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The Fourth Sunday of
Lent



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9am-2 pm. Closed on days of obligation

St. Canice Masses

Weekday (M-F) 7:30 AM Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Sunday 9:00 AM

Immaculate Conception Church: 11:30AM

For anointings, hospital visits, and communion visits, please call parish office.

Adoration

Friday 8:00 AM-9:00 AM

Rosary

Wednesday, 8 AM

Confession

Friday 8-9 am

Sat. 4-5 pm

St. Patrick 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

Adoration

1st Thursday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Thursday 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM 1st Sunday 2:00 - 7:00 PM 3rd Sunday 2:00 - 6:00 PM

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Pastor's Ponderings

Dear Family,

It must have been about 2006 when the feasts of St. Patrick and St. Joseph fell during Holy Week and so were celebrated on Friday and Saturday the week before. I tried explaining to my co-workers this change and my non-Catholic boss exclaimed, "You guys just can't change St. Patrick's Day!" I replied, "Why not? We put him on the calendar." We are fast approaching the feast of these two great saints, in seminary we used to call the days from March 17-25 "the week that Lent lost." March 25th is the Feast of Annunciation but this year it is moved to the second Monday after Easter because Holy Week and the Easter Octave are of such great importance every other feast yields to these most sacred days.

For us as Catholics in the Diocese of Sacramento we celebrate two patronal feasts: St. Patrick patron of our diocese and St. Patrick's parish and St. Joseph patron of the universal Church. We are reminded of the special relationship we are meant to have with the Saints. Today also begins the novena to St. Patrick, I will be praying this novena, especially for an increase in vocations, the victims of clergy abuse, and growth of the Church in our diocese. I ask you to join me in the novena with us all praying for each other's intentions. I will share the novena prayer at the bottom of my column.

If you haven't had a chance yet, please RSVP for our St. Patrick's Feast Day by calling the St. Patrick rectory or using the Flocknote email. Mass is at 5:30 and then dinner follows, I am sure we will have a fun time. We will serve pasties or shepherd's pie, the St. Canice Men's guild is hosting a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Sunday March 17th, I am sure you can still get tickets! The celebration of these saints' helps help us anticipate the joy of Easter which is dawning upon us. For most of the history of Christianity, the celebrations of the Church were the only holidays. Indeed, the word holiday is a contraction of "holy day."

NOVENA TO ST PATRICK

Glorious St. Patrick, you are honored as one of the greatest evangelizers and true defenders of our faith. Please obtain for me the same zeal for Christ that enabled you to bring the light of the true faith to all of Ireland. Intercede for me and place my special intentions before Christ, especially: (state your intentions here) May my petition receive a favorable response if it for the greater glory of God and the good of my own soul. Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be..

IMPORTANT UPDATES

There will be no Wednesday Morning Mass at St. Canice March 13 and March 20th. Mass will be at the Soup Supper at the St. Canice Center

• The last two installments of Fr. Estrella's series on the Sacred Eucharist will be March 12 and March 26.

Your Father in Christ,

Father Estrella

D ay	Date	Saint/Feast	Readings	Gospel	Mass Times	Intention
Mo n	3/11	Saint Constantine II	Is 65 :17-21	Jn 4: 43-54	8:30 am– SP 0730-SC	Reader Family (D)
Tue s	3/12	Blessed Rutilio Grande Garcia	Ez 47: 1-9, 12	Jn 5: 1-16	8:30 am-SP 0730 SC	Cilione Family (D) Retha Mello (D)
We d	3/13	St. Leander of Seville	Is 49:8-15	Jn 5: 17-30	8:30 am– SP 0730 SC	Doug McDonald (D)
Thu rs	3/14	Saint Matilda of Saxony	Ex 32: 7-14	Jn 5: 31-47	8:30 am-SP 0730 SC	Holy Souls in Purgatory Owen Garrone (SI)
Fri	3/15	Saint Artemede Zatti	Wis 2: 1a, 12-22	Jn 5: 31-47	8:30 am-SP 0730-SC	Eileen Schneider (D)
Sat	3/16	St. John de Brebeuf	Jer 11: 18-20	Jn 7: 40-53	8:30 am SP 5:00 pmSP 5:30pm SC	Increase in Vocations James Holcomb (D)
Su n	3/17	St. Gertrude of Nivelles	Jer 31: 31-34 Heb 5: 7-9	Jn 12:20-33	7:30 am SP 9:00 am SP 9 am SC 11:00 am SP	Doug McDonald (D) Rueben Bouvet (D) For the People

Perhaps the most important verse in the entire Bible is:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that whoever believes in him might not perish, but might have eternal life." John 3:16

To **believe** means more than accepting the truth of an idea, but rather by a change of mind and heart. As Christian disciples, this change is expressed not in a single action, nor even a number of actions over a period of time, but by an entire Way of Life, the Stewardship Way of Life, ordered by the Lord's priorities.

-Stewardship – A Disciples Response/Dec. 2002



"Catholic Ladies Relief Society is sponsoring a SPRING FLEA MARKET On Friday April 26th and Saturday April 27th at St Patrick's Hall.

Spaces are available for this 2 day event for \$29.00. If you have good intentions to clean out the closet or garage, now is the time! Please contact Kathy at 530 263 5767 or Maria at 530 273 4290 to reserve your 10' by10' space today!

Thank you for supporting CLRS!

Our Condolences to the family of Gary Steffens.



His Funeral service will be held at St.

Canice, on Wednesday March 20, 2024 at 10:30 am.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Creation Care Team:

Creation Care Team: "Environmental pollution is making particularly unsustainable the lives of the poor of the world. In dialogue with Christians of various confessions, we must pledge ourselves to take care of creation and to share its resources in solidarity." – (Pope Benedict XVI during his *Angelus* address on Sunday, Aug. 27, 2006.)

Office News!!!!



PGE felt it necessary to re schedule the power outage for the Church, Rectory, and Halls for Wednesday, March 13th 8:30-4:30 pm.

This means that while the office will be open, it will have very limited capabilities of what can be done. Neither the phones or the computers will work. A receptionist will be available for assistance, and as always, a Priest is always available for emergencies.

The office will be closed on Friday, March 15th for an office staff inservice.

Gospel Reflection:

Nicodemus, a Pharisee Rabbi, is with Our Lord, under the cover of darkness. Is it supposed to be a secret? Is it that he does not want the public to see that he is meeting with this man? Perhaps, its because he actually wanted to be able to talk with Jesus away from the crowds of people that always seem to need something from him during the day. We know, that throughout John's Gospel, there are many references to dark versus light. But this scripture, under the guise of speaking to Nicodemus, Jesus is really speaking to us, saying, "this is the verdict, that the light has come to the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil (v.19)

OURS are the deeds that will be held up to the light of verdict.

Jesus is calling each of us to come out of the darkness, into the light of his saving grace. We just need to answer that call.

Flame of Love prayer Cenacle

The Flame of Love Prayer Cenacle now meets on MONDAY, after morning Mass from 9:15 -10:30 Mass. We meet for meditation of the Rosary in the church, and during the weeks of Lent this will include The Hours Of The Passion Of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Last 24 Hours, By Luisa Piccarreta. All are welcome to join.



HERE TO HELP

Marriage, family, and individual therapy is now available 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 appointment contact Sue Schwarz, licensed marriage and family therapist, at 530-559-5462.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 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.



Donut Sunday
March 17th, St. Patrick's Day
Join us on St. Patrick's Day for donuts and coffee
celebrating our Parish Patron Saint
after all the Sunday Masses,
7:30, 9:00 and 11:00am.

We Pray For:



Stella Spring, Jane Gransbury, Eliza Renwick, Teresa Kachmarsky, Frank & Dora Cividino, Conchetta Greco, Mike Blake, Karen Colwell, Geri Lampman, Richard Tumilty, Juan Gutierrez, Michaels family, Diana Boyarsky, Vida Santos, Bonnie Burke, Diane Damron, Marilyn & Tom Falls, Cathie Fideli, Dee Lavrador, Wayne McHone...and their families.

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

WIDOWS' WISDOM CIRCLE

Friday, March 15 at 9:00 AM

We invite all widows to join us to share the experience and wisdom we, as widows, have been given through our loss and new calling to greater strength and wisdom.

We meet in the hall on the 3rd Friday of the month.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

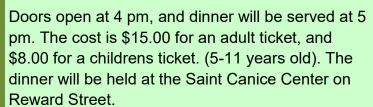
Can't find your checkbook or envelope Sunday morning? Join the parishioners who are using Faith Direct for automated giving to St. Patrick Parish. It is secure and convenient. There is no cost to you, and the program provides a great benefit to our parish. Sign up by visiting faith. Direct/CA1104.



Men's Guild St. Patricks Dinner

The St. Joseph Men's Guild St. Patrick's Dinner is on Sunday,

March 17, 2024



For tickets or additional information, contact Jeff Hebert at (916)-508-5744, or email him at-Jkjhebert@comcast.net

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

Hope to see you there!



Opening Doors Ministry meets on Sundays

9:30-10:30 am at Mt Saint Mary's School in the library. Thank you, Helen Albano,(530)210-1721



online through faithdirect.net (Code: CA1104).

Weekly

Offering

Feast of Saint Patrick!

March 18, 2024

Mass at 5:30, followed by Fun, Fellowship, AND dinner in St.Patricks Hall.

We are having St. Patricks Feast on the 18th this year because St. Patrick's Day fell onto the 5th Sunday of Lent. See Flocknotes for RSVP and more information, or call the church office.



As Easter approaches, our March Matching campaign has begun, and it's all thanks to the

incredible generosity of compassionate supporters like yourself. Every donation made will be matched dollar for dollar, doubling its impact by business donors. We have witnessed a significant increase in the number of families seeking assistance from IFM, (a whopping 61% increase compared to 2021). As we embark on another year, we are reminded of the power of this community and the impact of compassion. As we continually get more creative to supply those in need, we appreciate all your care and compassion in giving. We especially need drivers and your Grocery Bags (paper or plastic)

With gratitude, Linda Grube lindaluwho_grube@hotmail.com. 530 913 5098. www.interfaithfoodministry.org

Parish Book Club Gathering

Monday, March 18, 2024

All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and St. Canice Book Club on Monday, March 18, 2024 at 1:30 P. M. in St. Patrick's Small Hall. We will be discussing *The Life of Christ* by Fulton J. Sheen The discussion, which will last about an hour and a half, will be led by Michael Moreland. There are many editions of this book. We will be discussing the 94-page edition which can be purchased on Amazon. In addition to stimulating conversation, coffee, tea, and cookies will be served.



"As a gift from God, every human life is sacred from conception to natural death. The life and dignity of every person must be respected and protected at every stage and in every condition."

Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life — USCCB Lent and the upcoming Feast of St. Joseph reminds us to again turn our attention to the final stage and condition of life. It is time to renew our efforts to educate ourselves and others on the moral obligation to walk with the elderly, ill, disabled and despairing as they face the end of their mortal lives. It is during Lent that we also walk with Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem, through his betrayal, as he carries his cross and suffers death by crucifixion. It is a hard and sorrowful journey, one of excruciating pain, humiliation, and cruelty, yet dispersed throughout that journey we see examples of great love and compassion. At some time, it is likely that we will be needed to journey with and help carry the cross of another. May we accept the task with the compassion of Veronica and the strength of Simon of Cyrene. Yet in our modern world, suffering and death are feared and avoided at all costs. Science and technology have not yet eliminated death, instead they have provided us with ways to hasten death so as to avoid the suffering, difficulties and challenges of life. Euthanasia and Physician Assisted Suicide unthinkable a few decades ago are now gaining greater acceptance. Should we choose to eliminate the patient, rather than eliminating the problem or alleviating the suffering? Do we succumb to the 'false mercy' of assisted suicide, or do we embrace 'the way of love and true mercy' called for by St. John Paul II? St. Joseph, patron of a Holy Death, pray for us, our loved ones and those tempted or encouraged to end their own lives.

Catechism of the Catholic Church: 1065

Jesus Christ himself is the Amen. He is the definitive Amen of the Father's love for us. He takes up and completes our Amen to the Father. For all the promises of God find their Yes in him. That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God.

Through him, with him, in him,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, God, forever and ever. AMEN

Saint Canice Prayer Line:

Know Someone who needs a prayer, or maybe you need a prayer? Call the St. Canice Prayer Lines-

Margie Wagner at 273-4397, or Patti Favetti at 432-0665. We're praying for you!



Deacon's Corner

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.



When he was in Bethany, reclining at table in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of perfumed oil, costly genuine spikenard. She broke the alabaster jar and poured it on his head.

Then one of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot,: went to the chief priests & said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him 30 pieces of silver, & from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

As Tuesday night closes & Jesus returns to Bethany, the curse of the fig tree sets the tone for what is about to happen. A fig tree or fig leaves is mentioned only once in the Old Testament, that is in the Genesis 3 account of the fall of Adam & Eve. In Jewish tradition the fruit that they ate was a fig; & Eve then made a loincloth from its leaves to cover their shame. (I guess they started their penance even before God expelled them from Eden, because the oil from a fig leaf causes a rash when it comes in contact with the human skin. My 2™ guess is the reason God made them clothes is because He didn't want them walking around with a rash.) The fig tree symbolizes the fall & the loss of the divine sonship we originally had with God, a sonship that Adam & Eve could no longer pass down to us. Jesus is the New Adam & His actions the next 3 days will undue the effects of the disobedience of Adam & Eve. Jesus is making it possible for us to no longer have to eat solely of the tree of knowledge of good & evil. We no longer will be bound by the death that its "fruit" brought into the world. We once more see a Marcan triad or "sandwich" take place. Mark begins a story, then switches to another story to contrast behavior or to explain the deeper meaning of the 1st story, & then he brings it to a conclusion. So, we begin Wednesday morning with the chief priests & scribes plotting to seize Jesus & putting Him to death. Then the scene switches to the home of Simon the Leper later in the day. In the brief statement that the chief priest & scribes are conspiring against Jesus to turn Him over to the Gentiles, both Mark & Matthew take us back to another Genesis story, the story of Joseph. His brothers conspired to murder him & threw him into a well until they could decide how to kill Him. Judah, one of the brothers, recommends they sell Joseph. Mark & Matthew reveal their meaning when they contrast the unknown woman's behavior with Judas & the other apostles. We need to understand 3 things. First, Alabaster was a very expensive soft, beautiful, Egyptian stone that was ideal for preserving oils. Second, the oil was nard, an oil that was often used at funerals because of its strong beautiful fragrance. The value of that oil in today's dollars would be about 40K. Third, she interrupted the dinner & her actions in approaching a man reclining at dinner would be considered offensive & an embarrassment to the host & his guests. In breaking the bottle, it & the oil could never be used again. Who was this unknown woman who anointed Jesus' head with Chrism in Mark's & Matthew's Gospel. There have been many suggestions. Was she one of the women who had followed Jesus from Galilee? Was she Mary of Bethany? Was she a woman who had seen Jesus' entry into Jerusalem & cleansing of the Temple, & heard Him speak with such authority on the steps of the Temple. No one is sure. But what is certain is that she was moved to the depth of her soul by Jesus. While on the road from Caesarea Phillipi, the Apostles heard Jesus 3 times share that He would have to suffer & die for His mission to be complete. They did not understand Him, but she did. She did not wash Jesus' feet: she anointed His head. In each of His prophesies, Jesus is contradicted by the Apostles. The 1st time, Peter argues with Him. The 2[™] time, they don't say anything, but they argue among themselves about which one is GOAT, Greatest Of All Time. The 3d time, James & John ask to have the seats of honor next to Jesus. They all were caught up in the expectation of a militaristic Messiah, an earthly king. But this unknown woman had listened to Jesus with an open heart & anointed Him with her precious possession. She anointed Jesus in anticipation of His death & resurrection. She anointed Him with oil poured over His head, just as the kings, priests & prophets of Israel had been. The apostles still don't get it, they only see the impropriety of her action & the extravagance of what she did.

Judas, in contrast to her faith, betrays Jesus. Just like his namesake Judah, he sells Jesus for pieces of silver. The 30 pieces of silver harkens back to a prophesy made by Zachariah, when he was paid that amount as an insult to him for the work he had done as a shepherd. The Lord then told Zachariah to throw the silver into the treasury in protest for a time of woe would begin. It was also the amount prescribed in Deuteronomy for the death of a slave.



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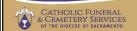
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