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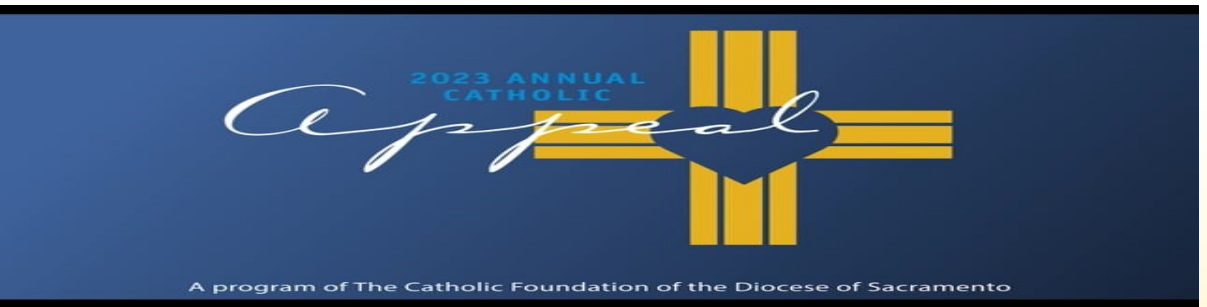


Know someone who needs a prayer, or maybe you need a prayer? Call the **St. Canice Prayer Lines** - Margie Wagner at 273-4397 or Patti Favetti at 432-0665. We're praying for you!

St. Canice Catholic Church
FEBRUARY 5, 2023
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Alleluia, alleluia.
 I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
 whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Alleluia, alleluia.



Come together in the charity of Christ to restore dignity and hope to others 25% comes back to our parish for our own outreach to those in need.

On the weekend of February 18 we will have the opportunity to accompany those who are suffering through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Each of our gifts, no matter the amount, makes a difference in someone's life. Catholic Charities can respond to the greatest needs in our communities. Seminarians receive support as they prepare to serve our local parishes. Catholic schools in economically-challenged neighborhoods can provide tuition assistance. And our St Canice ministry receives support for another year. Prayerfully consider what you can give this year.

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<p>Mass Schedule</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>Mass Live-Stream Sunday 11:00 AM from St Patrick Church</p>	<p>Confession Friday 8:00 AM Saturday 4:00 PM (or by appt)</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration Fri 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM</p> <p>Rosary Wednesday 8:00 AM</p>
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Feb 11-12, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat 5:30 pm	Mike Blake, Mike Cartan	Aidynn Salter	Kevin Foley	Patti Favetti & Meghan Salter
Sun 9:00 am	Jake Dabis, Steve Baker		Michelle McIntosh	Lillian Glaeser & Karen McDonald

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
Feb 5th & Feb 12th	Christine Strohm
Feb 19th & Feb 26th	Sharon Seck

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,

The other morning, I started doing Lectio Divina on the Second Letter of St. Peter and nearly fell out of my chair when I read this: Since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. And I will see to it that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. (2nd Peter 1:14-15) St. Peter is preparing his audience for his death and promises his solicitude for them. As I was praying with these verses, the Communion of the Saints came to mind, and as repetitive the topic was, I was delighted to read these words of St. Peter. In Mass that morning we were reminded about the great cloud of witnesses who continually watch us run the race to Heaven.

While these readings brought into focus the beauty of the Communion of Saints, it also reminded me how easily the Bible can be misread. One popular misconception is that what one believes has to be explicitly found in the Bible, but yet that belief itself is not explicitly in the Bible. Nor can we cherry pick verses or even string them together in an attempt to justify something we either believe or wish to disprove. The bible has to be read as a whole and in light of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Second Vatican Council confirmed this in its Constitution on Divine Revelation, *Dei Verbum* as it quoted the Letter to Hebrews that God the Father's last revelation was His Divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. The teaching of the Apostles, including their writings in Sacred Scripture can only clarify what our Lord revealed in His public ministry and His life.

Because all Divine Revelation is rooted in our Lord, the Old and New Testaments are two parts of the greater story which is salvation history. We cannot, therefore, dismiss the Old Testament as obsolete or an incomplete revelation of God This was condemned as a heresy called Marcionism. Knowledge of the Old Testament informs our understanding of the New and vice versa. Whatever book of the Bible we read, in the end must be read in light of our Lord and His gospel of salvation.

As I close my thoughts on the Sacred Scripture, I am reminded that we cannot approach the word of God as if it were a textbook or manual, rather the Scriptures are meant to be treated as an encounter with the living God, with respect and with reverence. A helpful way for this is to become familiar with how we read Sacred Scripture in the liturgy, especially in the Holy Mass. Certain passages are read during certain seasons or for certain feasts. Our hymnals give us the Sunday readings but a person can purchase a daily missal which is hardbound and gives us the vast majority of the Mass readings.

Perhaps these ponderings are more like academic ramblings, but to quote St. Jerome, "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ." The more we immerse ourselves in Scripture, the more we encounter our Lord, the more we love Him.

Your Father in Christ,
Fr. Estrella

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Upcoming Collections

Feb 5 No 2nd collection

Feb 12 No 2nd collection

Feb 19 School of Religion



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Reflecting on the Gospel

God created us in the image of Christ, the light of the world. We are made to shine brightly. Too often, forces of sin and evil try to act as bushel baskets. Racism, patriarchy, colonialism: these are just a few oppressive systems attempting to extinguish the flames of many. What are the bushel baskets in your life? These baskets can seem so sturdy. Thankfully, our light-the light of Christ is even stronger. Try to cover it up and the basket itself will soon be engulfed in holy flames. Nothing will ever defeat the light of the world.

The prophet Isaiah connects works of mercy like feeding the hungry and clothing the naked with the breaking forth of light. These acts of loving service for a neighbor are beacons of divine light in an often dark world. Each time we give of our resources, our time, or our very selves, the light of the Lord breaks forth like the dawn. The Lord remains with us, fanning our flames and answering our calls with a resounding: "Here I am!"



RCIA

Have you been worshipping with us, but never taken the step to become Catholic? Have you been Catholic all your life, but never celebrated the sacraments of initiation? Are you from a different faith background, and would like to learn more about the Catholic faith?

If you, or someone you know answered yes to any of these questions, please join us at our first of this year's Inquiry session of RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) on Saturday, Feb. 18, from 9-11 am in the RCIA room at St. Cecilia's Center. Contact Traci at (530) 575-0176 or rcia@stpatrickgrassvalley.org for any questions.



CULTURE OF LIFE



Good News: Abortion Pill Reversal is available at LivingWell Medical Clinic in Grass Valley.

In 2000 the FDA approved RU-486 known as the Abortion Pill. It changed abortions from being a surgical procedure to a chemically induced miscarriage. It took the abortion procedure out of hospitals and clinics under the supervision of medical personnel into the bathroom of the mother, often scared and alone. The use of RU-486 took off slowly as it was not a less expensive alternative nor simpler. It still required pre and post doctor visits... until Covid hit. With the threat of clinics being closed the abortion industry insisted that abortions must be available even while other life-saving and elective procedures were made unavailable. Temporary accommodations were made to remove the requirement for a physical exam and to receive the pills at a pharmacy. In January 2023, the FDA permanently removed an in-person dispensing requirement for the abortion pill allowing certified pharmacies to offer the medication in stores or by mail with a prescription.

Unfortunately, in recent years chemical abortions, also known as medical abortions, have been on the rise. Even before this new FDA ruling it was projected that by 2023 over 57 percent of abortions would be induced by the abortion pill RU-486. It has been found that some mothers soon regret taking the pills and the good news is that there is help for that mother and her child. If the first set of pills have been taken, causing the eventual death of the child, but not the second pills, causing the uterus to contract and expel the baby, intervention can be done to save the baby. But time is of the essence. The goal is to start the reversal process within 24 hours of taking the first pills. **LivingWell Medical Clinic has a team on standby ready to respond 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year to meet with the mother at the clinic to confirm viability of the child and begin treatment. Success rates are highest, 64%-68% if the first dose of the treatment is received within 72 hours.**

Women seeking abortion pill reversal can find LivingWell online through the Abortion Pill Rescue Network, by calling 1 877 558 0333 or texting LivingWell APR text line 530 278 8234.

Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon	Gn 1:1-19	Mk 6:53-56 (329)
Tues	Gn 1:20	Mk 7:1-13 (330)
Wed	Gn 2:4b-9	Mk 7:14-23 (331)
Thurs	Gn 2:18-25	Mk 7:24-30 (332)
Fri	Gn 3:1-8	Mk 7:31-37 (333)
Sat	Gn 3:9-24	Mk 8:1-10 (334)
Sun	Sir 15:15-20	1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37

Mass Intentions

Mon.	02/06/23	7:30 am	No intention
Tues.	02/07/23	7:30 am	No intention
Wed.	02/08/23	7:30 am	No intention
Thurs.	02/09/23	7:30 am	No intention
Fri.	02/10/23	7:30 am	No intention
Sat.	02/11/23	5:30 pm	Ursula Lux (d)
Sun.	02/12/23	9:00 am	No intention



Book Club Gathering

Monday March 13th

All are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and St. Canice Book Club on Monday, March, 13th at 1:30 P.M. at a Church location to be determined. We will be discussing *Undistracted*, by Bob Goff. The author will show us how to live a beautiful and purposeful life. In addition to stimulating conversation, coffee, tea and cookies will be served.



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