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**St. Canice Catholic Church**  
**JANUARY 15, 2023**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**




Alleluia, alleluia.  
 The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.  
 To those who accepted him,  
 He gave power to become children of God.  
 Alleluia, alleluia.

**Looking Forward to a Busy 2nd Half of the CCD Year!**

Our students are studying hard, learning so much more about our faith and applying it to our daily lives through prayer and good works. In December, our CCD families truly enjoyed sponsoring the Gaudete Sunday brunch and craft-making event. It helped them make even stronger connections with our adult parishioners while bringing joy into the lives of others. Recent studies for our younger students have included learning about the Incarnation (Jesus is God, the Word-made-flesh), God's grace, Theological and Cardinal Virtues, and the Beatitudes. The 10 Commandments tell us what sins to avoid, and the Beatitudes show us how to be holy and live in union with God. Our students preparing for Confirmation have been gaining a deeper appreciation of Mary as Jesus' mother and as the Queen of Heaven. They are also learning about how the Beatitudes are our pathway to true happiness. We also now know the date for their Confirmation: April 22!

**Please pray for our CCD students and their families as we continue to grow in our faith and in our connection to our Parish. Thank you for your support of our program and for your prayers. -Brooke Blake**



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<p><b>Mass Schedule</b></p> <p>Weekday (M-F) 7:30 AM          Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM          Sunday 9:00 AM          Immaculate Conception Church 11:30 AM</p> <p><b>Mass Live-Stream</b>          Sunday 11:00 AM from St Patrick Church</p>	<p><b>Confession</b>          Friday 8:00 AM          Saturday 4:00 PM (or by appt)</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>          Fri 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM</p> <p><b>Rosary</b>          Wednesday 8:00 AM</p>
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Date	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
01/22/2023				
Sat 5:30 pm	John Delgado, Jeff Hebert	Aidynn Salter	Kevin Foley	Judy McBride & Meghan Salter
Sun 9:00 am	Ray James, Scott McIntosh		Diana Garbin	Lillian Glaeser & Karen McDonald

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
Jan 8th & Jan 15th	Barbara LaPlante
Jan 22nd & Jan 29	Judy Steffens

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,

I would like to once more express my gratitude, and that of my family, for your support, prayers and the many gestures of condolences expressed to us at the loss of my grandmother, whom we called "Nana." Her funeral was two days after Christmas, the feast of St. John who is also my Confirmation patron. Her father was named, "Juan" the Spanish for John; that was part of the reason I was interested in the many saints named "John."

I often speak of or write on the topics of Divine Providence or beauty. In the days surrounding my grandmother's passing and funeral there were many such instances of beauty and providence. The church, built in a neo-gothic style was beautifully decorated for Christmas, the music was sacred, beautiful, and comforting. These were subtle comforts to me, giving me the courage to face the moments before us.

While I have written on the topic of beauty before, I think it has always been from a practical focus to help express the necessity of beauty. What I learned in those days is the necessity of savoring beauty, letting it soak in our soul, steeping in it so that it envelopes us and we get absorbed into it. The power of beauty comes not from beauty itself but because beauty is a quality of God. The rapture of heaven, that enormous bliss will because we apprehend God as He is, unveiled. The deepest moment of encounter we have with Him in this life, is only a drop of what Heaven will be. God's beauty will keep us captivated, His beauty extends into the beauty of His creation and the beauty humanity creates in so many ways.

By now most of us have packed away our Christmas decorations, in keeping with the Mexican traditions I grew up with, I will keep my manger scene up until the feast of Candlemas. But the tree has come down, the poinsettias packed away, even the stuffed Frosty the Snowman and Santa Claus are packed in their boxes and put away until next December. (But I might drink from a Santa Claus mug a little longer). The hall, so beautifully decorated for Christmas, looks as much like a church as we can make it, but it feels a little bare and empty as well.

It might be a while before we have any holidays to decorate for, but let us cultivate beauty in our everyday life, let us contemplate the subtle ways God reveals His presence to us through beauty. Let us also strive to share that beauty with others by the works of charity and kind deeds and words. We can't escape the harshness of this world, but we can soften it for ourselves and for others.

Your Father in Christ,  
Fr. Estrella

### Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon	Heb 6:10-20	Mk 2:28-22 (311)
Tues	Heb 6:10-20	Mk 2:23-28 (312)
Wed	Heb 7:1-3,15-17	Mk 3:1-6 (313)
Thurs	Heb 7:25-8:6	Mk 3:7-12 (314)
Fri	Heb 8: 6-13	Mk 3:13-19 (315)
Sat	Heb 9:2-3,11-14	Mk 3:20-21 (316)
Sun	Is 8:23-9:3 1 Cor 1:10-13,17	Mt 4:12-23

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$2,166

#### Upcoming Collections

Jan 15 School of Religion

Jan 22 No 2nd collection

Jan 29 No 2nd collection



### Reflecting on the Gospel

John makes Jesus's identity known from the very beginning. The famed Christmas gospel describes Jesus in all his glory: Word made flesh, Son of God, light of the world. Today's gospel introduces a new title for Jesus that does not feel so merry and bright: Lamb of God. John's title evokes an image of Jesus as a weak, wobbly animal who will one day be slaughtered in sacrifice. Is this really the one we are to behold? Indeed, this is the way our almighty God chose to come into this world – not crowned in jewels or heading up armies, but as a little baby, a sacrificial lamb who will one day give up his very life out of love for us.



John the Baptist kept a watchful eye out for a sign of God's presence. In a moment of awesome wonder, the great prophet saw the Spirit come down upon Jesus "like a dove from heaven." John the Baptist testifies in today's gospel about a particular experience of seeing the Spirit, and in doing so, he paves a way for all disciples to pay attention to God's Spirit alive in the world. As you go about your daily lives this week, consider: Where or in whom are you encountering the Spirit of God? What characteristics does the Spirit embody? What lessons will you take away?

Today's readings paint a portrait of discipleship. God calls disciples to be servant leaders who shine the light of God's good news to the ends of the earth. God calls disciples to lives of holiness in community with all other believers. Further, John the Baptist exemplifies traits of discipleship like humility and attentiveness.

### Mass Intentions



Mon	01/16/23 7:30 am	No intention
Tues	01/17/23 7:30 am	Frank Mello (d)
Wed	01/18/23 7:30 am	Nancy Moore (d)
Thurs	01/19/23 7:30 am	No intention
Fri	01/20/23 7:30 am	No intention
Sat	01/21/23 5:30 pm	No intention
Sun	01/22/23 9:00 am	No intention

### CULTURE OF LIFE



50 years since Roe vs Wade - January 22, 1973

It may seem peculiar to continue to recognize January 22nd now that Roe v Wade has been overturned. But sadly, abortions continue worldwide and access to them in California is unprecedented with the passage of Prop. 1 as all restrictions and costs have been eliminated. Pro-lifers agree there is still much work to be done.

Many events are scheduled for the weekend of January 22, 2023. According to the National March for Life in D.C. and the West Coast Walk for Life in San Francisco both events will continue with a mission to witness to the dignity of women, to proclaim to the world that abortion hurts women, to declare that what a pregnant woman really deserves is love and support, and to most assuredly affirm that her child deserves a birthday!

The annual San Francisco Walk for Life Mass celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone will proceed the walk on Saturday, January 21 at 9:30am. This year a specially composed Mass will feature the St. Brigid School Choir. In Sacramento a Respect Life Mass presented by Bishop Jaime Soto will be celebrated on January 20 at 12:05 pm at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Masses will very likely be streamed or available on YouTube.

**St. Patrick's Rose Mass will be celebrated at the Saturday Vigil Mass, 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses on the weekend of January 22. Red roses, each representing one million babies lost to abortion since 1973, will be available for parishioners to carry to the altar prior to the beginning of Mass.** Procession instructions will be provided by Culture of Life members before each Mass.