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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 9, 2023**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**



**Alleluia, alleluia.**  
 Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;  
 let us then feast with joy in the Lord.

  
**School of Religion Easter Egg Hunt**

Please join the St. Canice School of Religion students for this year's annual Easter Egg Hunt. All children from our parish (and those visiting us this weekend) are welcome to meet on the rectory lawn immediately following Easter morning Mass to celebrate our beautiful Easter Sunday! We look forward to seeing you there!

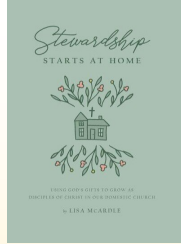
Also, our CCD families want to wish all of our extended Church family a very happy Easter. We are so blessed that you are such a vital part in our students' journey of faith. It means more than you can imagine to feel our parishioners' love and support every time we sponsor an event and, most importantly, to know that you keep our young parishioners in your prayers. In you, our CCD students are able to see many wonderful examples of what it means to truly live our faith. Thank you for making our youngest parishioners feel so welcome!  
 - Submitted by Brooke Blake

**St Patrick's Stewardship Council**

Happy Easter, He is Risen!

On behalf of the St Patrick's Stewardship Council, we are pleased to offer each family of the parish a copy of Lisa McArdle's new book, Stewardship starts at Home. Lisa and her husband, Eric, have dedicated 24 years of service to catholic parishes throughout the country promoting, teaching, and developing authentic catholic stewardship. Lisa's book is intended for all ages of the family and we encourage you to not only read Lisa's simple book, but to share it with other members of your family and friends. We pray this book leads each of you closer to friendship with God through the sharing of your unique, God given gifts.

**When we accept everything in life as a Gift from God, we make our homes a dwelling place of the Holy Spirit.**



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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
April 15-16, 2023				
Sat 5:30 pm	Mike Cartan, Mike Blake	Aidynn Salter	Christine Strohm	Kevin Foley Judy McBride
Sun 9:00 am	Scott McIntosh, Ray James		Diana Garbin	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.

Dear Family,

Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Once more this joyous Easter greeting resounds around the world as we bask in the glory of our Lord's triumphant victory over sin and death. Christ is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! Even though we have been back in our renovated church for a week I can scarcely take in the beauty. This week has been a busy week for us. Last Saturday our bishop consecrated our church in a beautiful ceremony. The next day was Palm Sunday and now Easter, our beautiful church adorned even more for His glorious Resurrection.

Our church, like Catholic churches throughout history, is full of beautiful and sacred imagery that is meant to help raise our mind and hearts to God. Over time I will explain the meaning of these symbols and images, hopefully these will be an aid to your prayer. There have been two main questions that have been asked over the last week.: What is that bird on the front of the altar? And whose relics are in the altar?"

We are blessed to have multiple relics in our altar: St. Lucidus, St. Donata, the Holy Roman martyrs and St. Miguel Augustin Pro. St. Lucidus is also known as St. Lucido of Aquara, his feast day is Dec 5<sup>th</sup>. He was a monk of St. Peter's Abbey in Aquara, Italy and died in 1938. St. Donata was martyred along with Sts. Hilaria, Nomiflanda, Paulina, Rustica, and Serotina. Their relics are enshrined in the Via Salaria Catacombs, in Rome Her feast day is Dec 31. The Holy Roman Martyrs are those who were martyred by the Emperor Nero in the 1<sup>st</sup> century. While these martyrs are unknown and unnamed their veneration has been an ancient part of our history as Catholics, these martyrs are celebrated on June 30, following the solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, principal patron of the Roman Catholic Church.

Bl. Miguel Pro is a modern martyr from the persecution of the Church in Mexico by the then communist government. Bl. Miguel Pro was a Jesuit Father who very cleverly deceived and eluded the government as he carried out his priestly ministry. He was later caught and shot to death, his arms extended out in a cross. His feast day is celebrated on Nov 23.

But... What about that bird??? The bird is a pelican and has a beautiful symbolism. The pelican is in the middle stained glass window on the left side, as you face the altar, it is also featured in the medallions on the same side. In the ancient world, it was believed that when the pelican could not find fish to feed its young, it would pierce its breast and feed them its very blood. The early Christian understood this as a sign of our Lord, whose side was pierced so that we might be nourished with His Body and Blood. While modern science has disproved this idea, the symbolism remains a beautiful part of our sacred art and imagery. The mosaic of the pelican on our altar is meant to remind us that in every reception of Holy Communion we are fed with the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord. Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed!

Your Father in Christ,  
Father Estrella

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**Our Return to God**  
Last week Reg collection \$2,295

**Upcoming Collections**  
April 9 No 2nd collection  
April 16 School of Religion  
April 23 Annual Catholic Appeal



### Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon	Acts 2:14, 22-33	Mt 28:8-15 (261)
Tues	Acts 2:36-41	Jn 20:11-18 (262)
Wed	Acts 3:1-10	Lk 24:13-35 (263)
Thurs	Acts 3:11-26	Lk 24:35-48 (264)
Fri	Acts 4:1-12	Jn 21:1-14 (265)
Sat	Acts 4:13-21	Mk 16:9-15
Sun	Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9	Jn 20:19-31 (43)

### RCIA

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**



### 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.

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.



### CULTURE OF LIFE

#### Healing after Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard retreats are available for mothers, fathers, siblings, grandparents or anyone who desires help dealing with the loss of a child due to abortion. A journey of hope, healing, and forgiveness awaits. Upcoming retreats: April 28-30 and November 10-12, 2023 for English speakers and August 25-27 for Spanish speakers. The retreats are held at the Mercy Center in Auburn and financial help is available. 916-733-016—1 888-456-HOPE [projectrachel@sdcc.org](mailto:projectrachel@sdcc.org).

#### Scott's Testimony

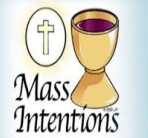
"After struggling alone for years with the guilt, shame and remorse of my involvement with my girlfriend's decision to abort our child I finally found a ministry that recognized my need to get help. Rachel's Vineyard provided a place where I could voice my pain and guilt amongst others who validated my emotional response to a very difficult experience. The acceptance of the women there was especially helpful because I felt I had hurt my girlfriend so badly that all women would despise me if they knew what I had done. Their understanding and acceptance helped me to move a little further in forgiving myself and in being able to love others in my life in a deeper way. My current wife and daughter benefitted from my willingness to deal with this deep secret of my past. I thank Rachel's Vineyard for allowing the unconditional love and acceptance to be present that was needed for me to release the pain that was hindering my relationships in the present." (from rachelvineyard.org)



**HAPPY EASTER TO ALL!**

### Mass Intentions

Mon.	04/10/23	7:30 am	No intention
Tues.	04/11/23	7:30 am	No intention
Wed.	04/12/23	7:30 am	No intention
Thurs.	04/13/23	7:30 am	No intention
Fri.	04/14/23	7:30 am	No intention
Sat.	04/15/23	5:30 pm	Harman Family (D)
Sun.	04/16/23	9:00 am	Calvin Harrison (D)



### SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH



#### CINCO DE MAYO DINNER

Tickets will be on sale after all masses beginning with the weekend of April 15th & 16th or contact Jeff at 916-508-5744 or [jkjhebert@comcast.net](mailto:jkjhebert@comcast.net)

The cost is \$ 15.00 per adult and \$ 9.00 per child 5 -11 years old. The menu will be street tacos (beef, chicken or pork), rice, beans and dessert.

Dinner will be at St Canice Center. Doors will open at 4 p.m., Dinner will be served at 5 p.m.

### Reflecting on the Gospel

In company with the psalmist, let us pray once more: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!" Our call for the next fifty days of Easter is to spread Christ's joy to all we meet. This does not mean we need to be happy every second of every day. It does not mean we ignore the real suffering plaguing our world.

Easter joy is strong enough to carry the wounds of the world together with the deep conviction that hope always wins. Death does not have the final say. Through Christ, the Easter victory is ours for eternity.