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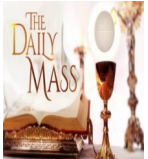
St. Canice Catholic Church
AUGUST 6, 2023
THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



Alleluia, alleluia.
 This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
 listen to him.
 Alleluia, alleluia.

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY AUGUST 15TH
 Please join us for Mass on Tuesday, August 15th to celebrate the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven. This is the feast in which the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven.
 MASS SCHEDULE
 August 15 at 7:30 AM
 5:30 PM

Ladies Guild Meeting August 10th
 Join us for our Ladies Guild meeting on Thursday, August 10th at 10:30 Am at St Canice Center. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.



We are resuming morning Mass at St. Canice Church on August 9th.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Aug 12-13, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat 5:30 pm	Mike Cartan Mike Blake	Aidynn Salter	Kevin Foley	Christine Strohm, Patti Favetti & Meghan Salter
Sun 9:00 am	Scott McIntosh & Ray James		Bob Glaeser	Lillian Glaeser & Karen McDonald

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
Aug 6th & Aug 13th	Karen Colwell
Aug 20th & Aug 27th	Elizabeth Grizard

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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

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, 8/7	Nm 11:4b-15	Mt 14:13-21 (407)
Tues, 8/8	Nm 12:1-13	Mt 14:22-36 (408)
Wed, 8/9	Nm 13:1-2, 25	Mt 15:21-28 (409)
Thurs, 8/10	2 Cor 9:6-10	Jn 12:24-26 (618)
Fri, 8/11	Dt 4:32-40	Mt 16:24-28 (411)
Sat, 8/12	Dt 6:4-13	Mt 17:14-20 (412)
Sun, 8/13	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5	Mt 14:22-33 (115)

Dear Family,

I'm writing this on Thursday the 27th of July, barely able to concentrate as my mind wanders to World Youth Day and the packing I have to finish. When you read this we will have finished World Youth Day and will enjoy some time on the beach waiting for the crowds to disperse. I'm sure there will be many moments to reflect upon and unfold the graces our Lord has given us. While I'm looking forward to the experience, I know I'll be glad to be home, back in my parish with my people.

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of our Lord, there was once a solemnity of this on July 1. Devotion to the Precious Blood is a powerful thing and one I encourage us to develop. The Blood of our Lord is precious because it is the blood poured out on the Cross for our salvation, it is the blood that won us back for God. It is the only human blood which has the great worth and dignity of divinity. It is a powerful invocation in times of temptation, in those moments when everything seems to be going wrong and when we feel that there is truly an attack by the enemy.

There is a litany to the Precious Blood as well, but any prayer where we invoke it over a person or situation is powerful on its own. St. Ambrose composed a beautiful prayer that includes the line, "remember the creature You have redeemed with Your own Blood." There are many people who pray this at the elevation of the Chalice. I personally like a line from the hymn Adoro Te Devote by St. Thomas Aquinas, "Bathe me, Jesu Lord, in what thy bosom ran Blood whereof a single drop has power to win All the world forgiveness of its world of sin."

This month of August is devoted to our Lady and her Immaculate Heart. Like the Precious Blood, the feast of the Immaculate Heart was celebrated in August a week after the Solemnity of the Assumption. While we celebrate the Immaculate Heart in June following the Sacred Heart the devotional aspect of August remains the same. Our Lady's Immaculate Heart became special to me because it was the feast on the day of my priestly ordination. A beautiful reminder of how we should strive to have great purity of soul.

Your Father in Christ, Father Estrella

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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$ 2,434
Interfaith Food Ministry \$ 780



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Upcoming Collections

Aug 5-6 No 2nd collection
Aug 12-13 Latin America
Aug 15 Assumption

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The transfiguration of Christ



Today, we celebrate the feast of the transfiguration - Jesus proclaims the victory of his church over evil, but the victory is achieved on the cross. The apostles are, understandably, scared. But Jesus, understanding their struggle, brings three of his closest companions up the high mountain. There He reveals His divine identity, and His relationship to the Father, the Prophets, and the Law. Thankfully, this encounter changes them, strengthens their faith.

What's the important message for us as Christian stewards? Transfigure, in other words, Change. Go beyond who you are now. How can I grow closer to Jesus, today? The mystery of the transfiguration doesn't just reveal who Christ is, but who we sinners are to become - Children of God. As His children, we are trusting, curious, and full of joy.

Following our individual vocations for growing the kingdom of God is personal, unique, and different for each one of us. The Stewardship way of life is the umbrella under which we move close to Jesus.

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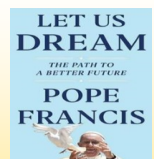
SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA, AUGUST 12-13



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.

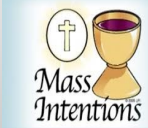
For over 50 years, Catholics in the United States have expressed solidarity with the Church from Mexico to the Caribbean, to the southern tip of South America through the Collection. <https://www.usccb.org/committees/church-latin-america/collection-church-latin-america-resources>

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.

Mass Intentions

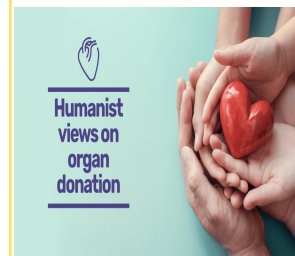


Mon. 08/07/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Tues. 08/08/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Wed. 08/09/23	7:30 am	Dan Cordell (SI)
Thurs. 08/10/23	7:30 am	Past/present members of the Men's Guild
Fri. 08/11/23	7:30 am	No Intention
Sat. 08/12/23	5:30 pm	Children of St.. Canice Parish & Religious Education (SI)
Sun. 08/13/23	9:00 am	Rose Aiello (D)

CULTURE OF LIFE

Church Teaching on Organ Transplants and Organ Donation.

C of L meeting Aug 7 at 6:00pm at the Small Hall at St Patrick's church



Humanist views on organ donation

The topics of organ transplants and organ donation discussed last week, it turns out, are very complex and technical topics which have been studied and debated for several decades. The Catholic Church recognizes the good that can come from donating one's organs for the benefit of another but remains adamant that the motives and procedures do not diminish the life and dignity of the human person. Below you will

find helpful information in an excerpt from *When is Organ donation Moral? Stacy Trasancos (6/13/18) Catholic Answers Magazine.*

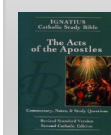
"The ethics of organ donation depends on two criteria: 1) whether the patient or the family gives free and informed consent to organ procurement and 2) whether the patient is in fact **deceased** (emphasis added) when vital organs are removed. (The willing donation by the living of non-vital organs, such as one kidney; a lung; or a portion of the liver, the pancreas, or intestines is always permissible.) *

All determinations of death occur after the fact. If some organs are procured too long after the heart stops beating, they are no longer usable because the blood supply to them has ceased. Therefore, the question shifts to a very difficult one, the one raised by the first organ transplant in Cape Town, South Africa in 1967: can organs be removed before life support is stopped? An ethical standard called the Dead Donor Rule (DDR) states the obvious edict that vital organs should be removed only from a dead body and not from a living person."

This brings us back to the question raised last week. What is the definition of death and why are those who draft legislation considering changing it?

*Other resources include exceptions.

Bible Study Of the Acts of the Apostles



Discover the Book of Acts as a presentation of the Christian way of following Jesus, as seen in the lives of the earliest Christians. It is the Book of the Apostles, written to build the faith of the reader. Commentary by Biblical Scholar, Scott Hahn, shows us how what happened to Jesus and what the Old Testament foretold is brought together in Acts. Join us on Wednesday mornings, from 9:30 to 11:30 in St. Patrick's Hall, beginning September 6, 2023. The fee is \$15.00. Pre-registration is required by August 18. Registration forms are available in the Church vestibule. For more information, contact Gere Welden, 530-264-7638 or Mike Maples, 805-478-2264.

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

Reflecting on the Gospel

The glory that shone around the disciples on the mount of the Transfiguration prefigures the contemplation of God in eternity. —Dionysius



The Word Among Us wau.org

The gospels tend to highlight "mountaintop moments," times that display Jesus's power as the Son of God. Stories like Jesus multiplying loaves and fishes, healing the sick, or transfiguring before his disciples illuminate the uniqueness of Jesus's vocation. He is a member of the holy

Trinity, born into this world to bring about salvation for all.

Yet most of the time, Jesus probably seemed pretty ordinary to Peter, James, and John. The gospel writers could not record everything. For every mountain top moment like we hear in today's gospel, Jesus no doubt experienced many other mundane moments that received no fanfare, times hanging out with friends, cooking dinner, relaxing, or doing the countless other actions that fill every human's day.

Both kinds of moments -- the mountain top ones and the mundane ones hold value for the Christian life. We receive life from a God who does marvelous deeds in the created world. Our almighty God interacts with humankind, lifting up the lowly in situations that seem impossible and gracing us with blessings beyond belief. It is right to approach God Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit with awe in these mountain top moments. It is also right to approach God with awe during the mundane times, giving thanks and praise for simply existing. On this feast of Transfiguration, let us rejoice for the many ways God encounters us each day.

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**