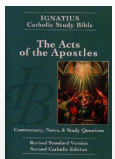


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Bible Study Starting in September for St. Canice and St. Patrick.

Study the The Acts of the Apostles, with insightful commentary by Biblical Scholar Scott Hahn. Learn how the Church of Jesus grew and spread after His resurrection, and how the outpouring of the Holy Spirit became the ultimate realization of the promises of Abraham. This Bible Study starts September 6, 2023, Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 in St. Patrick's Hall. Registration forms are available in the Bulletin today. For more information, contact Gere Welden, 530-264-7638 or Mike Maples, 805-478-2264.

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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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!


ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR AT ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

It's that time of year again to reserve your booth at the CLRS annual craft fair. Booth fee is \$40 for the two day event. Craft fair dates are Saturday Nov 4th & Sunday Nov 5th. For questions or to reserve a booth please contact: Kathy Souders ksouders@gmail.com (530) 263-5767

THERE WILL BE NO MORNING MASSES FROM MONDAY, JULY 30 TO TUESDAY, AUGUST 8 AT ST. CANICE CHURCH.

All WEEKDAY MORNING Masses at St. Canice Church from Monday, July 30 to Tuesday, August 8 are CANCELLED.
WEEKDAY MORNING masses at 8:30 am at St. Patrick's Church will continue during this time!

St. Canice Catholic Church
JULY 30, 2023
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

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Mass Schedule
Weekday (M-F) 7:30 AM
Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM
Immaculate Conception Church 11:30 AM

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

Confession
Friday 8:00 AM
Saturday 4:00 PM (or by appt)

Eucharistic Adoration
Fri 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

Rosary
Wednesday 8:00 AM

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Aug 5-6, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat 5:30 pm	Mike Cartan Mike Blake	Aidynn Salter	Meghan Salter	Christine Strohm, Judy McBride & Kevin Foley
Sun 9:00 am	Scott McIntosh & Ray James		Diana Garbin	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.

Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon, 7/30	Ex 32:15-24	Mt 13:31-35 (401)
Tues, 8/1	Ex 33:7-11	Mt 13:36-46 (402)
Wed, 8/2	Ex 34:29-35	Mt 13:44-46 (403)
Thurs, 8/3	Ex 40:16-21	Mt 13:47-53 (404)
Fri, 8/4	Lv 23:1,4-11	Mt 13:54-58 (405)
Sat, 8/5	Lv 25:1,8-7	Mt 14:1-12 (406)
Sun, 8/6	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19	Mt 17:1-9 (614)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our Return to God
Last week Reg collection \$ 2,522

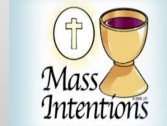
Upcoming Collections
July 29-30 Interfaith Food Ministry
Aug 5-6 No 2nd collection
Aug 12-13 Latin America



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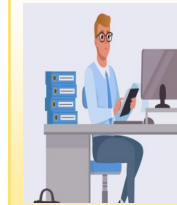
Mass Intentions

Mon. 07/31/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Tues. 08/01/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Wed. 08/02/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Thurs. 08/03/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Fri. 08/04/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Sat. 08/05/23	5:30 pm	Messmen Family (SI)
Sun. 08/06/23	9:00 am	Vincenca Aquila (D)



Mass
Intentions

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 Estrella frestrella@stpatrickgrassvalley.org

Dear Family,

Not many of you will be surprised by this but one of my fondest memories of Sunday was Sunday Dinner, usually because that was the day of the week we had dessert. As my sisters got married and started their own families we would all come back to our parents' house for dinner. My parish had a Mass at 4:30 and so I would pick up a pie on the way over to dinner. I am fortunate to often have Sunday dinner in many of your homes. Week before last, at a daily Mass, the Gospel was about the Sabbath and so as I meditated on that I spent some time thinking about Sunday as a day rest-well as you know, for a priest it's anything but a day of rest. But it is still a wonderful day!

In the early days of the Church, Christians observe the Jewish Sabbath and then early Sunday morning gather for the celebration of the Eucharist to commemorate the Lord's Day, the Day of Resurrection. They also fasted on Friday in memory of His Passion, the genesis of Friday abstinence. Quickly the celebration of the Lord's Day surpassed the observance of the Sabbath. The concept of Sabbath is not just a day of rest but a day of recreation. When God first created Adam and Eve, He gave them the command to subdue the earth; it was only after the fall that it became burdensome and we had to toil.

The obligation of attending Mass on Sunday is meant to remind us that we have been recreated, in the waters of Baptism and inserted into the very life of God by the Sacraments. Feed by the Body and Blood of Christ we are meant to be transformed and strengthened to live this new life of grace given to us. Sunday Mass is only the minimum to ensure we sustain the recreation of our soul in Baptism. We are meant to spend the day free from labor so that we enjoy the communion with God and each other that comes from the Holy Mass.

I might have shared this before, but I often find great delight and feel much gratitude when closing the church, especially on a Sunday. There's a difference in the church after the busyness of Sunday, the smell of incense and beeswax fills the air, the sun beginning its descent shines through the stained glass of the sanctuary, the sounds of worship that filled the church slowly ease out. It's then the blessed rest of Sunday begins to fill my soul. Then I nap and off to dinner.

How do you spend Sunday? I hope you find time to rest and pray, setting aside the million and one tasks that await us. Sunday is a day of rest so that we can be recreated. As you're reading this, our World Youth Day pilgrims and I are more than likely going to be winding down our Sunday and I'm sure I'll be looking forward to the quiet of my room. I'll be united to you from a distance as I offered Mass for parishioners, so please spare a little prayer for us and see you soon!

Your Father in Christ, Father Estrella

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

The stewardship way of life could be described as a daily pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. In our Gospel passage from Matthew today, Jesus employs three parables to describe His kingdom.

Today's parables - the buried treasure, fine pearls, and fish - our Lord reminds us that living for Him and for His kingdom will be costly. He instructs us to invest everything in His Kingdom so that the deep joy and wisdom that comes in following Him makes the "price" entailed worth it.

Like young King Solomon, in our first reading, we can then say, "Lord, give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong." When we receive the gift of wisdom, like Solomon, we will know how to share our gifts in God's Kingdom for His glory and purposes.

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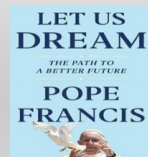
SECOND COLLECTION ON AUGUST 12-13



Bishop Octavio Cisneros invites you to help strengthen families, fund Catholic education, and foster priestly and religious vocations by giving to the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For over 50 years, Catholics in the United States have expressed solidarity with the Church from Mexico to the Caribbean, to the southern tip of South America through the Collection.

<https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-latin-america/collection-church-latin-america-resources>

Another Exciting Book Club Gathering



Monday, September 25, 2023. All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and St. Canice Book Club on Monday, September 25, 2023 at 1:30 P. M. in the Small Hall. We will be discussing Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future, by Pope Francis. 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, tea, and cookies will be served.

CULTURE OF LIFE Life and Dignity of the Human Person

"The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society.", states the USCCB. The understanding that Human life, from conception to natural death, is sacred because God is its source is reiterated over and over again in Catholic teaching. But society lacks consensus on when life begins and when it ends. The definition is debated and manipulated



depending on how it supports or undermines the needs of the organization, business or government. We are all familiar with the question of when life begins as it relates to abortion but there are indicators that *the powers that be are being driven to revise the definition of brain death. What might be the motivation?*

Recently the USCCB and the National Catholic Bioethics Center have raised concerns that the Uniform Law Commission (ULC) is moving to revise the definition of brain death without relying on "compelling scientific evidence" to do so. The ULC is a nonprofit group based in Chicago that drafts model legislation for U.S. lawmakers. At its upcoming annual meeting the group will debate The Uniform Determination of Death Act, that it first proposed in 1981 and has since been adopted by most state legislatures. To be discussed is a proposal to replace the brain-death standard of "irreversible cessation" with permanent "coma" and "loss of brainstem reflexes". The Catholic bishops and the bioethics center's letter raise concern that a new definition "would replace the standard of whole brain death with one of partial brain death." "The basis for our objection is that the proposed revision will allow patients who exhibit partial brain function to be declared 'legally dead' when they are not biologically dead."

It makes one wonder, what is the motivation to establish a less stringent definition of death? Indicators point to the critical shortage of organs and organ donors. Fortunately, the Catholic Church has a stand on this topic as well and while Catholic ethical teaching acknowledges organ donation as a generous act it states that it can only be performed when the proper conditions are met. Will the revised definition of death still meet those conditions? We should all be thankful our Catholic Church continues to fight for the LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON.

For more information see the sourced article from the Catholic News Agency by Daniel Payne, U.S. *bishops warn against proposed change to definition of brain death.*

Reflecting on the Gospel

How does God appear to you? In today's first reading, God comes to Solomon in a dream. Several biblical figures receive a calling or message from God while they sleep-prophets like Daniel and Samuel as well as Joseph, the father of Jesus. These appearances are certainly valid. Perhaps even some of you have encountered God in a dream.



But this is not the only way in which God makes Godself known to us. Some people meet God in the daily praying of Scripture. Others encounter God while outside in nature or gathered around a table of

dear friends. If you struggle to know how or where to encounter God, do not worry. You are in the right place. God is fully present each time we gather for Eucharist. In the bread, wine, and gathered assembly, God is here imparting wisdom and nourishment for our journeys.

"The kingdom of heaven is like... For the last few weeks, we have heard Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven to many things: a merchant searching for pearls, a net thrown into the sea, a person who sows seeds in good soil, and more. Jesus uses metaphors as a tool for teaching about God's ways that are beyond human understanding. God's kingdom cannot be distilled into one statement. God's kingdom is too vast, too mysterious to be fully known and explained. Jesus points us to familiar images with the hopes that we might come to know just a small sliver about the glory that awaits us.

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