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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!



**MEN'S GUILD ST. PATRICK'S DINNER**

The St. Joseph Men's Guild St. Patrick's dinner is on Sunday March 19, 2023.  
 Doors open at 4 pm and dinner will be served at 5 pm.  
 The cost is \$ 15.00 for an adult ticket and \$ 8.00 for a child ( 5 - 11 years old).  
 For tickets or additional information, contact Jeff Hebert at (916)-508-5744 or email him @ Jkjhebert@comcast.net  
 Hope to see you there!




**REGISTER NOW**

**Late Registration for Lent Retreat**

If you have not been able to get a Registration form for the St. Canice/St. Patrick Lent Retreat, you can register this week by phone or email to Barbara Burns, laburns10793@gmail.com, 530-432-2119 or on-line at the Parish website.  
 The retreat is Friday, March 24, at St. Canice Center on Reward st., Nevada City, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm and Saturday, March 25 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Mar 18-19, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat 5:30 pm	John Delgado, Jeff Hebert	Aidynn Salter	Meghan Salter	Christine Strohm & Judy McBride
Sun 9:00 am	Tom Seck, Terry Vanetten		Diana Garbin	Lillian Glaeser & Karen McDonald

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
Mar 5th & Mar 12th	Bernie Delgado
Mar 19th & Mar 26th	Tess Andrews

**St. Canice Catholic Church**  
**MARCH 12, 2023**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**



Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

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Fr. James McKnight	Pastor Emeritus	

Mass Schedule	Confession
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	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>
Immaculate Conception Church 11:30 AM	Fri 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
<b>Mass Live-Stream</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
Sunday 11:00 AM from St Patrick Church	Wednesday 8:00 AM

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,

In just under 3 weeks, by the grace of God, we will have the Dedication Mass of the church after the renovation. While there are still a few things that need to come together we are confident that we will finish on time for our April 1<sup>st</sup> Dedication at 2 P.M. Because of that, my reflections the next few weeks will focus on this beautiful liturgy and the ceremonies that make up this rite. Please mark your calendar and make every effort to join us.

The Book of Revelation is often considered one of the hardest to understand and some might even consider it to be scary. A Catholic reading of Revelation does not read it as a prediction of the End Times. Much of what is written in those parts is meant to reflect the great suffering and persecution of the Church during the first century. For a bit of context, the Book of Revelation was written nearly 20 years after the Emperor Nero burnt the city of Rome. In the Book of Revelation we see a great description of the Heavenly Liturgy. The famous theologian, Scott Hahn, wrote a great book called The Supper of the Lamb that explains this in better detail than I can. Many scholars believe that this description reflects how the liturgy was celebrated in the first century; much of that same ceremony and symbolism exists in our Mass today.

On the day of the dedication, when we enter the church, we will be astounded by its beauty but the church will be bare, similar to when we come to church on Good Friday. There will be no candles, the altar will have no altar cloths, the tabernacle will be empty and open. For the only time the ministers of the Mass will enter the sanctuary without genuflecting our bowing. All of this because our church is unconsecrated. This Mass will consecrate and our Lord will once more dwell in His church in the Most Holy Eucharist.

One thing different we will notice is that on the walls 12 candlesticks will be affixed, these are called "consecration candles," and will be lit at a particular point in the Mass. From then on, they will be lit on the anniversary of the dedication and major feasts e.g. Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, St. Patrick's Day. We use 12 to remind us of the Church's apostolic foundation.

This week I will write to the Bishop requesting relics that will be deposited, or placed, in our altar. This will be carried in the entrance procession. Then there will be a blessing and sprinkling of water, not only of the congregation but the altar and nearly everything and everyone. The gospel will be read but it will not have the normal gospel procession with candles and incense as we would normally see at a solemn Mass. After the homily we will recite the Creed, this is nothing new but worth noting because the reason is different. This day (God willing, April 2) will always have the rank of solemnity in our parish, only Holy Week, Easter and its Octave will override celebrating the anniversary of the dedication. So that is the first reason, to mark how solemn this day is. The second reason is to profess our faith as a sign this building is being set apart for the worship of Almighty God.

Your Father in Christ,  
Fr. Estrella

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

*Our Return to God*

**Reg collection Feb 19 \$ 2,095**  
**Reg collection Feb 26 & 797**



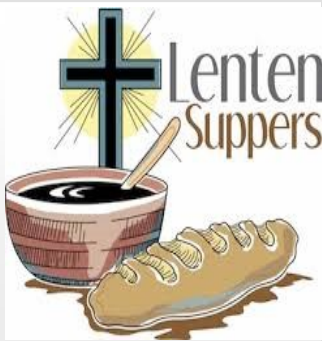
**Upcoming Collections**

**March 12 No 2nd collection**  
**March 19 Catholic Relief Services**  
**March 26 Parish Restoration**

**Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM**  
**St Canice Center**

**Lenten Soup Supper & Mass**

**March 15th, 22nd, and 29th.**



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Stations of the Cross during Lent will be on Fridays at 12:00 PM at St. Canice Church.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



**The Annual Catholic Appeal will be the weekend of April 23rd.**

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.

## CULTURE OF LIFE

**March 5, 2023**

**ST. JOSEPH - Patron of the Dying and Solace of the Afflicted**  
**March 20th**



*Patron of a happy death. Excerpts from The Catholic Spirit, Deacon Dan Gannon, Nov. 22, 2021*

Death will come for us all, so how does one prepare for what the Church has long called "a happy death" – a death in friendship with the Lord, with hope of eternal life? St Joseph, known as the patron of a happy death, is our guide. First, we can imitate St. Joseph's love and faithfulness to God's will in his daily life. Second, we can cultivate the sacramental life of grace through daily prayer and detachment from sin. Third, we can practice devotions that dispose us to a happy death.

St. Joseph has become perhaps the Church's best-known figure associated with a happy death. There's a pious tradition that St. Joseph must have died in the arms and care of his beloved Jesus and Mary, who he'd given his life to day by day, moment by moment. It's hard to imagine a better death with the same trust, in the merciful love of Jesus and the motherly intercession and care of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

God the Father granted Joseph the holiness and perfection needed to fulfill his will in the simplicity of his ordinary daily life, as husband and father. It was especially St. Joseph's perfect abandonment to God's will for him that made him the greatest saint after Our Lady, and the secret to a happy death for us is the same. The example of St. Joseph reveals the best preparation for a happy death is a well-lived life.

O Good St. Joseph, husband of the blessed Virgin Mary and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we ask for your help to prepare ourselves and others for a happy death. Dear St. Joseph, pray for us and for those in the hour of their death; for the seriously and chronically ill; for the elderly; for all tempted to despair; for all who are afraid; for all who live alone; for those condemned to die; and for all who die suddenly without time to prepare. St. Joseph be our guide and protector. Amen

**Mar. 12, 2023**

**ST. JOSEPH - Patron of the Dying and Solace of the Afflicted**  
**March 20th**

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The example of St. Joseph reveals the best preparation for a happy death is a well-lived life. That consists of being faithful to God's will revealed in his Commandments, handed down to us through the Church, her teachings and revealed in the duties of the present moment.

We cannot imitate St. Joseph and prepare for a happy death unless we also live the sacramental life of grace: holy Eucharist, monthly confession, daily silent prayer from the heart and renunciation and detachment from worldly attachments. As St. Teresa of Avila said, detachment means not paying attention to what doesn't lead us to God.

St. Joseph intercede for us, that we may live a holy life, die a happy death, and attain everlasting bliss in Heaven. Amen

## Mass Intentions



Mon.	03/13/23	7:30 am	No intention
Tues.	03/14/23	7:30 am	No intention
Wed.	03/15/23	7:30 am	No intention
Thurs.	03/16/23	7:30 am	No intention
Fri.	03/17/23	7:30 am	No intention
Sat.	03/18/23	5:30 pm	Harman Family (si)
Sun.	03/19/23	9:00 am	Gordon Ransom (d)

## Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab	Lk 4:24-30 (237)
Tues	Dn 3:25,34-43	Mt 18:21-35 (238)
Wed	Dt 4:1, 5-9	Mt 5:17-19 (239)
Thurs	Jer 7:23-28	Lk 11:14-23 (240)
Fri	Hos 14:2-10	Mk 12:28-34 (241)
Sat	Hos 6:1-6	Lk 18:9-14 (242)
Sun	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7	Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

## Reflecting on the Gospel



Water emerges as a major player in today's readings. The Israelites thirst for water. Jesus encounters the Samaritan woman drawing water from a well. In both cases, water serves to meet a basic biological need and more. Jesus speaks of living water, the kind that satisfies thirst forever. Those who drink of it shall enjoy eternal life.

The conversation between the Samaritan woman and Jesus at the well causes a scandal in the minds of the disciples. Jewish men in charge did not converse with women in public. The gender difference creates scandal. The difference in cultures further divides the two. Jesus, who is Jewish, and the woman, who is Samaritan, should be on opposing sides. Their people were long time enemies, divided over beliefs of the proper place for worship. The woman should have turned around when she saw Jesus sitting by the well. She should not have engaged. She should have avoided scandal. Instead, the Samaritan woman stays at the well, and her life is forever changed. She goes on to testify to the power of the one called Christ. Her persistence demonstrates how breaking the rules is not always a bad thing. Risking it all to encounter Christ is, in fact, exactly what we are called to do.