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St. Canice Catholic Church
JULY 16, 2023
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Alleluia, alleluia.
 The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.
 All who come to him will have life forever.
 Alleluia, alleluia.

MAKING A COMMITMENT TO SPIRITUALLY ADOPT AND PRAY FOR TRAFFICKED CHILDREN



In response to the movie, "Sound of Freedom" in making aware the plight of trafficked children, please make a commitment to spiritually adopt and pray the following prayer daily for a trafficked child known to God alone:
 "Through the mercy of Jesus and with the Father and Holy Spirit, I spiritually adopt this child, this victim of trafficking, and ask through your mercy and love, that you send your angels to release her/him into your protection. Jesus you said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.' Through the intercession of your Blessed Mother Mary and St. Joseph, and all the holy saints, I pray. Amen."

Thank you, Helen Albano (530)210-1721



MT. ST. MARY'S ACADEMY IS NOW ENROLLING:



PRESCHOOL and TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN age students. AGES (3-5 years old)

- *Small class sizes (space limited)
- *Qualified teachers with over 20 years of experience
- *Preschool age 3-4 years

*Transitional Kindergarten age 4-5 years (4 years old by Sept 1st)
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<p>Mass Schedule</p> <p>Weekday (M-F) 7:30 AM Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM Sunday 9:00 AM Immaculate Conception Church 11:30 AM</p> <p>Mass Live-Stream Sunday 11:00 AM from St Patrick Church</p>	<p>Confession Friday 8:00 AM Saturday 4:00 PM (or by appt)</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration Fri 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM</p> <p>Rosary Wednesday 8:00 AM</p>
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
July 22-23, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat 5:30 pm	Jeff Hebert	Aidynn Salter	Kevin Foley	Patti Favetti, Meghan Salter & Christine Strohm
Sun 9:00 am	Tom Seck & Terry Vanetten		Doris Balog	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,

This past week there was a comment made by a Portuguese bishop that the goal of World Youth Day is not to convert young people to Christ or to the Catholic Church. He later clarified that he was misquoted and the larger context of that statement was that World Youth Day is meant to be an encounter with God. I was questioned about what he meant and from there found the topic for this week's column. What this bishop said is true in that a true encounter with God will ultimately lead to an encounter with Christ who is God made man. It is the mission of the Church to help with one experience that encounter and through both the doctrine and sacramental life of the Church come to know our Lord more fully.

On Wednesday, I assisted Bishop Soto at funeral Mass of a deacon in Sacramento, as he often does, at the end of the Mass (the preacher was a close deacon friend of the deceased deacon) Bishop Soto offered his own words about the deacon and offered some consolation to the deceased. He began by reminding us of the centrality of the Incarnation and how our God, because of that Incarnation shares in our human experience. I would suggest that in the Eucharist, the Incarnation and the Death and Resurrection of our Lord meet. This is why devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament is such an integral part of our faith and why so many experience conversions through Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

There is a closeness between God and His people that is at the heart of our religion and God's own self-revelation. If we can find ways to share that closeness with others, then we have found the way we are supposed to share the gospel. It can be scary because sharing our faith makes us vulnerable. Will people laugh at us? Mock us? Will they stop being our friend? If there is a real fear that anything like these are true, then perhaps we don't need that friendship. If it is a close family member, we must love them more and pray for them more as well. Sometimes we can engage with them but many times it is our prayer and the work of others that will bring them to faith.

In just under two weeks I will leave for World Youth Day with 23 other pilgrims from our parish. We might end up with St. Joseph's Lincoln and join 32 pilgrims from there to go to Portugal. Please keep us in your prayers so that we all might benefit from our encounter with our Lord in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. While it seems daunting, I am eager for the experience and grace it brings. As we spend these days on pilgrimage, we will be praying for you all as well. I will remember you all as I offer Mass in these holy places and at the closing Mass when I have the great privilege to concelebrate with the Holy Father.

Your Father in Christ,
Father Estrella

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$ 4,140



Upcoming Collections

July 15-16 School of Religion
July 22-23 No 2nd collection
July 29-30 Interfaith Food Ministry

Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon	Ex 1:8-14,22	Mt 10:34 (389)
Tues	Ex 2:1-15a	Mt 11:20-24
Wed	Ex 3:1-6	Mt 11:25-27 (391)
Thurs	Ex 3:13-20	Mt 11:28-30 (392)
Fri	Ex 11:10	Mt 12:1-8 (393)
Sat	Sg 3:1-4b	Mt 12:1-8 (393)
Sun	Wis 12:13 Rom 8:26-27	Mt 13:24-30 (106)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewardship Reflection on God's Divine Word



Practicing Christian Stewards are instructed in today's readings that God's divine word ought to be the central, organizing power and principle of our lives. Otherwise, we will bear no fruit.

Do worldly concerns take a dominating presence in your mind? Do activities of daily living choke off your interest and curiosity in the Word of God?

Are you too busy to pray? When the sower spreads His divine word, is our soil rich and ready to receive the gift of God's word?

The rich soil in today's parable is characterized by our ability to understand the faith. The rich soil is also marked by perseverance discipline, and practicing the faith everyday so as not to fall away. And finally, the rich soil processes a keen sense of prioritizing the word of God, so that it comes first, not to be neglected, while the rest of our priorities are positioned in the right order. Rich soil is cultivated in daily Prayer.

When that rich soil is embedded in our hearts, then the seed and soil will yield great fruit a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. This is the vision of Stewardship way of life - an orchard of abundant Fruit that we share with the world.

Bishop Robert Barron/ Word on Fire

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CULTURE OF LIFE

Plan A: Chastity Plan B: Emergency Contraception



Plan B: The morning-after emergency contraception pill is being made available on college campuses via vending machines. Since the overturn of Roe there has been a push on college campuses to expand the availability of cheap, discreet emergency contraception. Plan B One-Step (levonorgestrel) has been approved by the FDA and is available as an over-the-counter drug in all 50 states. It is usually sold at a pharmacy where instructions and side

effects could be provided however that doesn't meet the above criteria of cheap and discreet. According to the Mayo Clinic website, levonorgestrel does not end a pregnancy that has implanted, but it works primarily by delaying or preventing ovulation. "Primarily"? There are conflicting opinions as to whether it is an abortifacient that prevents a fertilized egg from implanting. It does have possible side effects such as nausea or vomiting, breast tenderness, unusual bleeding and abdominal cramps. At best it is 89% effective, it must be used within a specific window of time and is not designed as a primary form of birth control. These and more important details and cautions are not readily available and more than likely overlooked when the drug is purchased from a vending machine.



Plan A: Where can a young person find information on Chastity on a college campus? Not likely at the health office, Personal Health classes or Planned Parenthood. Do our children and grandchildren know that the Catholic Church advocates chastity outside and inside of marriage and that outside of marriage it is expressed as sexual abstinence. Are they

taught that the use of artificial contraception is considered intrinsically evil as it usurps the natural way of conception? Are they aware that premarital sex and the use of artificial contraception are grave sins?

Our secular society enthusiastically steps in after the sexual activity has taken place providing Plan B to artificially prevent pregnancies and even worse terminate them through free abortions (Plan C?) But what is being done to teach and support Plan A? There is so much more that can be done, that must be done.

The Culture of Life Ministry typically meets on the first Monday of the month We would welcome your thoughts and suggestions regarding this most distressing and frightening situation. Doing nothing just does not seem an appropriate option. We hope you will feel compelled to join us with any of your ideas.

MT. ST. MARY'S ACADEMY TEACHER POSITION



Fifth Grade Teacher and a First Grade Teacher

Mt. St. Mary Academy is seeking a Fifth Grade Teacher and a First Grade Teacher for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested in joining the MSM team, send your resume

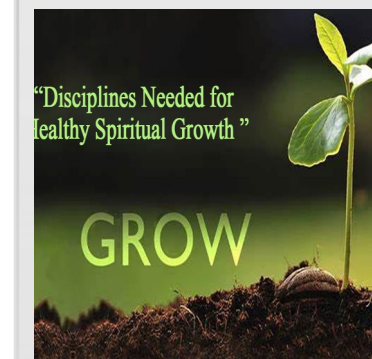
Mass Intentions



Mon.	07/17/23	7:30 am	No intention
Tues.	07/18/23	7:30 am	Joseph Cartoscelli (D)
Wed.	07/19/23	7:30 am	Aaron Bailey (SI)
Thurs.	07/20/23	7:30 am	Dorothy Churchill (D)
Fri.	07/21/23	7:30 am	No intention
Sat.	07/22/23	5:30 pm	The Blake Family (SI)
Sun.	07/23/23	9:00 am	Christopher Weber (SI)

Reflecting on the Gospel

Today's readings teach us about the word of God. Three characteristics stand out. First, the word of God is expansive. The prophet Isaiah offers a beautiful image of the word of God coming down from heaven like rain and snow, with enough strength to nourish the whole world. God sends out God's word to the ends of the earth. Like rain and snow, God's word gets to work sparking growth and new life in all who encounter it. God's reach knows no bounds. Where do you experience the expansiveness of God's word?



The word of God is also contextual. In the gospel parable of the sower and the seed, Jesus lays out a variety of options for where the seeds can land and image for how people can receive God's word. Some people are not prepared to

absorb the word of God, like seeds on the path. Others find great joy in God's word at first but cannot sustain it. They are like seeds sown on rocky ground. Still others deal with anxieties and temptations that make it nearly impossible to truly take in the word of God, like seeds sown among thorns. The word of God does not change, but the context of the hearer makes a big difference in how well it will be received. How might you cultivate rich soil to truly hear the word of God this week?

Finally, today's readings show the connection between the word of God and the natural world. Both Isaiah and Jesus use nature imagery to teach about God's word for it is not stuck somewhere in the heavens out of reach. Rather, the word of God is all around us, ready to be discovered and engaged. Spend some prayerful time in nature this week and listen for God's revelation.