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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!




**St. Canice Catholic Church**  
**APRIL 2, 2023**  
**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION**



Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.  
 Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

**FREE CHRISTIAN CAREGIVING CLASSES**

Do you find God calling you to serve as a caregiver for the elderly or disabled either at home or in our community? Learn the ins and outs of the world of caregiving...physical, environmental, and spiritual challenges and how to manage them as well as practical help in getting your caregiving business started if that is your focus.



Eliza Renwick, RN, OFS has 50 plus years experience in the nursing field, 20 of which were in the hospice arena. Class size is limited to 4 individuals and as such is designed to foster a thoughtful, intimate experience with the opportunity to connect with others for ongoing support after completion of the training. Classes will be held in Eliza's home at 226 Collins Lane (directly behind the church parking lot). She is collaborating with OSEC (One Source Empowering Caregivers) through which she receives guidance and support in this endeavor.  
 Contact Eliza at 530 210-0730 if you have questions or would like to sign up for the April/May Class which will meet Tuesday mornings following mass starting April 18. Classes are open to all who would like to learn to serve in this humble yet spiritually rewarding way.

**RCIA**  
 The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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. Cecilia's Center. For more information, contact Traci at (530) 575-0176, or [rcia@stpatrickgrassvalley.org](mailto:rcia@stpatrickgrassvalley.org)**

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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				
April 8-9, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat 5:30 pm	Mike Cartan, Mike Blake	Aidynn Salter	Kevin Foley Christine Strohm	Patti Favetti Judy McBride
Sun 9:00 am	Scott McIntosh, Ray James		Michelle McIntosh	Lillian Glaeser & Karen McDonald

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
April 2nd & April 9th	Lillian Glaeser
April 16 & April 23	Karen Colwell

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.

# HOLY WEEK

## PALMSUNDAY

April 1st and 2nd  
Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM  
Sunday 9:00 AM

## SPY WEDNESDAY

April 5th  
Mass 7:30 AM  
Confessions 4:00-6:00 PM

## HOLY THURSDAY

No Morning Mass  
April 6th  
Mass 7:00 PM

## GOOD FRIDAY

No Morning Mass  
April 7th  
Mass Noon

## HOLY SATURDAY

April 8th  
Easter Vigil Mass 8:15 PM

## EASTER SUNDAY

April 9th  
Mass 9:00 AM

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$1,679  
Catholic Relief \$501  
Parish Restoration \$405

### Upcoming Collections

April 2 No 2nd collection  
April 7 Holy Land/Good Friday  
April 9 No 2nd collection



## Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon	Is 42:1-7	Jn 12:1-11 (257)
Tues	Is 49:1-6	Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 (258)
Wed	Is 50:4-9a	Mt 26:14-25 (259)
Thurs	Is 61:1-3a,6a,8b-9	Rv 1:5-8/ Lk 4:16-21 (260)
Fri	Is 52:13 —53:12	Hb 4:14-16:5:7-9
Sat	Is 55:1-11	Bar 3:9-15,32
Sun	Acts 10:34a,37-43	Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9 (42)

## 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.



## 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.

## CULTURE OF LIFE

Isaiah uses the image of a loving mother to comfort the people of Israel, **"Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb?"** It is unthinkable, right? Impossible! Then to further reassure them he goes on to declare, **"Even should she forget, I (God) will never forget you. See, upon the palms of my hands I have written your name."** Isaiah 49:15



Can a mother forget? A baby lost before birth, miscarried or aborted, is not forgotten. A best friend's baby shower, a nephew's fifth birthday party, a child seen playing in the park, each a reminder to a mother that her child is no more. Like Rachel (Jeremiah 31:15) who mourns her children, who refuses to be consoled because her children are no more, a mother knows, a mother remembers, a mother mourns the loss of her child. Thankfully there are grieving and healing ministries available to help them.

The loss of a child to abortion affects people differently, some mourn, some just move on, some repress, self-medicate, and many suffer silently for years. Fortunately, there is help for those who come to recognize they need to deal with all those feelings of sorrow, regret and confusion that are common after an abortion. Rachel's Vineyard retreats (Diocese of Sacramento) and Hope retreats (LivingWell) offer help to post-abortion mothers, fathers and others affected by abortion. The programs provide an opportunity to examine their abortion experience, identify the ways that the loss has impacted their lives, and may help them acknowledge any unresolved emotion they may be experiencing. If you or someone you know might be ready to begin the journey of hope and healing, please consider participation in a retreat.

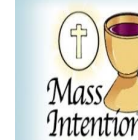
**Upcoming Rachel's Vineyard retreats: April 28-30 and November 10-12 for English speakers and August 25-27 for Spanish speakers. Retreats are held at the Mercy Center in Auburn and financial help is available. 916-733-0161, 888-456-HOPE, [projectra-chel@sdc.org](mailto:projectra-chel@sdc.org), online registration available at <https://catholic.formstack.com/forms/rachel>**

**For an opportunity to just talk with someone call Rachel's Vineyard National Hotline at 877-HOPE-4-ME (877-467-3463). For information on LivingWell Hope retreats call 530-272-6800.**



## Mass Intentions

Mon.	04/03/23	7:30 am	No intention
Tues.	04/04/23	7:30 am	No intention
Wed.	04/05/23	7:30 am	No intention
Thurs.	04/06/23	7:30 am	No intention
Fri.	04/07/23	7:30 am	No intention
Sat.	04/08/23	5:30 pm	No intention
Sun.	04/09/23	9:00 am	Agnes & Bill Harman (d)



## Reflecting on the Gospel

Jesus's divinity is always a reality and the readings of Holy Week draw our attention to Jesus's humanity in particular ways.



Over the coming days, the church invites us to accompany our brother Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem. The liturgies of Holy Week offer chances to feel with Jesus and his disciples the palm branches waving in the streets, the water that washes over our feet, the bread and wine shared in memory of Christ, the wood of the cross. We can also feel the difficult emotions that may have walked with Jesus during his final days: sadness over saying goodbye to his beloved disciples, loneliness from a friend's betrayal, anguish over his impending death. These core elements of Holy Week, both the tangible objects and the emotions, are central to human life. Our God knows them intimately.

As St. Paul writes, Jesus came in human likeness. He emptied himself and took on the form of a slave. The Son of God knows what it is like to feel sad and hurt, to say hard goodbyes, and to suffer injustices. Our Savior lived the hard realities of humanity just like us. He gives his very self to humankind. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus took the bread and said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took the cup of wine, the blood of the covenant, poured out for the forgiveness of sins.

As we celebrate the Eucharist today, let us give thanks for Jesus and his great gift of self. Let us each consider how we might journey with Jesus during this holiest of weeks.