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St. Canice Catholic Church
JULY 2, 2023
13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Alleluia, alleluia.
 You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
 announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
 Alleluia, alleluia.

BOOKKEEPER POSITION

We are looking to recruit a bookkeeper to support our office team.
 The role is 15 hours a week to do the bookkeeping for St Canice and St Patrick's church.
 For more details, please email Father Estrella
 frestrella@stpatrickgrassvalley.org



The next inquire session is Saturday July 15, from 9-11 am in the RCIA room at St. Cecelia's Center.

RCIA
 The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

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

News from the OPENING DOORS MINISTRY


We are a Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation Program for adults who have special needs or developmental disabilities. We have just completed our 38th year serving those in St. Patrick and St. Canice parishes. Our lessons this past season focused on the family tree of Jesus from the Old Testament, and on the Holy Seasons of the Church. Music, storytelling and prayer are an important part of this program. Our "doors" are always open to both Catholics and non-Catholics.

The class will be starting up again in September 2023, Meeting on Sundays from 10am-11am. If you are interested, or know someone who is, please contact Helen Albano,(530) 210-1721.

Ministry Update

Funeral Mass and Rosary for Helen Whan will be on July 11 & 12.

Rosary July 11 at 5:30 P.M.
 Mass July 12 at 10:30 A.M.



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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	Eucharistic Adoration
Immaculate Conception Church 11:30 AM	Fri 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Mass Live-Stream	Rosary
Sunday 11:00 AM from St Patrick Church	Wednesday 8:00 AM

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
July 8-9, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat 5:30 pm	Jeff Hebert	Aidynn Salter	Christine Strohm	Judy McBride, Kevin Foley & Patti Favetti
Sun 9:00 am	Tom Seck & Terry Vanetten		Darlene Llach	Lillian Glaeser & Karen McDonald

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
July 9 & July 16	Barbara La Plante
July 23 & July 30	Christine Strohm

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,

The history of our diocese and parish is one that is intimately tied to the history of the United States and California, especially the Gold Rush. When the Apostolic Vicariate, which would later become the Diocese of Grass Valley (and later of Sacramento), was established the priest chosen to be the Vicar Apostolic and later, Bishop, was Fr. Eugene O'Connell. He was a priest and professor at the Irish seminary All Hallows. He appealed personally to Pope Pius IX to be relieved of this appointment and was denied. He told the Holy Father, *Damnatus sum ad metalla. This translates as "I have been damned to the mines."*

This reference is only about the mines in California but refers back to an ancient Roman practice that was used to martyr Christians, they would be condemned to the mines. The New Testament epistles are full of references to pray for those in authority over us. Both St. Paul and St. Timothy make explicit injunction to pray for those in leadership. St. Paul wrote such an injunction in his letter to the Romans during the reign of Emperor Nero, one of the cruelest of emperors. It remains an important part of our faith, indeed the Church enshrines this duty by placing a prayer for the world and its letters in the Universal Prayer of the Mass.

This week we will celebrate Independence Day, a reminder to us of the beginning of our nation and to recall the work we must do to be true to those beginnings. Our Patriotic Rosary is a wonderful opportunity for all of this. While America will never be the "Jerusalem" some of the Founding Fathers envisioned there is great hope for your nation and an equally great need for conversion so we can live up to the great hope we offer the world. A powerful part of praying for our nation is invoking the Precious Blood of our Lord at each Hail Mary for the 50 states. We also pray for the different levels of government. The Precious Blood of our Lord is powerful and as the month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of our Lord it seems to fit well with this prayer. I encourage us all to join us for the Rosary this July 4th at 7:40 AM, yes it's early but just think about the great spot you'll have for the parade after Mass! If you can't join us, please, pray the rosary that day for our nation.

Our role as faithful citizens goes beyond this rosary or praying for our leaders and government; we are meant by our faithful citizenship to transform the world and build up the kingdom of God on earth. As I have said before, it is us living as faithful Catholics that the world will become a better place. No matter our nationality, St. Paul reminds us that our citizenship is in Heaven. This not only the promise and hope of life in Heaven with God, nor is it a simply reminder that we are pilgrims on a journey through this life; it means we are meant to live in this world in a way that reflects our heavenly citizenship and the great gift and dignity of being God's own sons and daughters.

So, as we light up the grills and watch fireworks, let us seek the grace to live as faithful citizens working to build the Kingdom of God.

Your Father in Christ,
Father Estrella

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$ 2,221

Upcoming Collections

July 1-2 Peter's Pence
July 8-9 No 2nd collection
July 15-16 School of Religion



Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon	Eph 2:19-22	Jn 20:24-29 (593)
Tues	Gn 19:15-22	Mt 8:23-27 (378)
Wed	Gn 21:5	Mt 8:28-34 (379)
Thurs	Gn 22:1b-19	Mt 9:1-8 (380)
Fri	Gn 23:1-4	Mt 9:9-13 (381)
Sat	Gn 27:1-5	Mt 9:14-17 (382)
Sun	Zec 9:9-10 Rom 8:9	Mt 11:25-30 (100)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewardship Reflection on the Lectionary Readings (Homily Guide)
July 2, 2023 — Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 KGS 4:8-11, 14-16A; PS 89:2-3, 16-19; ROM 6:3-4, 8-11; MT 10:37-42

Today's readings take us back to one of the basics of stewardship living. They begin with the knowledge and faith that God created everything. We Christian Stewards are grateful for the uncountable gifts God has freely given each of us. Amen.

But then in today's gospel reading from Matthew 10, Jesus says unless you love me more than yourself, your parents, and your children, you are not worthy of me. Undoubtedly, for most of us, our immediate families are our greatest treasure. However, Jesus teaches us to go beyond the most important loves of our life if we want to follow Him and be worthy of His Kingdom.

Well, how does Jesus tell us to become worthy of Him and the Father? He says, "Take up your cross." What does that mean, fellow stewards? Most of us experience daily challenges and struggles amongst the people we love most. We all do and usually we accept them by God's grace. That's good. But then Jesus tells us to go beyond mere acceptance of these daily sufferings. Rather, Jesus says to take on the burdens and sufferings of others, especially the poor.

So, what's the bottom line? Everyday, we should ask the Lord to provide each of us opportunities to alleviate the burdens of others. How can I lessen their burden despite the fact I have my own? Seek out the sufferings of others and respond. Open your eyes and look - you will see them. By this practice of Christian Stewardship, we will know we love God above all the other gifts that we have been given.

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CULTURE OF LIFE

God Bless America



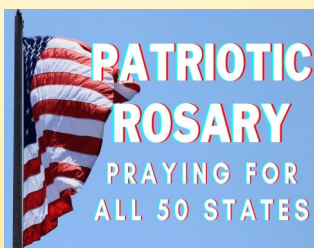
In the summer of 1776, 56 men of the North American Colonies bravely signed a document that they fully understood was a treasonous act against England carrying with it the penalty of death. This document proclaimed in the preamble that all men are created equal with unalienable rights including Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. They risked their

homes, their livelihoods and their lives so that a new nation would emerge and we, 247 years later, could thrive in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

What became of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence? "Five signers were captured by the British and brutally tortured as traitors. Nine fought in the Revolutionary War and died from wounds or hardships. Two lost their sons in the war, and two others had sons captured. At least a dozen of the 56 had their homes pillaged and burned." What happened to the Signers? www.self-gov.org/liberator/

Today in America the right to life no longer applies to all and its protection varies from state to state. Lives still being nurtured in their mother's womb and the lives of those who through depression, illness, old age and disabilities are seen as "better off dead" are no longer protected by our government. Even worse, they are assisted in death through laws, programs and financial aid. 247 years ago, men stood against tyranny and risked their lives for the common good and the opportunity to build a new nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all. Let us pray that with courage and perseverance we will continue to dream their dream and fight their fight.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH ON TUESDAY JULY 4 AT 7:40 AM



Prayer For Our Nation

On Tuesday, July 4, there will be a Patriotic Rosary prayed at St. Patrick starting at 7:40 am and followed by Mass at 8:30. You and your entire family are invited to join in praying for our nation – its freedoms, its greatness, its protection, its strength.

Please join us in praying the rosary for our nation. We will hear the words of our Founding Fathers, as relevant today as ever in our history. We pray individually for each state in our nation and each person in that state. Please join us as we lift our voices in singing our patriotic hymns following each decade of the rosary.

Do bring your children and grandchildren, your entire family, your friends so that they too can experience the virtue of patriotism and love of country and so that they can pray alongside you in thanksgiving for the many freedoms we experience.

Mass Intentions



Mon.	07/03/23	7:30 am	No intention
Tues.	07/04/23	7:30 am	No intention
Wed.	07/05/23	7:30 am	No intention
Thurs.	07/06/23	7:30 am	Past and Present members of the Men's Guild
Fri.	07/07/23	7:30 am	No intention
Sat.	07/08/23	5:30 pm	St Canice Parishioners
Sun.	07/09/23	9:00 am	No intention

Reflecting on the Gospel

In his rule for monastic living, St. Benedict calls on his brothers to "receive all as Christ." Hospitality is a hallmark of Benedictine spirituality and the broader Christian life. We need not be monks or nuns to practice the radical hospitality called for in St. Benedict's Rule and today's gospel. Jesus puts himself in the place of a guest when he tells his apostles: "Whoever receives you received me." He ups the ante even further by adding: "and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

To welcome another person is to welcome God, the source of all life, and Christ's very self. For all people are made in the image of God. God dwells within and among each one of us. The friend and the foe, the loved one and the stranger, the joyful, the hurting, the weary and the lost everyone reflects the image of God in a unique way and deserves to be treated as such.



What does it look like to receive or welcome another as Christ? How can we answer Jesus's call to take up our cross and follow him? Discipleship demands a radical embrace of the divine in our daily lives. Maybe that looks like seeking forgiveness from a colleague.

Maybe it looks like welcoming the pain of unhoused neighbors into your heart and allowing it to move you to action. Maybe the radical welcome to which Jesus calls us looks as simple as offering a "hi, how are you?" to the person sitting by themselves a few pews over. As we move into a new week, consider how you can take up the Christian call to receive others as if you are receiving Christ's very self.

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.