM

Friday / December, 22 8-9 AM and 5-6 PM

Saturday / December , 23 9:30-10:30. There will be no Saturday afternoon confessions in either parish this day.

#### Masses:

#### Saturday / Dec 23 4th Sunday of Advent

St. Patrick 5:00 English 6:30 PM Spanish

St Canice 5:30 PM

#### Sunday Dec 24th 4th Sunday of Advent

St. Patrick's 7:30,9, and 11 AM. No 1 PM Spanish Mass

St Canice 9:00 AM

#### Vigil Masses for Christmas Sunday Dec 24th

St Patrick 5:00 PM English 9:00 PM Spanish

St Canice 5:30 PM

Midnight Mass at St. Patrick's.

Masses of Christmas Day Monday Dec 25th St. Patrick 8:30 and 10:30 AM. St Canice 9:00





"May we be in this world a ray of that light which shone forth from Bethlehem, bringing joy and peace to the hearts of all men and women.



#### FIRST SUNDAY

The first candle on the Advent wreath represents Hope - the first Sunday of Advent not only leads us to anticipate the birth of Christ but celebrate the beginning of a new liturgical season as well. It is purple, the primary color of Advent and a color symbolizing royalty. Sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle," the first candle harkens us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus.

Sunday, December 3

#### SECOND SUNDAY

The second candle on the Advent wreath represents Peace and is also purple. Often called the "Bethlehem Candle," this candle reminds us of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem before Mary gave birth to Jesus. It also builds on the meaning of the Prophecy Candle, recalling that after the division, destruction, and dispersion of the kingdom in the Old Testament, there might finally be peace on Earth.

Sunday, December 10

#### THIRD SUNDAY

The third candle of Advent symbolizes Joy. As we continue to approach Christmas Day, our joy grows more and more. It takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men. On this third Sunday of Advent, which the Church calls "Gaudete Sunday," meaning rejoice or praise, we light the third candle and rejoice like the shepherds. For this reason, it is called the "Shepherd's Candle." and its color is pink, the liturgical color for joy.

Sunday, December 17

#### FOURTH SUNDAY

The fourth candle of Advent represents Love, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the "Angel's Candle," the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the color purple, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth.

Sunday, December 24



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#### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. It's a perfect time for us to remember the promises we all made last month during the Annual Stewardship Renewal - commitments of our Time. Talent, and Treasure. When we keep our commitments, we will experience a deeper

conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian Stewards.

Jesus makes this clear in the Gospel passage of Matthew. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he "places his servants in charge, each with his own work." We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do.

Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift as well. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful

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#### **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES**

If you want to have your child baptized in the next 3 months, the 2 Session of Preparation needed for parents & Godparents will be offered either:



The Welcoming Session for Parents/ Godparents will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Small Hall in St. Patrick's Hall & the Catechesis class for both will be on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:am in St Cecilia's Hall

Or

The Welcoming Session for Parents/Godparents will be on January 12th at 6:30 in the Small Hall in St. Patrick's Hall & the Catechesis class for both will be on January 13th at 10:am in St Cecilia's Hall.

Please contact the parish office to register or call Deacon Rick at 310-626-5673

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Sunday, December 10 after 7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am masses.

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a delicious pancake breakfast to benefit MSM.

Please come join us and enjoy a breakfast that includes pancakes, biscuit and gravy, eggs, ham and more! The breakfast takes place in The Hall. Please bring cash or check.

Adults are \$10 and children are \$8. All proceeds go to MSM.

#### **HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH 7-8 p.m.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament · Scripture Reading and a Reflection · Individual and Communal Prayer · Benediction Our Lord tells us to "ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Mat 9:38). Join us as we come together before our Lord to pray for an increase in vocations.

#### **Adoration**

Sunday, December 3rd from 2:00 –7:00 PM Church



#### **CULTURE OF LIFE**

**Diaper Drive for LivingWell** 

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St Canice and St Patrick

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Please the flyer about the DIAPER DRIVE for more information.

Please consider being part of the Culture of Life Ministry. Our next meeting is Monday December 4 @ 6pm in the small hall.

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



Frank & Dora Cividino, 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...and their families.

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

#### **Parish Book Club Gathering**

Monday, January 22, 2024



All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and St. Canice Book Club on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 1:30 P. M. in St. Patrick's Small Hall. We will be discussing 10 Prayers You Can't Live Without: How to Talk to God About Everything by Rick Hamlin. The book is not about learning new prayers, but about how to pray. The discussion, which will last about an hour and a half, will be led by Michael Moreland. The book is available at your favorite book store or online. In addition to stimulating conversation, coffee, tea, and cookies will be served.

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



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friendly products and methods for their creations (<u>www.decomposition.com</u>). Also, recycle your gift wrap. This holiday season, make a point to save as much of the bags, boxes, tissues, and bows, for next year.

## ADVENT REFLECTION BOOK



This year's books are now available in the foyer. We hope you will find them to be a

fruitful tool of study, reflection, and growth as you journey through Advent.

#### FUNERAL MASS FOR DOMENICA MAY WILLIAMS

Wednesday, December 6
10:30-11:30
Church



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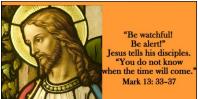
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  NOTE: If you wish to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic Faith as a preparation for this pilgrimage, we recommend the following book as it is faithful to the teachings of the Magisterium of the Catholic Church (Imprimatur by ARCHBISHOP FELIPE AGUIRRE FRANCO): The Catholic Faith in Easy Terms. Introduction, Nihil Obstat, and Imprimatur by Archbishop Felipe Aguirre Franco.

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#### **Reflecting on the Gospel**



Advent is a time for big, bold hope he kind showcased in today's first reading. The Babylonians return from exile to a city in ruins. Conquerors destroyed their temple. Current residents shooed them

away. They compare themselves to "poluted rags" and withering leaves. Such hardships left the returned exiles at their wits' end and they let God know it. The people recognize God's anger and disappointment. But they never lose hope in the promise of God's redemption. With audacity, the people demand of God: "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you." They long to see God's awesome deeds. In the face of such destruction, the people never stop hoping that God will make something new. We too are called to keep big, bold hope alive. Like our ancestors in faith, God calls us to trust in God's saving power even especially in our lowest moments.

What does the image of God as a potter have to teach us about the divine? Like a potter, God continually shapes and molds God's people. Like a potter, God is ready to get messy for the sake of our formation. God carefully crafts God's people in the divine image. How might we recognize our callings to be vessels of the divine more fully this Advent season?

Jesus offers the summons to "Be watch- full! Be alert!" in the thirteenth chapter of Mark's Gospel, in the days before he is crucified. Birth, life, death, resurrection these are all parts of one narrative. As we prepare for Christmas these next few weeks, let

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).

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#### **Upcoming 2nd Collections**

Dec 10 Retirement for Religious

Dec 17 Parish Restoration



## Retirement Fund for Religious / December 9-10



The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) is announcing the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection, scheduled in parishes throughout the Diocese of

Sacramento on Dec. 9-10. In 2022, parishioners from the Diocese of Sacramento contributed \$141,857.84 to the collection.

Please help us this year!

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

Day	Date	Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel	Mass Times	Intention
Mon	12/04	Saint John Damascene	ls 2:1-5	Mt 8:5-11 (175)	8:30 am	Roland Bresler (D)
Tues	12/05	Saint Barbara	Is 11:1-10	Lk 10:21-24 (176)	8:30 am	Suzanne M & Wendy B (D)
Wed	12/06	Saint Nicholas	Is 25:6-10a	Mt 15:29-37 (177)	8:30 am	Frances and Yolanda Reader (D)
Thurs	12/07	Saint Ambrose	Is 26:1-6	Mt 7:21-27 (178)	8:30 am	CLRS Living & Deceased
Fri	12/08	The Blessed Virgin Mary	Gn 3:9-15	Lk 1:26-38 (689)	8:30 am	David Jewett(D)
Sat	12/09	Saint Juan Diego	ls 30:19-21	Mt 9:35 (180)	8:30 am 5:00 pm	Roland Bresler (D) The Lucus of Osses (SI)
Sun	12/10	Second Sunday of Advent	Is 40:1-5	Mk 1:1-8 (5)	7:30 am 9:00 am 11:00 am	Trinidad S & Pierre L (D) Jack Valentine (D) For the People

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



You, LORD, are Our Father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?



Yet, O LORD, you are Our Father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.



This gospel comes at the end of a discussion with his apostles who were very concerned about the future destruction of the temple & what would happen to them. But like a laser beam Jesus points out to them & to us what is important. These 3 stories may help us understand a little bit better what Jesus wants us to understand.

While on a South Pole expedition, British explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton left a few men on Elephant Island, promising that he would return. Later, when he tried to go back, huge icebergs blocked the way. But suddenly, as if by a miracle, a path opened in the ice & Shackleton was able to get through. His men, ready & waiting, quickly scrambled aboard. No sooner had the ship cleared the island

than the ice crashed together behind them. Contemplating their narrow escape, the explorer said to his men, "It was fortunate you were all packed & ready to go!" They replied, "We never gave up hope. Whenever the sea was clear of ice, we rolled up our sleeping bags & reminded each other, 'He may come today." The one certainty about our life is that we will see Jesus face to face. In that moment, will we be prepared to be embraced by Our Lord or blinded by His Glory.

The Catholic Apologist Arnold Lunn shares about the time he was on a boat trip & a lady was plaguing him with theological questions. He answered her with quotes from the Bible & from the teachings of the Church, but the woman would not accept what he said. Then he interrupted her to say, "you must be a very inexperienced boat traveler. As you got on the boat, I noticed that you put your left foot on board first. Everyone knows that you will have bad luck if you step on a boat with your left foot first!" The next time she came on board he saw that she nearly tripped into the water in her effort to step aboard right foot first. Lunn thought it remarkable that she would believe the infallible Lunn in something that he had just made up, & that she would not accept the authority of the Church or the words of Scripture. So, too, we tend to complicate our lives & our prayer by looking for the extraordinary, when the Lord is to be found most often in the simple & in the ordinary.

In Frankfort, Ky. the city was in a big debate many years ago about placing a water fountain in a public square. The argument became heated in the legislature. Finally, a decision was made to ask three contractors to bid on the project. The first contractor was from Western Kentucky. When asked what his bid was he replied, "\$3,000". He said the breakdown was: "\$1,000 for labor, \$1,000 for materials, & \$1,000 for me." The next contractor was from Eastern Kentucky. When asked to give his bid and to break it down he said, "\$6,000. \$2,000 for labor, \$2,000 for materials, & \$2,000 for me." The last contractor was an established contractor from Frankfort who usually got all of the bids for the capital. When asked to give his bid, he replied, "\$9,000." Then they asked him to break it down. He closed the doors, looked around cautiously, & said, "\$3,000 for YOU, \$3,000 for me, & we give the bid to the guy from Western Kentucky!" So often we can get sidetracked by things that seem important. Much like the disciples being more concerned with the temple being destroyed & the world coming to an end than they were with the things that matter most in life: character, integrity, compassion, & preparedness for Christ's return. This is what Jesus means when he tells his Disciples to watch!

Our brain in many ways is a miny highway system. Whenever we choose a new action, it is like driving over an unpaved unmarked road & it is difficult for us. But the more we choose that act or thought, the smoother, wider & paved that pathway in our brain becomes. Soon it becomes a carpool lane that we just fly down. We are driving on automatic pilot without needing to see where the road is taking us. In a manner of speaking we begin to "sleepwalk" through our life because we are allowing our subconscious to make our choices. That is why Jesus is saying to us: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."

This Advent season we are called to stop & take the time to reflect on the roads we choose to travel in our Journey of Life.



Becoming Catholic 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:

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

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

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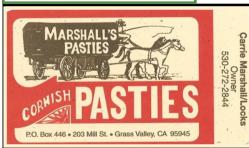
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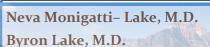


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