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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!

St. Canice Catholic Church
JANUARY 1, 2023
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD



Alleluia, alleluia.
 In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets;
 in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.
 Alleluia, alleluia.



MEN'S GUILD 12TH ANNUAL CRAB FEED
RESERVATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED
Saturday, January 14th.
 See flyer in the vestibule in the church for more information or contact Jeff Hebert at 530-265-9510 or email jkhebert@comcast.net for further questions.


Communal First Saturday
 Sat Jan 7th, 7:45 am
 St Patrick's Church
 Joins us for guided Fatima prayers, Rosary, Mass and 15 minutes of meditation.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Date	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
01/08/2023				
Sat 5:30 pm	John Delgado, Jeff Hebert	Aidynn Salter	Kevin Foley	Christine Strohm Patti Favetti
Sun 9:00 am	Tom Seck, Terry Vanetten		Doug McDonald	Lillian Glaeser, Karen McDonald

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
Dec 25th & Jan 1st	Christine or Bernie
Jan 8th & Jan 15	Barbara LaPlante

Mass Schedule
 Weekday (M-F) 7:30 AM
 Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM
 Sunday 9:00 AM
 Immaculate Conception Church 11:30 AM

Confession
 Friday 8:00 AM
 Saturday 4:00 PM (or by appt)

Eucharistic Adoration
 Fri 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Rosary
 Wednesday 8:00 AM

Mass Live-Stream
 Sunday 11:00 AM from St Patrick Church

Our Mission, as the Parish of Saint Canice Catholic Church, is to proclaim the teaching and wisdom of Jesus Christ throughout our entire Community, by our life and participation in the Sacraments and Traditions of His Holy Catholic Church.

Dear Family,

My birthday coincides with the feast of St. Benedict, having gone to Benedictine seminary was an occasion of great celebration. One of our seminarians thought I was making a big deal about my birthday and I explained to him that, "my birthday happens to be the feast of St. Benedict, hence the celebration." His greeting to me since then has been, "Happy feast of St. Benedict which happens to be your birthday." Today's holiday and holy day is much like that, it is New Year's Day but it is also the Octave Day of Christmas on which we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Because the gospel for this day is the naming of our Lord on the day of His circumcision, this day was for many centuries called the Circumcision of our Lord. In either case, our Lord and our Lady are intimately connected on this day.

This feast reminds us that our Lord is indeed fully God and fully man, one of us in all things but sin. The grace of this day coinciding with New Year's Day is that it reminds us of the endless possibilities, not achieved by New Year's Resolutions, but by grace and striving for holiness. One of the prayers for Christmas says, "O God who wonderfully created the dignity of human nature, and still more wonderfully restored it, grant, we pray, that we may share in the divinity of Christ who humbled Himself to share in our humanity."

That prayer, in shorter form, is used during the offertory when the priest or deacon adds a drop of water into the chalice. A reminder that our goal is not wealth, not success, not honors and accolades but to become more like Christ, to become saints. New Year's Day offers us the opportunity to strive to become better; our faith and the grace of God enables us to achieve the fullness of our human nature and dignity. The overlap of New Year's Day with the Octave day of Christmas, the feast of Mary, Mother of God, reminds us of this.

This overlap also gives us a chance to intentionally integrate what we celebrate in church with what we do and celebrate in the world. The Church's calendar was once the calendar of society, would that it were still so, but our daily lives, our commitment to the faith can harmonize them. This is also a very effective and easy way of sharing the joy and beauty of our faith. The many traditions of our faith unite to bring the great truths of what we believe into the everyday, this in turns helps us feel God's closeness.

Whether you have made a resolution or not, I haven't... I gave up on those years ago... I pray that this new year is full of grace, peace, joy and the abundance of our good God's blessings. From all of us in the rectory, a very happy, holy New Year to you all.

Your Father in Christ,
Fr. Estrella



Readings for the Upcoming Week

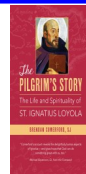
Mon	1 Jn 2:22-28	Jn 1:19-28 (205)
Tues	1 Jn 2:29-3:6	Jn 1:29-34 (206)
Wed	1 Jn 3:7-10	Jn 1:35-42 (207)
Thurs	1 Jn 3:11-21	Jn 1:43-51 (208)
Fri	1 Jn 5:5-13	Mt 1:7-11 (209)
Sat	1 Jn 5:14-21	Jn 2:1-11 (210)
Sun	Is 60:1-6 EPh 3:2-3a,5-6	Mt 2:1-12 (20)

Parish Book Club Gathering

Monday January 9, 2023

All parishioners are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and St. Canice Book Club on Monday, January 9, 2023 at 1:30 P.M. in the Angel's Nest. The Angel's Nest is located at the back of St. Patrick's Church and can be reached by walking along the outside right wall of the church.

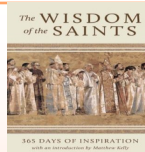
We will be discussing *The Pilgrim's Story: The life and Spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola* by Brendan Comerford, SJ. The discussion, which will last about an hour and a half, will be led by Michael Moreland. The book is available at your favorite book store or online. In addition to stimulating conversation, coffee, tea and cookies will be served. Please bring a friend to the meeting and a suggestion for our next book.



A CHRISTMAS GIFT

The Wisdom of the Saints: 365 Days of Inspiration

Please pick up a complimentary book. This book will help you to step into a new and ever-deepening friendship with the saints so that you may know, love, and serve God like never before.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our Return to God

For the week of 12/18/2022

Reg collection \$8,306

School of Religion \$508

Retirement Fund for Religious \$ 251

For the week of 12/25/22

Reg collection \$6,567

Upcoming Collections

Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary

Jan 8 No 2nd collection

Jan 15 School of Religion



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CULTURE OF LIFE

Culture of Life Thank You Card Campaign



St. John Paul II in 1995 reminded us that, "All together, we must build a new culture of Life." The Culture of Life Ministry would like to start off the new year with gratitude for those who do just that – build a culture of life. There are many professions, organizations and individuals in our families and community who work tirelessly to uphold life and the dignity of others in every stage of life. We would like as a parish to show our gratitude by way of a handwritten Thank You card. But rather than trying to compile a list of worthy individuals or groups we would like you to join us in a note writing campaign by thinking of and then writing a note to someone in your life or neighborhood who should be thanked for their compassionate work. The Culture of Life Ministry will provide stamped, blank Thank You cards after Masses on January 14 and 15.

Who could we thank? Here are just a few ideas:

- A caregiver in your family
- Volunteers at Interfaith Food Ministry and Hospitality House
- Special Education Teachers
- Labor and Delivery Nurses
- Emergency Medical Technicians
- Foster and Adoptive Parents
- Home Care Nurses
- Firefighters and Police
- Hospice workers
- Funeral directors
- And many more.....

Mass Intentions

Mon	01/02/23	7:30 am	No intention
Tues	01/03/23	7:30 am	No intention
Wed	01/04/23	7:30 am	No intention
Thurs	01/05/23	7:30 am	No intention
Fri	01/06/23	7:30 am	No intention
Sat	01/07/23	5:30 pm	No intention
Sun	01/08/23	9:00 am	No intention



Reflecting on the Gospel

Today we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. We have heard it said, "Jesus is the reason for the season." Indeed, this is true-and, it is well



worth remembering that Jesus does not come into his world without the hard labor of his mother. Mary said a brave "yes" to the angel's extraordinary request to bear God's son. After months of pregnancy, Mary can now wrap the fruits of her faith in swaddling clothes and lay him in a manger. Our world will never be the same.



Great News

Make sure to read the January Catholic Herald magazine to see a familiar face.

Fr. German Ramos, of St. Thomas The Apostle in Oroville is one of the featured priests. The article tells about the teamwork of the pastor and principal making Catholic Schools better.