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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!




We are hoping to find a few volunteers who will help with daily hand watering at the rectory. It takes 15-20 minutes and is best done before 8:30 am. If you can help, please contact Rick at (530)265-5632.



OFFICE HOURS

Office hours for next week at St Canice will be held on:

Monday May 22 - 8 am to 2:30 pm
Tuesday May 23 - 8 am to 11:30 am



STELLAR
 Summer Faith Camp will run from June 19th - 23rd from 9:00 AM -12:30 PM.
 Registration: \$55.00 per child; T-shirt, CD & snacks included.
 Register by June 1st.
 if you have any questions, please reach out to Macy at stpatrickfaithcamp2022@gmail.com



LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
May 27-28, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat 5:30 pm	John Delgado, Jeff Hebert	Aidynn Salter	Christine Strohm	Judy McBride & Patti Favetti
Sun 9:00 am	Jake Dabis, Steve Baker		Doris Balog	Lillian Glaeser & Karen McDonald

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
May 14 & May 21st	Lillian Glaeser
May 28th & June 4th	Donna Roach

St. Canice Catholic Church
MAY 21, 2023
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



Alleluia, alleluia.
 I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.
 I will come back to you, and your hearts will rejoice.
 Alleluia, alleluia.

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Frank Lang Sr	Immaculate Conception	530-289-3644
Fr. James McKnight	Pastor Emeritus	

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,

During these weeks of Easter, most of my weekly columns have explained the meaning of the symbolism in our church. Next Sunday will be the last column that explains the different symbolism of our church but there are many details left to finish, the sound system one of the most important. We are slowly working on improving the sound system. I ask for your continued patience.

One of the things I enjoy the most is how I am able to gaze at the statues of our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph from the Celebrant's chair. What I am personally pleased about in the renovation of our church is how liturgical it is and how the beauty is truly an aid to prayer and contemplation. There are three features of this alcove that I enjoy very much. The first is the mural of the Holy Spirit, it takes its inspiration from the Annunciation when the Angel Gabriel tells our Blessed Mother that the Holy Spirit will come upon her and she will be overshadowed by the power of the Most High. (Luke 1:35).

Just like any family, the Holy Family, faced numerous difficulties and trials but because of their strong trust in God they overcame them. There are devotions related to both the 7 Sorrows and 7 joys of our Lady and St. Joseph which help us remember that they suffered great distress and overcame it because of their faith; that even in these moments they rejoiced in God's greatness and goodness. It was not their own grit but their faith; the power of the Most High which enabled them to remain steadfast in that faith.

The other two features are the Immaculate Heart of Our Lady and the Chaste Heart of St. Joseph. From a practical point of view, the two hearts connect this space to the devotional area of the Sacred Heart. These features, however, go beyond the practical. Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary goes back many centuries but was strongly spread by St. John Eudes. Devotion the Chaste Heart of St. Joseph is a more recent devotion that began in Brazil in the late 1990s. About five years ago, I celebrated the wedding of a couple who shared devotion to the "Three Hearts." The Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and the Chaste Heart of St. Joseph. All three hearts remind us of how we should love both God and neighbor, equally they remind us of how much God loves us.

The beauty in a church is not here for its own sake nor to simply please the eye or the heart. It is meant to raise our mind to Heaven, to draw us into prayer. At St. Canice there are two stained glass windows of Our Lady that inspire prayer, one of the Our Lady as a young girl and the other as the Immaculate Conception. I see this front the Celebrants Chair as well, in the back corner there is the statue of St. Anthony. He had a strong devotion to the Infant Jesus and the Most Blessed Sacrament. As we understand the role of beauty in the life of the Church, may it help us to draw closer to our Lord and God and encounter Him more deeply in the Sacred Mysteries we celebrate.

Your Father in Christ,
Father Estrella

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$ 2,544
Catholic Communications \$ 265



Upcoming Collections

May 20-21 School of Religion
May 27-28 Catholic Home Missions
June 3-4 No 2nd collection

Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon	Acts 19:1-8	Jn 16:29-33
Tues	Acts 20:17-27	Jn 17:1-11a (298)
Wed	Acts 20:28-38	Jn 17:11b-19 (299)
Thurs	Acts 23:6-11	Jn 17:20-26
Fri	Acts 25:13b-21	Jn 21:15-19 (301)
Sat	Acts 21:20-25	Jn 21:20-25 (302)
Sun	Acts 2:1-11 Eph 1 Cor 12:3b	Jn 20:19-23 (63)

QUO VADIS

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

BOYS (AGES 13-17) DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Boys ages 13-17 will learn about the Priesthood, Diaconate and Married Life. There will be time for fellowship, games, Mass, adoration, and more!

July 28 - 30, 2023
Trinity Pines Catholic Center
28000 Rollins Lake Road
Colfax, CA 95713
Cost: \$85 (includes room and meals)
Regular registration ends July 7. After July 7, late registration goes up to \$90. Registrations will not be accepted after July 17.

Download forms and register:
www.scd.org/quovadis

If you have any questions, please contact the Diocese of Sacramento Office of Vocations at 916-733-0258 or email msmith@scd.org

The Office of Priestly & Religious Vocations will be following CDC and diocesan guidelines, and will monitor COVID updates closer to the event. Thank you for your cooperation!



CULTURE OF LIFE

Do you remember the story of the Dionne Quintuplets of Canada who were born in 1934 and a year later taken as wards of the state

by the Canadian Government to provide the care the family supposedly could not and protect the children from possible exploitation? During the years of custody by the government the children were guarded in hospital-like compounds, allowed no contact with parents or other siblings, subjected to constant medical testing and exploited for financial gain. During that time the girls were cast in three movies, appeared in ads endorsing many products all the while being gawked at by millions of sightseers in a facility that became known as Quintland, the biggest tourist attraction in Canada at the time. After a long legal battle, the parents regain custody but the reunion was difficult and heartbreaking. The girls left home at 18 and severed contact with them. In 1998, after decades of dealings with psychological trauma and difficult lives, three surviving sisters sued the government for exploitation and removing them from their family, they received an apology and compensation.

Fast forward to 2023, California Assembly Bill "AB 665 would allow minors as young as 12 to consent to mental health treatment or place themselves into an outpatient residential shelter without parental consent or notification" You might wonder what child would seek to take advantage of this law? Critics who call this bill "state-sanctioned kidnapping" feel it will be used to remove trans-identified children from their home. They suggest school counselors are being trained to keep secrets from parents and are taking on an activist role to turn children against their parents. Social worker Pamala Garfield-Jeager testified, "Separating children from parents is one of the most traumatic things you can do to a child and should only be done as a last resort." Adding, "My 20 years of experience with families and children have taught me that conducting therapy without any parental input is not effective." Yet in California, in the name of protecting children from parents perceived to be inept, uninformed or dangerous our children can be provided abortions, mastectomies, gender therapy without parent knowledge or consent. If AB 655 is signed into law, children can be removed from their families and placed into a residential shelter by a government who thinks they can raise children better than their parents.

McLaughlin, Terry. "Did You Know?" The Union. May 4, 2023.

Parish Book Club Gathering

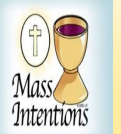
Monday, July 24, 2023



All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and St. Canice Book Club on Monday, July 24, 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 *Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey to Catholicism*, by Kimberly and Scott Hahn. 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 and cookies will be served.

Mass Intentions

Mon.	05/22/23	7:30 am	Jayne Babson (D)
Tues.	05/23/23	7:30 am	St. Canice Ladies' Guild Members
Past & Present			
Wed.	05/24/23	7:30 am	No intention
Thurs.	05/25/23	7:30 am	The Beltran Family
Fri.	05/26/23	7:30 am	No intention
Sat.	05/27/23	5:30 pm	Agnes Harman (D)
Sun.	05/28/23	9:00 am	Bernadette Benham (D)



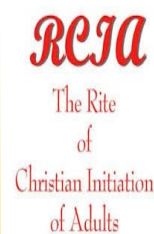
Reflecting on the Gospel

The ascension of the Lord ushers us into a week of waiting. Jesus has ascended into heaven and the Holy Spirit has not yet come down. Pentecost is still days away. Times of waiting can often be uncomfortable, yet this

unique time in the liturgical year affords us the space to step back with the original eleven disciples and ponder: What does Christ's resurrection mean for our lives? How can I carry the hope of Easter into the next season?

Relationships change. People constantly grow and evolve. Think back to a time when you reconnected with a longtime friend. This person cared for you at precious times in life and now has the chance to experience you in a new stage, perhaps as you wrestle with big questions or live more deeply into your callings. The disciples know what it is like to see a friend change. They accompanied Jesus throughout his earthly ministry. They witnessed his great care for the poor and compassion for the suffering. Then, Jesus died. The relationship necessarily changed. Perhaps some disciples even wondered if the relationship ended.

Then Jesus appeared to them days later in the upper room. The disciples reconnected with their beloved friend and Lord who just made a sacrifice that changed the world forever. How did their relationships with Christ change after the resurrection and at the time of his ascension? What about our relationships with Christ in what ways will the Easter victory impact your connection to Christ?



The next inquire session is Saturday June 17, from 9-11 am in the RCIA room at St. Cecilia's Center.

For more information, contact Traci at (530) 575-0176, or rcia@stppatrickgrassvalley.org