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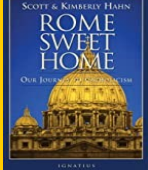


St. Canice Catholic Church
JULY 23, 2023
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME




Alleluia, alleluia.
 Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
 you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Parish Book Club Gathering
BOOK CLUB ON MONDAY, JULY 24 IN THE SMALL HALL



All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the Book Club on Monday, July 24, at 1:30 P. M. in the Small Hall at St. Patrick's Church. We will be discussing *Rome Sweet Home: Our Journey to Catholicism*, by Kimberly and Scott Hahn.

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS
Wednesday July 26



The Circle of Friends meeting is going to be a BBQ at the Oregon Creek Day Use Area starting at 10 AM. Address: CA-49, Camptonville, CA 95922.
 If you would like to join, please contact Dolores at 530-263-6537.

THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASSES FROM FRIDAY, JULY 28 TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 AT ST. CANICE CHURCH.



All WEEKDAY MORNING Masses at St. Canice Church from Friday, July 28 to Tuesday, August 8 are cancelled as Fr. Estrella will be attending World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal.
 WEEKDAY MORNING masses at St. Patrick's Church will continue during this time!

MT. ST. MARY'S ACADEMY FOURTH GRADE TEACHER POSITION.



Mt. St. Mary Academy is seeking a FOURTH Grade Teacher for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. If you are interested in joining the MSM team, send your resume to ewood@mtstmarys.org.

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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 29-30, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat 5:30 pm	Jeff Hebert	Aidynn Salter	Christine Strohm	Patti Favetti, Meghan Salter & Kevin Foley
Sun 9:00 am	Tom Seck & Terry Vanetten		Michelle McIntosh	Lillian Glaeser & Karen McDonald

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
July 23rd & July 30th	Christine Strohm
Aug 6th & Aug 13th	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,

One of my favorite professors in seminary is the now abbot of Mt. Angel Abbey, Fr. Jeremy Driscoll. He is a very passionate and intelligent theologian. Our first class with him was an introduction to theology which was done through reflection on the Mass and its various parts and prayers. We enjoyed the class very much and often wished we had it before Mass instead of after. To this day it still shapes my own theological reflection.

In one of our classes, Father had us pray together all out loud, about 25 odd men all saying different prayers at different speeds and voices-it was quite the circus of sounds! After a minute or so it became quite unbearable, and so Father made us stop and chant the "Easter Alleluia." The Alleluia is most commonly sung at Easter. In an instant that horrific sound of 25 competing voices was changed into a beautiful, crisp, chant of "alleluia" that almost sounded as if it were only one voice.

During Holy Week, because the confessionals were not finished, I would play chant and sacred music through the church as we heard confessions. The sounds filled our beautiful church and provided a prayerful background to the recollected experience of Reconciliation. In Hispanic culture it is considered disrespectful to listen to music for at least 40 days as a sign of mourning. When my grandmother passed I observed this custom. Music is such an integral part of our life and is used to express many things and emotions. Yet in the context of the Mass, music has a nobler purpose.

The primary reason for music at Mass isn't to adorn the ritual to make it more expressive or lively, nor to express or evoke a sentiment. Imagine if we sang "Immaculate Mary" as the entrance on Easter Sunday or "Away in a Manger" for Communion on Ash Wednesday! While these examples are absurd, it makes the point-liturgical music serves a purpose we often miss. It is meant to draw us into the mystery being celebrated and express the unity of the Church manifest in the liturgical action.

During the reforms of the liturgy following the Second Vatican Council, our Holy Father, Paul VI, was fond of saying, "sing the Mass, don't sing at Mass." In the mid 1960's a document came out called *Musicam Sacram* which was meant to help implement the direction of the council regarding sacred music. Prior to *Musicam Sacram* a Mass was either read (think daily Mass) or sung (think Easter Sunday) there was no in between. In the 1950's permission was given for vernacular hymns to be sung. This was often done independent of what the priest was doing and had to end as to not interfere with certain parts.

All the popes since Paul VI have affirmed not only this document but others reaching as far back to the Pope St. Pius X. It is because of the guidance given in these documents that we sing so much of the Mass. *Musicam Sacram* lays out a hierarchy of what should be sung. First the exchanges between the priest and people, then the fixed parts of Mass (e.g. Lord have mercy, Glory to God, Holy, Holy Holy etc.) and lastly the variable or proper parts e.g. entrance antiphon or hymn. It is always a joyful and inspiring thing to hear our church "shake with the mighty voices of the people" as we "lift up our hearts to the Lord our God."

Your Father in Christ,
Father Estrella

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,

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$ 2,844
School of Religion \$ 763

Upcoming Collections

July 22-23 No 2nd collection
July 29-30 Interfaith Food Ministry
Aug 5-6 No 2nd collection



Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon, 7/24	Ex 14:5-18	Mt 12:38-42 (395)
Tues, 7/25	2 Cor 4:7-15	Mt 120:20-28 (605)
Wed, 7/26	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15	Mt 13:1-9 (397)
Thurs, 7/27	Ex 19:1-2,9-11, 16-20b	Mt 13:10-17 (398)
Fri, 7/28	Ex 10:1-17	Mt 13:18-23 (399)
Sat, 7/29	Ex 24:3-8 (400)	Jn 11:19-27
Sun, 7/30	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Rom 8:28-30	Mt 13:44-52

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



In today's gospel, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to His church, where both wheat and weeds have been sown. God allows the weeds to grow with the wheat for His purposes, typically veiled or hidden from us. For example, God permitted Judas to act unjustly to allow Jesus to complete His Father's mission. The Stewardship way of life instructs us on how to respond to the wheat and weeds of daily living by first praying and listening to God's will in silence before we speak or take action. This formula, properly understood and practiced, is full proof if we only trust God's love for each of us and His church. In the kingdom of God, both wheat and weeds are permitted to grow and only at the harvest time are they separated, or judged by Jesus himself.

Let us remain faithful to the mission entrusted to our care for the building of the kingdom of heaven - especially our church.

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CULTURE OF LIFE

"The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government." Thomas Jefferson



The overturning of Roe v Wade did not make abortion illegal rather it determined it was not a constitutional right. Pro-lifers went into action and 25 states passed laws to protect unborn babies. Seventeen of the 25 states have protection during all 9 months, four states protect the life of babies once their heartbeat is detected, two at 12 weeks, one at 15 weeks when the child is pain capable, and one with laws that are currently stalled in state courts. Catholic Hospitals and Doctors have been protected since 1973 from being forced to perform sterilization procedures and abortions.

However, protection for unborn babies, hospitals and doctors is under attack due to the 2022 Biden Executive Order directing the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to safeguard and expand abortion, both medical and surgical.

The non-profit law firm Thomas More Society, championing Life, Family and Freedom, sees the order and the troubling letter written by HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra to clarify the Executive Order as a threat "to turn every hospital emergency department into an abortion facility." "The letter states that when a pregnant woman has an emergency medical condition and abortion is allegedly the 'stabilizing treatment necessary to resolve that condition, the physician **must provide**' an abortion." The Becerra letter also firmly states, "when a state law prohibits abortion and does not include an exception for the life and health of the pregnant person (...) **that state law is preempted.**" [emphasis added] Thomas More Society stands firm in the belief that abortion is not health care and that it is never necessary and it urgently warns that even states with strong protection for the unborn are at risk. Committed to fighting this injustice the Thomas More Society is assisting the Catholic Bishops of Texas and other Catholic organizations in the State of Texas v. Becerra case currently before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit. Let us

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



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- *Transitional Kindergarten age 4-5 years (4 years old by Sept 1st)

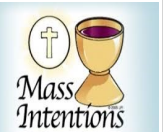
*Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten teachers collaborate to be sure children are successfully ready for each milestone year

*Priority registration for Kindergarten

*Full day program (8am-3pm) after school care available beginning August 16th.

Call 530-272-4694 to schedule an interview. (Summer office hours Tues, Wed, Thurs. 9am-3pm)

Mass Intentions



Mon.	07/24/23	7:30 am	Ann Dermody (D)
Tues.	07/25/23	7:30 am	No intention
Wed.	07/26/23	7:30 am	No intention
Thurs.	07/27/23	7:30 am	No intention
Fri.	07/28/23	7:30 am	No intention
Sat.	07/29/23	5:30 pm	Joe Messmen(D)
Sun.	07/30/23	9:00 am	Frank and Teresa Aragona(D)

Reflecting on the Gospel

Jesus lays out a feast of parables in today's gospel. Last week, we took in the parable of the sower and the seed. You may recall issues that some seeds faced just getting into the ground like rough soil and thorns. It seemed at least somewhat left up to chance which seeds prospered and which did not. The first of this week's parables introduces new problems for the crops: weeds and intentionality. Any farmer or gardener knows the pain that comes with weeds, which take significant time to uproot and can spread quickly. One wrong move

and the good crops surrounding the weeds can be ruined. The weeds in today's parable did not appear by a stroke of bad luck, either. When asked where the weeds came from, the master of the house offers an ominous reply: "An enemy has done this."

This parable points to the reality of evil in the world. Jesus is acknowledging that there are forces at work that want to see good falter and often, these forces persist. Like pesky weeds that will nonstop spreading, forces of evil continue to wreak havoc on our world. We need only consider the realities of racism, sexism, violence, and the many other forms of hate to realize how widespread the weeds have grown.

Still, in the end, let us hold out hope that God the master gardener can and will separate the good plants from the evil weeds. God who made heaven and earth will surely make all things right in the end.

BOOKKEEPER POSITION

We are still 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. Please let us know if you are interested about this bookkeeping position or if you know someone that would be interested. For more details please email Father Estrel-

