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Parish Book Club Gathering  
**Monday, May 15, 2023**  
 All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and St. Canice Book Club on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 1:30 P. M. in the Angel's Nest. The Angel's Nest is located at the back of St. Patrick's Church and can be reached by walking along the outside right wall of the church. We will be discussing *The Hand of God*, by Bernard Nathanson. The book deals with abortion. The discussion, which will last about an hour and a half, will be led by Michael Moreland. The book is available at your favorite book store or online. In addition to stimulating conversation, coffee, tea, and cookies will be served.




**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**




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**PRAYER LINE**  
 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!



**Communal First Saturday**  
 Sat April 1st, 7:45 am  
 St Patrick's Church Joins us for guided Fatima prayers, Rosary, Mass and 15 minutes of meditation.



**Wednesday @ 6:00 PM**  
**St Canice Center**  
 Lenten Soup Supper & Mass  
 March 29th.



**St. Canice Catholic Church**  
**MARCH 26, 2023**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

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**Mass Schedule**  
 Weekday (M-F) 7:30 AM  
 Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM  
 Sunday 9:00 AM  
 Immaculate Conception Church 11:30 AM

**Mass Live-Stream**  
 Sunday 11:00 AM from St Patrick Church

**Confession**  
 Friday 8:00 AM  
 Saturday 4:00 PM (or by appt)

**Eucharistic Adoration**  
 Fri 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

**Rosary**  
 Wednesday 8:00 AM

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
April 1-2, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat 5:30 pm	Mike Cartan, Mike Blake	Aidynn Salter	Kevin Foley, Meghan Salter	Christine Strohm, Judy McBride
Sun 9:00 am	Scott McIntosh, Ray James		Doug McDonald, Bobbie Rowlands	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,

This week I will continue the explanation of the rites of the Dedication of a Church. After the homily, the rite of Dedication itself begins, as with any major undertaking of the Church, we begin chanting the Litany of Saints, inserted among the list of saints, are the patron of the parish and those saints whose relics will be placed in the altar. I am waiting to receive the relics for our altar and will share that information as soon as I have received them. We implore the aid of the saints because we are setting this place aside for the worship of Gods and as an expression that the whole Church (Triumphant, Suffering, and Pilgrim) is united in the worship of God.

After the Litany of Saints the Bishop, standing at the altar, says the prayer of consecration. The altar is anointed with the Sacred Chrism, as this happens, priests are sent out to anoint the walls of the church, this is actually done on the holders of the consecration candles I wrote about two weeks ago. Following the anointing of the altar and walls, a brazier is brought out and placed on the altar, the Bishop will add incense and we will see the clouds of incense rise, this reminds of the prayers of the saints rising before God in Heaven and is taken from the Book of Revelation.

The Bishop will then incense the altar as we do during Mass. He will then be incensed as well as the clergy and assembly, what is different is that the priests will go out again to incense the walls where they were anointed. We use incense to honor those things that are sacred, the walls are incensed as a sign that this place is set apart for the worship of God and a house of prayer. What is different is that the incensing that takes place at the offertory is omitted at this Mass. Once this part of the rite has been finished, the altar is dressed and the candles are placed on it.

At this point, the candles are lit with great ceremony. The Bishop will entrust a candle to the deacon who will light the altar candles, the priests go out again to light the consecration candles and the altar servers will light any other candles. Our church is now dedicated and the Liturgy of the Eucharist can be celebrated. Much like the Easter Vigil, after Communion the Blessed Sacrament is returned to the tabernacle and the red candle is lit. However, before the doors are closed, the Bishop will incense the Blessed Sacrament. The Mass concludes in the normal way.

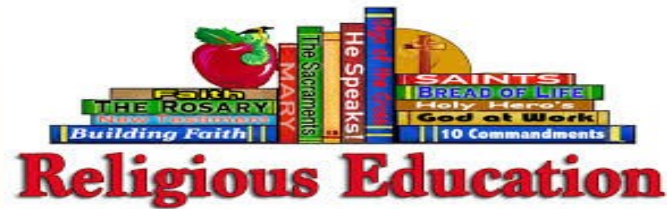
While I am very excited that we are so close to the date of our dedication, there are still other parts of the project that need to be accomplished. Because of this, and that we are so deep in Lent, we will not have a reception after Mass. The Bishop will return to preside solemn Vespers on May 21 and then we will be able to celebrate. I am grateful for your patience through this long journey and for your continued patience as we move forward.

Your Father in Christ,  
Fr. Estrella

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**Our Return to God**  
**Last week Reg collection \$ 4,722**

**Upcoming Collections**  
**March 26 Parish Restoration**  
**April 2 No 2nd collection**  
**April 7 No 2nd collection**



### Red Paper Doves symbolizing the Holy Spirit

This weekend, our two Confirmandi, Abby Tassone and Aidynn Salter, are requesting that our Church community begins praying for them during their final month of Confirmation preparation. **Each family is welcome to take one of the signed red paper doves symbolizing the Holy Spirit. Please place it in a visible area of your home so that it will remind you to pray for the girls.**

After much consideration and prayer, the girls have also selected their patron saints for their Confirmation. **Abby chose Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton and Aidynn chose Saint Teresa de Los Andes.** These saints will be a heavenly patroness, special protector, and guardian for each of the girls. They will serve as an example of how to live a saintly life. Thank you for your prayers!

- Submitted by Brooke Blake -

Have you been worshipping with us, but never taken the steps 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 for the next session of this year's **RCIA inquiry (Rite of Christian Initiation) on Saturday, April 15, from 9-11 am in the RCIA room at St. Cecelia's Center. For more information, contact Traci at (530) 575-0176, or rcia@stpatrickgrassvalley.org**

### CULTURE OF LIFE

**St. Joseph, Patron of a Happy Death, pray for us.**



As Catholics we have sacred Scripture, the Church, and the Saints to guide and teach us how to live and how to die. But many of us have family, friends and neighbors who may have little to guide them other than popular culture. And what is gaining popularity is Physician Assisted Suicide, legal in California since 2016. This is a misguided solution to suffering and the fear of a prolonged dying process by taking one's own life with the assistance of a physician and an "aid in dying" pill. How can we be a light to them, how can we help them attain a happy death, a death in the friendship with our Lord? We can pray for them.

The Culture of Life Ministry began a prayer advocacy program much like our Spiritual Adoption program to pray for someone who due to serious illness, disability, sense of hopelessness or fear of being a burden is at risk of ending their own life. The ongoing **On God's Time - in God's Care** program invites you to pray for someone who for whatever reason is considering ending their own life. You may not actually know anyone in that situation so we ask that you offer your prayers for someone God knows who needs your prayers. For a more personal connection to this person, you may give them a name and then commit to praying daily for that person for a period of time you feel is needed, perhaps three to six months. At the end of that time please consider selecting a new person and beginning again.

**Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we (I) call upon you to fill \_\_\_\_ name of person in need \_\_\_\_ with hope, to heal his (her) broken heart, and provide the grace and consolation needed to resist any pressure or temptation to end his (her) own life. We (I) pray this with great confidence in your love and mercy. Amen**

If you find yourself alone and don't care to go solo to dine, see movies, travel, etc. then you are welcome to join the "Circle of Friends".

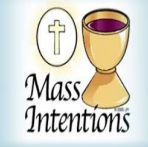


We are a ministry of St. Patrick Church who have banded together those who are looking to enjoy the life around us in the spirit of Christian Fellowship. We are men and women without partners and we attend theater, movies, local activities and we sometimes travel. We love hostels and other affordable lodgings.

**We meet once a month on the last Wednesday of the month in the small hall next to the rectory at 6:00 p.m. to share a potluck light dinner and plan our activities.**

We would love to have you join us and if you have any questions, please feel free to call Ginny at 530-432-1175 or Dolores at 530-263-6537 and [escott\\_place@sbcglobal.net](mailto:escott_place@sbcglobal.net) or just come to our next meeting.

### Mass Intentions



Mon.	03/27/23	7:30 am	No intention
Tues.	03/28/23	7:30 am	No intention
Wed.	03/29/23	7:30 am	No intention
Thurs.	03/30/23	7:30 am	Sharon Cordell
(si)			
Fri.	03/31/23	7:30 am	No intention
Sat.	04/01/23	5:30 pm	Past and present members of the Men's Guild
Sun.	04/02/23	9:00 am	Gordon Ransom (d)

### Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17	Jn 8:1-11 (251)
Tues	Nm 21:4-9	Jn 8:21-30 (252)
Wed	Dn 3:14-20	Jn 8:31-42 (253)
Thurs	Gn 17:3-9	Jn 8:51-59 (254)
Fri	Jer 20:10-13	Jn 10:31-42 (255)
Sat	Ez 37:21-28	Jn 11:45-56 (256)
Sun	Mt 21:1-11 (37) Is 50:4-7	Mt 26:14—27:66

### Reflecting on the Gospel



The raising of Lazarus surfaces difficult questions about life and death.

In their grief, Martha and Mary speak bluntly to Jesus: "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." They know Jesus to be the Son of God. They know his track record of healing the sick. Martha and Mary are dear friends of Jesus. How could he not save their beloved Lazarus? The sisters cry out, and Jesus weeps with them. Moved with compassion, Jesus commands the dead man Lazarus to come out of the cave and behold, he does.

Some of us may hear this story and rejoice. Lazarus receives a second chance at life! Others of us may feel jealous of Mary and Martha for the extra time they got with their brother. Such a miraculous event begs big questions: Why does Jesus not raise all our loved ones to new life on this earth immediately after their deaths? Why does suffering exist if our Lord is all powerful? What might our resurrections look like? These questions have no easy answers, yet they point us to some of the most profound truths of the Christian faith.

• Our God is utterly mysterious. God's timing is beyond all human comprehension. There is so much about God and God's ways that we cannot know yet. But we can choose to believe Christ's proclamation: "I am the resurrection and the life. . . everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." We can grieve the earthly death of loved ones and be confident that they are now enjoying new life with Christ. We can choose to live each day with trust in Christ's abiding love for all of creation.