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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 12, 2023**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**




Alleluia, alleluia.  
 Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
 Alleluia, alleluia..

*The Season of Lent*



**Lent Retreat coming in March for St. Canice and St. Patrick**  
 Where was Jesus on Holy Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday and what was He teaching? What is the significance of Holy Saturday for us? **Please join us for reflection and scripture time, prayer, and sharing on Friday, March 24, 6:30 to 8:30 pm and Saturday, March 25, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Canice Hall in Nevada City. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Registration forms will be available soon. For more information, contact Barbara Burns, laburns10793@gmail.com or 530-432-2119.**

**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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<b>Mass Schedule</b>	<b>Confession</b>
Weekday (M-F) 7:30 AM	Friday 8:00 AM
Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM	Saturday 4:00 PM (or by appt)
Sunday 9:00 AM	
Immaculate Conception Church 11:30 AM	
<b>Mass Live-Stream</b>	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
Sunday 11:00 AM from St Patrick Church	Fri 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
	<b>Rosary</b>
	Wednesday 8:00 AM

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Date	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Feb 18-19, 2023				
Sat 5:30 pm	Mike Blake, Mike Cartan	Aidynn Salter	Christine Strohm	Judy McBride & Kevin Foley
Sun 9:00 am	Jake Dabis, Steve Baker		Diana Garbin	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,

With Ash Wednesday just around the corner, I'm thinking about what I will do to observe Lent this year. In the rectory this turns into joking about all the disciplines and penances I "would" impose. Fortunately, our community life does not include any spiritual tyranny on my part as well as others. As we prepare for Lent I share with you some wisdom from St. Benedict/

St. Benedict in his chapter on Lent in the Rule of St. Benedict declares that the monk's life should be a constant Lent. He then muses on how monks can live that and then gives a remedy to profit from Lent. Lucky for them, and lucky for us! This time of Lent in the Eastern Church is called the Great Fast and is observed with regulations that make our paltry two fast days seem like banquets.

St. Benedict continues in his rule that every monk should give up some additional food and drink (mind you monks only eat one full meal and a light supper in those days) , give some sleep and read a book from cover to cover. A monk's Lenten observance would then include bodily self-denial, prayer, and reading. With these three St. Benedict says that we can "wash away the negligence of other times. His final injunction is that each monk submits to the abbot his proposed Lent observances for approval by the abbot. This list is called the "bona opera" or "good works."

How do we fully engage in Lent and how do we profit from it? Do we simply bear the burden of sacrifice for 40 days, looking for a chance to cheat here and there with a clean conscience? Is Lent meant to make us miserable so we can be happy when Easter comes?

How should we keep Lent? Do we give something up or do we do something? The answer is both. We must atone for our sin and we must turn toward the Lord. Conversion and repentance mean not only turning toward the Lord but turning away from something else, namely sin. Everything we do, right or wrong, we perceive as something good. How many mothers haven't asked a child "What in the world were you thinking?" Junior did something that seemed like a bright idea, but in the end was a disaster. The idea to do something is governed by the intellect. Once we make our minds up, we have to do it; it becomes an act of the will.

The traditional acts of penance: prayer, fasting and almsgiving affect our intellect and our will. They affect our intellect in that we decide to offer up this temporal good for the greater good Who is the Lord. They affect our will in that we keep choosing the greater good over the lesser good. Lent is both boot camp and special training. The practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are best combined with the loftier acts of charity and increased spiritual practices.

As we consider what to do for Lent this year, I encourage us all to incorporate both aspects of Lenten practices. A very helpful idea is to make your own "bona opera" and write it out, leave it in a place that you can see and be reminded of these practices. Pick a spiritual book, plan to do some self-denial and fasting, add some extra prayer time or develop new habits, meditate on the Passion of the Lord and do good for others. All of these will combine for a fruitful Lent.

Let us pray for each other as we journey with the Lord to Calvary.

Your Father in Christ,  
Fr. Estrella

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$ 2,564

#### Upcoming Collections

Feb 12 No 2nd collection

Feb 19 School of Religion

Feb 26 No 2nd collection



**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.

### 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](mailto:rcia@stpatrickgrassvalley.org) for any questions.**

### Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon	Gn 4:1-15,25	Mk 8:11-13 (335)
Tues	Gn 6:5-8	Mk 8:14-21 (336)
Wed	Gn 8:6-13	Mk 8:22-26 (337)
Thurs	Gn 9:1-13	Mk 8:27-33 (338)
Fri	Gn 11:1-9	Mk 8:34—9:1 (339)
Sat	Heb 11:1-7	Mk 9:2-13 (340)
Sun	Lv 19:1-2,17-18 1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48 (79)	

### Reflecting on the Gospel



Jesus holds his disciples to a high standard. What does God desire for creation and how are we to live out the divine will? Today's gospel could be read as another list of religious dos and don'ts. The law Jesus came to fulfil manifests in a myriad of ways. Whatever your relationship to the issues named anger, adultery, divorce, and staying faithful to vows Jesus offers these teachings as a means of drawing us closer to God.

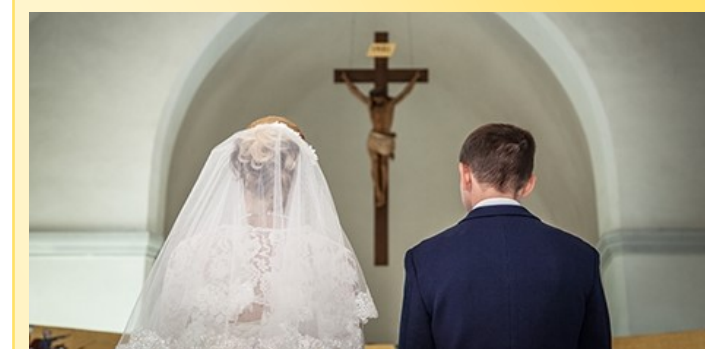
These teachings reveal something about the divine will and thus, God's very self. Our God is a God of truth and justice, who values reconciliation and desires the right relationship for all of creation. In light of today's gospel, consider: Is there a relationship in your life that needs mending? How might you take a step toward reconciliation this week?

Today's gospel may be difficult to digest for those of us who have personal experience with the issues named by Jesus. Perhaps there is anger festering right now between you and a loved one. Maybe you have been the victim or perpetrator of adultery. Who among us has never looked upon another with lust? Who among us does not care about someone who is divorced? Let us be gentle with ourselves and with each other as we take in Jesus's message. In coming to fulfil the law, Jesus did not come to shame or berate. He came to help us grow more faithful each day and to help us strengthen our muscles of repentance and reconciliation.

### Mass Intentions



Mon.	02/13/23	7:30 am	No intention
Tues.	02/14/23	7:30 am	Bobbie & Joe Messmen (si)
Wed.	02/15/23	7:30 am	No intention
Thurs.	02/16/23	7:30 am	No intention
Fri.	02/17/23	7:30 am	Sister Teresa Agnes (d)
Sat.	02/18/23	5:30 pm	Sister Therese Cecile (d)
Sun.	02/19/23	9:00 am	Ursula Lux (d)



## CULTURE OF LIFE

**Happy World Day of Marriage  
Feb. 12, 2023**

For the Catholic Church, married life is more than the union of a particular man and a woman. Rather, it is the foundation of humanity and the cradle of civilization. World Marriage Day provides us with an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love by supporting and promoting marriage and the family. And very importantly, it reminds us to celebrate the marriages in our midst. **Congratulations to all married couples in our parish and a profound Thank You for your witness. May God shower blessings on the widows and widowers with happy memories of their cherished spouse and their years together. And to the children of parents whose chosen vocation was to love each other and their families, rejoice in their love for you.**

St. Teresa of Calcutta recognized that the world needs strong and loving families when she said,

**"If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family."**