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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!




BABY SHOWER

SAVE THE DATE! MAY 11TH AT 10:30 AM.


Please join the Ladies Guild at a baby shower for clients of Living Well Medical Clinic.

Watch the bulletin more coming information regarding this event.



THANKS AND PRAISE!

To Fr. Jossy for his preparation of words and actions for Holy Week and Easter.
 To ALL those that cleaned and prepared the church for the services of Holy Week and Easter.
 To our Choir Director, Cynthia Weir, the Choir Members, Cantors and guest singer, Mr. Eric James.
 To the Altar Servers, Lectors, and the Gentlemen that participated in the Holy Thursday feet washing ceremony.
 And to ALL that attended Stations of the Cross, Holy Week, and Easter Services.



Thank you Good and Faithful Servants of the Resurrected Christ.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Date	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
April 22-23, 2023				
Sat 5:30 pm	Mike Cartan, Mike Blake	Aidynn Salter	Meghan Salter	Patti Favetti & Christine Strohm
Sun 9:00 am	Scott McIntosh, Ray James		Bob Glaeser	Lillian Glaeser & Karen McDonald

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
April 16 & April 23	Lillian Glaeser
April 29 & April 30	Christine Strohm

St. Canice Catholic Church
APRIL 16, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Alleluia, alleluia.
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;
blessed are they who have not seen me, but still believe!
Alleluia, alleluia.

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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		
Immaculate Conception Church 11:30 AM		Eucharistic Adoration	
		Fri 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	
		Rosary	
		Wednesday 8:00 AM	

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

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! This Sunday which we call "Divine Mercy Sunday" has a lot of other names. In some places it is called, "Low Sunday," because we return to the more subdued tone of the Mass, fewer candles, fewer flowers, simpler vestments and so on. It is also called "Quasi Modo Sunday" from the Entrance Chant. The chant begins "Quasi Modo infantes" or "in the same way as infants..." and is meant to be an instruction to the newly baptized and confirmed to continue seeking spiritual nourishments and therefore us as well.

The Second Vatican Council describes the Sacred Eucharist as the, "source and summit of the Christian life." The Holy Mass is not simply a prayer service or a sermon with Holy Communion. It is a real encounter with the Risen Lord by celebrating His one saving sacrifice of the Cross, and being drawn into the mystery of His Death and Resurrection. All the Sacraments are given power from this one reality and are meant to bring us back to this great mystery as well. In working on the church, I had two points of focus, one that the design and set up be liturgically correct and that the sanctuary space would be functional for the most solemn functions.

This is one of many reasons why the tabernacle was returned to the center of the sanctuary with the crucifix above it and all in line with the altar. The stained glass window of above connects the supper to the sacrifice via the crucifix and the sacrifice to the Sacrament via the tabernacle. Our previous altar will be returned soon refashioned into an altar of repose for the tabernacle. But there are other details of this as well.

The center aisle is beautifully done so that our line of sight is carried to the altar and sanctuary area as well. It also connects the baptismal font to the sanctuary. As one enters our church, you dip your hand in the baptismal font to take holy water and we see the altar. Our life in Christ is born in Baptism and comes to maturity in and through the Sacred Eucharist. It is a wonder! If we had not been baptized we could not share in the Sacred Eucharist! It always fills me with wonder as I stand at the altar and see the baptismal font. I hope my reflection offers you that same opportunity and we all grow in appreciation of the great gift given to us in Baptism and the other Sacraments.

On a separate note, next Monday the priests of our diocese will go on retreat, please keep us in your prayers that week. Next Sunday we will announce how the retreat will affect the schedule for the week.

Your Father in Christ,
Father Estrella

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$4,752

Good Friday collection \$ 643

Upcoming Collections

April 16 School of Religion

April 23 Annual Catholic Appeal

April 30 Interfaith Food Ministry



Thanks for Your Support!

Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon	Acts 4:23-31	Jn 3:1-8 (267)
Tues	Acts 4:32-37	Jn 3:7b-15 (268)
Wed	Acts 5:17-26	Jn 3:16-21 (269)
Thurs	Acts 5:27-33	Jn 3:31-36 (270)
Fri	Acts 5:34-42	Jn 6:1-15 (271)
Sat	Acts 6:1-7	Jn 6:16-21 (272)
Sun	Acts 2:14, 22-33 1 Pt 1:17-21	Lk 24:13-35 (46)

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 jkhebert@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.

The Funeral Mass for
Therese Ward will be on
Friday, April 28th at 1:00 pm.



CULTURE OF LIFE

Healing After Abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats: 916-733-0161, 888-456-HOPE, projectrachel@sdcc.org

Brenda's Story

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

for healing after an abortion.



After being raped on prom night Brenda kept the incident and resulting pregnancy hid from everyone. Feeling alone and desperate she looked up the local abortion provider and made an appointment. She explains, "I didn't stop to think, to pray, to question. I didn't consider any other option – I didn't think I had another choice." After the abortion she put away all of her feelings about what had happened. She graduated from college, worked, got married then got pregnant with her first child. Although joyful she also felt fear. She worried that, "I didn't deserve to have a baby. I had killed my baby – God would take this baby away from me as a punishment." He did not, and she went on to have three children. She took on the role of mother, rocking her children to sleep, pushing them on swings, and taking them for swim lessons but all the while felt a hole in her soul, not so much for the loss of her first child but for God. She felt separated from Him.

Through her thirties Brenda was outwardly a wife and mother but descended further into depression, anxiety and ultimately active alcoholism. She struggled with alcoholism for almost a decade. She sought treatment but said, "Nothing was touching it." Brenda also went through mental health treatments for the trauma of the rape and abortion but she still suffered, still drank. "It constantly weighed on my mind that I was in a state of mortal sin - I had killed my baby". Even after going to confession and receiving absolution she did not feel forgiven and continued to drink.

Somewhere along the way she learned about Project Rachel and 22 years after the rape and abortion, she summoned the courage to call. "I attended a one-day retreat in May, 2009. I was a mess, sick with fear and anger. I even took a few drinks that day to get myself to the retreat. Sitting in a room with other women who were in as much pain as I was, hearing their stories, sharing my own out loud, was an incredible relief."

The Project Rachel/Rachel's Vineyard retreat was the beginning of Brenda's journey back from the depths of alcoholism. She found her path to sobriety and a relationship with God. She said she, "found peace and forgiveness and mental wellness."

(Condensed from her story on Project Rachel website, hopeafterabortion.com)

Mass Intentions

Mon.	04/17/23	7:30 am	Deborah Patterson (SI)
Tues.	04/18/23	7:30 am	Joseph Cartoscelli (SI)
Wed.	04/19/23	7:30 am	No intention
Thurs.	04/20/23	7:30 am	Dorothy Churchill (D)
Fri.	04/21/23	7:30 am	Dorothy Churchill (D)
Sat.	04/22/23	5:30 pm	Richard Conner (D)
Sun.	04/23/23	9:00 am	MOMS (SI)

Reflecting on the Gospel



Tradition can be quick to judge Thomas for his reaction to the risen Christ. He does not take the disciples' claim lightly: "We have seen the Lord." Thomas asks for more. He asks to see and touch Jesus so that he too might come to believe. Thomas's doubt can be interpreted as a desire to dive deeper into the mystery of the resurrection. By all human logic, Jesus should still be dead. His heart stopped beating. His lungs stopped breathing. Jesus died, full stop. His resurrection three days later defies everything we thought to be true about the workings of the world.

The other disciples did not rejoice in belief until the resurrected Jesus showed them his wounds. They too needed to see. Who among us would not jump at the chance for a physical encounter with our Lord who lived and died and now lives again?

Jesus does not scold Thomas for his request. When he appears to the disciples a week later, Jesus gives Thomas exactly what he needs to believe. Jesus's invitation to touch, see, and believe in his resurrection is enough for Thomas to cry out: "My Lord and my God!" Did Thomas actually put his hands in Jesus's side? The gospel account does not say. But the invitation was enough for the doubter to make a profound declaration of faith. Jesus wants Thomas to believe. Jesus meets Thomas in his uncertainty and desire for more. Jesus gives Thomas what he needs to persevere on the path of faith.

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.