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March 12th, 2023 — 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

"The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."—John 4:5-42

Annunciation Mass Schedule & Intentions

Mon Mar 13 @ 8am

Tue Mar 14 @ 8am

Wed Mar 15
NO MASS

Thu Mar 16 @ 6pm
NO MASS
– Reconciliation Service
@ 6pm: 3 priests will be
available for confession

Fri Mar 17 @ 7pm
(Stations of the Cross)

Sat Mar 18 @ 5pm
Gordon Gravelle+

Sun Mar 19 @ 10am
OUR PARISHIONERS



Parish Activities

Exposition & International Rosary: First Friday of the month @ 7:00 pm Mass followed by Exposition and Rosary.

Rosary: Saturday @ 10:15 am.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Every Wednesday evening @ 6:30 pm before Mass.

Catholic Women's League: Please check out our national website: cwl.ca and provincial: bcyukoncwl.com.

Confessions: 30 mins before weekday and weekend mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Call the office for appointment with Fr. Terry.

Matrimony: Please contact Fr. Terry at least 6 months in advance.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation: Congratulations to our Sacrament of Confirmation candidates and their families last June 17, 2022.

Praise to you, Lord, king of eternal glory! Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never be thirsty. Praise to you, Lord, king of eternal glory!



CHEMICAL ABORTIONS:

(during Lent, we could pray for young moms in distress)
U.S. Judge Matthew Kacsmaryk for the Northern District of Texas is set to issue a decision in the Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine's (AHM) suit against the Federal Drug Administration that alleges the agency ignored its own research and testing standards when approving the abortion drug Mifepristone.

Mifepristone is the first of two drugs used in chemical abortions, which account for 53% of all abortions in the country, according to the Guttmacher Institute. **The drug works by cutting off nutrients necessary for a fetus to continue developing. A second drug, misoprostol, is then ingested 24 to 48 hours later and induces contractions that expel the dead unborn child.**

Dr. Ingrid Skop, an OB-GYN and director of Medical Affairs at the Charlotte Lozier Institute, told CNA that "chemical abortion pills are far more dangerous than surgical abortion. They are far more dangerous than the abortion industry has told the American public."



California will cut ties with Walgreens over the company's plan to drop abortion pills. Last week, Walgreens said it will not distribute abortion pills in states where Republican officials have threatened legal action. Now a blue state says it will cut ties with the pharmacy giant because of the move.

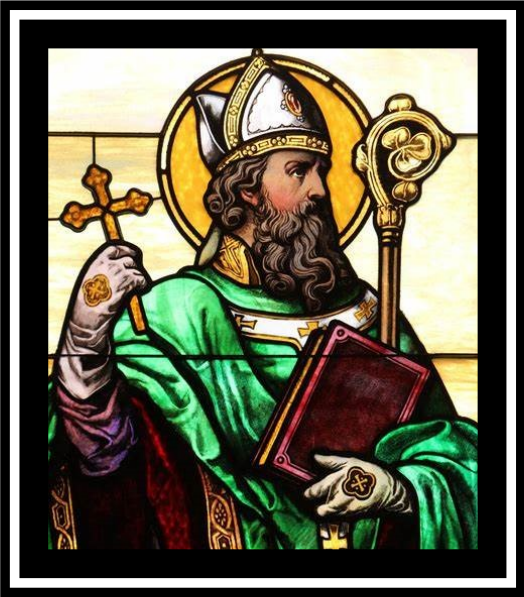
This is an online post made by the governor of California that received over 9.9M views and 100 thousand likes after stating that he will no longer be doing business with Walgreens—or any company that "puts women's lives at risk"—for their decision to not distribute abortion pills.

Reconciliation Service on Thursday, March 16 @ 6pm: 3 priests will be available for confession.

March 17 — Feast of Saint Patrick

This year, on March 17th, we celebrate the wonder of God’s grace in the life of St Patrick – captured as a slave he turned to the Lord and was liberated in a deep and inner way that led to his being sent as the one who would lead the Irish to know the living God. We also celebrate his success in being the very instrument of God’s love and care for the Irish people of the 5th century. He, with many others, began a faith tradition in Ireland which has endured through highs and lows up to the present day.

St Patrick’s success came because he opened his heart to the tender care and love of God our Father, and like St Paul, became passionate and convincing in his desire to bring people to Christ. He knew from his own experience the goodness, kindness and mercy of God; he came to know Jesus through reading the Gospels and by reflecting on his own experience. He was humble man, knowing that God had prepared him for this mission and so he could count on God’s supportive care at all times.



Saint Patrick, pray for us!

In his *Confession* we read:

“After I had come to Ireland I daily used to feed cattle, and I prayed frequently during the day; the love of God and the fear of Him increased more and more, and faith became stronger, and the spirit was stirred; so that in one day I said about a hundred prayers, and in the night nearly the same; so that I used even to remain in the woods and in the mountains; before daylight I used to rise to prayer, through snow, through frost, through rain, and I felt no harm; nor was there any slothfulness in me, as I now perceive, because the spirit was then fervent within me.” (#6)

What kept Patrick going during his trials was his total reliance on the Lord. He drew the strength for living from God. He was humble, he realized that it was God who was working through him. At the very end of his Confession he admits that he did nothing, it was God who did it all.

“But I want you to know and sincerely believe that anything I achieved was not through my effort, it was the gift of God and this is my confession before I die.” (#25)

What can we learn from St Patrick today?

- To be receptive to God’s will in all our trials and to trust Him unreservedly
- To be alert to all the opportunities we are given each day to proclaim the Gospel, and to know that whatever good we do is through God’s boundless grace
- To be devoted to reading the Gospels so that we take on the mind and heart of Christ Jesus and make decisions according to the mind of Christ
- To give thanks for God’s special care and call to each of us, knowing that God took the initiative in our vocation and will sustain us day by day

Mass Schedule for Lectors and Psalmists

Mass Date	Time	1 st & 2 nd Reader, Prayers of the Faithful	Psalmist	Ciborium	Ushers
Mar 18, 2023	5:00 pm	Noreen Carignan Tom Harvey	Cres Rosario	Michael Turla	
Mar 19, 2023	10:00 am	Carol Ruperto Mandy Nguyen	Andrea Dantas	Marilou DeVera	Jocelyn Hortel

(Resuming) Saturday Morning Bible Study with Fr Terry:



Bible Study

Formed has a series on St. Matthew’s Gospel: Bible Study: The Gospel of Matthew - FORMED. We will follow as best we can the journey of Christ, his birth, life, death and Resurrection. During these weeks we will have a few Sundays of ordinary time, then Lent. We will end the series (during Lent) with the Resurrection Story, week 10.

Date: Every Saturday from Jan 14 to Mar 18 (10 weeks)

Time: 9:15am-10:15am

Where: Downstairs at Annunciation Church in the Meeting Room

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CWL Council Notice.

Sunday April 2, 2023: Installation and Pin Service after the 10am Mass. Luncheon to follow at the Pavilion Restaurant at 11:45 am. will follow at a later date.

God is Our Refuge

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

- From Psalm 46:1-11

Mass Collection
Feb 19th, 2023

Envelopes
\$ 2,270.⁰⁰

Loose
\$ 297.⁰⁰

Soup Kitchen
\$

