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**St. Canice Catholic Church**  
**MARCH 19, 2023**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



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

**School of Religion Faith Journey Continues**



Our students have been very busy recently, always guided by the Holy Spirit! On Wednesday, we acted in a supporting role for the Lenten Soup Supper, hosted by the St. Canice Ladies Guild. We greatly appreciated their willingness to share their time and talents to make the dinner a very special time.

Our Confirmation candidates, Abby and Aidynn, spent last weekend at the Marelo Youth Retreat Center in Loomis, along with all of the Confirmation candidates from St. Patrick's and a group from St. Rose Church in Roseville. It was an energetic, reflective time for them to continue their journey toward Confirmation. **The Confirmation Mass is scheduled for Saturday, April 22, at St. Patrick's Church at 10:00 a.m.** Please continue to pray for them during their final weeks of preparation.

Our CCD families met this weekend to discuss our Lenten journey and the students' upcoming lessons. We also are beginning preparations for the annual St. Canice Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by our School of Religion. The Easter Egg Hunt will be after Easter Sunday Mass on April 9 (weather permitting), and we hope to see lots of our families there!

As always, thank you for your interest in our School of Religion and for your prayers for the children of our parish. We feel so blessed to be part of our Church community!

- submitted by Brooke Blake

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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	<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	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Date	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Mar 25-26, 2023				
Sat 5:30 pm	John Delgado, Jeff Hebert	Aidynn Salter	Kevin Foley	Patti Favetti & Meghan Salter
Sun 9:00 am	Tom Seck, Terry Vanetten		Bob Glaeser	Lillian Glaeser & Karen McDonald

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
Mar 19th & Mar 26th	Tess Andrews
April 2nd & April 9th	Lillian Glaeser

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 the Middle Ages theologians argued questions such as “how many angels can fit on the head of a pin?”, in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, students of theology argue questions such as “what days count in Lent and of those that don’t count in Lent when do they start? This was important business for us because we [have 4 Lent-free days from the 17<sup>th</sup> of March to the 25<sup>th</sup> of March. These feasts are: The Feast of St. Patrick, patron of our diocese, March 17<sup>th</sup>, feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the 20<sup>th</sup> of March the Transitus of St. Benedict (this only applies to the Benedictines, but since we were a Benedictine school, we quickly co-opted it but here in the Diocese of Sacramento it doesn’t count) on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and lastly, March 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation ].

The three feasts that apply to us, have the highest rank of feasts which is called “Solemnity.” Solemnities are feasts of great importance in the life of the Church, either the universal Church or a particular part of the Church (like a diocese or a parish). Most solemnities celebrate an important part of our faith or an important moment, others are days of celebration and thanksgiving for God’s blessing and providence (like the feast of the patron saint of a diocese or parish). This is why on that day they interrupt the liturgical season, and so we have 3 days that are “breaks” from Lent.

Today is Laetare Sunday which is a day of “restrained joy,” we see that Easter is closer, only 3 weeks away! These little breaks are meant to remind us of the joy of Easter and encourage us to remain dedicated to our Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

On these three days we can enjoy the things we gave up for Lent with a clear conscience. But as we do so, we should also give thanks to God for these great saints and the wonder that is our faith and our Salvation, won by His Son on the Cross. We should attend Mass if we are able and make a good Communion.

But we should treat all solemnities like this, not only the ones that fall during Lent. In different places there are traditions connected to these great feasts. In Poland, for example, they bless herbs on the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Italy has a beautiful tradition called St. Joseph’s table which is laden with many dishes and sweets and shared with the poor. The Feast of St. Martin of Tours is celebrated with a roast goose. Other important feast days should be incorporated into our personal days, the day of our baptism, the feasts of our patron saints.

We might have to be creative but bringing these celebrations into our daily lives helps us bring the liturgical life we celebrate in Mass into our homes and our daily lives. This in turn helps enrich our sense of connection to the saints and our personal spirituality.

Your Father in Christ,  
Fr. Estrella

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**Our Return to God**  
**Last week Reg collection \$ 5,407**

**Upcoming Collections**  
**March 19 Catholic Relief Services**  
**March 26 Parish Restoration**  
**April 2 No 2nd collection**



### Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a	Rom 4:13, 16-18,22
Tues	Ez 47:1-9,12	Jn 5:1-16 (245)
Wed	Is 49:8-15	Jn 5:17-30 (246)
Thurs	Ex 32:7-14	Jn 5:31-47 (247)
Fri	Wis 2:1a 12-22	Jn 7:1-2 (248)
Sat	Is 7:10-14; 8:10	Lk 1:26-38 (545)
Sun	Ez 37:12-134 Rom 8:8-11	Jn 11:1-45



### Reflecting on the Gospel

Jesus uses the gifts of the earth and the gifts of his body to heal the man born blind. The Son of God does not summon a chorus of angels or some other worldly tools. He simply spits on the ground, rubs the saliva and dirt together, and touches the man's eyes. Instantly, the man can see.

We are made in the image of Christ the healer. In our own ways, we too can use the gifts of the earth and the gifts of our bodies to help others on the path of healing. Maybe you bring flowers to a friend who just received hard news. Maybe you hold the hand of a loved one going through chemotherapy, reminding her that she is not alone. We may not be able to restore someone's sight, but we can be agents of healing for our hurting world.

### CULTURE OF LIFE

**Feast of ST. JOSEPH - Patron of a Happy Death**  
**March 20th**



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

In Deacon Dan Gannon’s homily, he illuminates how St. Joseph is both our guide and example to attain a happy death – a death in friendship with the Lord, with hope of eternal life. He explains that, “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.”

Deacon Gannon concludes with his thoughts on devotions, “Finally, the Church offers us devotions and prayers that help ensure a happy death. The apostolic pardon remits all temporal punishment (purgatory) and is imparted by the priest when death is imminent. The First Friday devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus promises the grace of final penitence. The First Saturday devotion to Our Lady promises graces necessary for salvation at death. The Seven Dolors of the Blessed Virgin Mary, recited daily, promise her visible help at the moment of death. Practicing these devotions and many others leads us to conformity to God’s will and cultivates the sacramental life of grace and prayer through the Eucharist and confession.”

**O Blessed Joseph, you gave your last breath in the loving embrace of Jesus and Mary. When the seal of death shall close my life, come with Jesus and Mary to aid me. Obtain for me this solace for that hour – to die with their holy arms around me. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I commend my soul, living and dying, into your sacred arms. Amen**

### Mass Intentions

Mon.	03/20/23	7:30 am	No intention
Tues.	03/21/23	7:30 am	No intention
Wed.	03/22/23	7:30 am	No intention
Thurs.	03/23/23	7:30 am	Past and present members of the Men’s Guild
Fri.	03/24/23	7:30 am	No intention
Sat.	03/25/23	5:30 pm	Michael Merchant (d)
Sun.	03/26/23	9:00 am	No intention



### 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.

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

Lenten Soup Supper & Mass

March 22nd, and 29th.



### 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.

**There are registration forms in the vestibule of St. Canice Church.**