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St. Canice Catholic Church
AUGUST 13, 2023
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Alleluia, alleluia.
I wait for the Lord;
my soul waits for his word.
Alleluia, alleluia.

JOIN FR. STEPHEN BORLANG
HOLY LAND Tours and Travel
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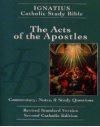

AND
14 Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Egypt
October 15, 2024 – October 28, 2024

A true pilgrimage allows for the pilgrim to enrich their knowledge and understanding of the sites important to their faith and to experience their faith through the five senses of hearing, taste, touch, smell, and sight. Holy Land Tours and Travel, LLC facilitates a pilgrimage by handling all the details of your tour, including the program itinerary, ground arrangements, and any special requests.

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Study Of the Acts of the Apostles
What did it mean to belong to the new faith of Jesus Christ in the Biblical world? How did it spread? Who opposed it and why? In this informative Bible Study, Biblical Scholar Scott Hahn highlights how God directs the growth of the Church to further His plan of salvation for all. Sessions begin September 6, 2023 and continue on Wednesday mornings through May 2024, 9:30 to 11:30 in St. Patrick Hall. The cost is \$15.00 and 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



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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 19-20, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat @ 5:30 pm	Mike Cartan Mike Blake	Aidynn Salter	Meghan Salter	Kevin Foley, Judy McBride, Patti Favetti
Sun @ 9:00 am	Scott McIntosh & Ray James		Doris Balog	Lillian Glaeser & Karen McDonald

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

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, 8/14	Dt 10:12-22	Mt 17:22-27 (413)
Tues, 8/15	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56 (621)	
Wed, 8/16	Dt 34:1-12	Mt 18:15-20 (415)
Thurs, 8/17	Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17	Mt 18:21 — 19:1 (416)
Fri, 8/18	Jos 24:1-13	Mt 19:3-12 (417)
Sat, 8/19	Jos 24:14-29	Mt 19:13-15 (418)
Sun, 8/20	Is 56:1, 6-7 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32	Mt 15:21-28 (118)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

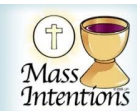
Our Return to God
Last week Reg collection \$ 2,224

Upcoming Collections
Aug 12-13 Latin America
Aug 15 Assumption
Aug 20 Parish Restoration



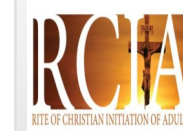
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Mass Intentions



Mon. 08/14/23	7:30 am	Clark Frederick Staves Jr. (D)
Tues. 08/15/23	7:30 am	Ladies Guild Members Past & Present(si)
Wed. 08/16/23	7:30 am	No Intention
Thurs. 08/17/23	7:30 am	No Intention
Fri. 08/18/23	7:30 am	No Intention
Sat. 08/19/23	5:30 pm	Dorothy Churchill (D)
Sun. 08/20/23	9:00 am	Joseph Aragona (D)

COME AND SEE!



RCIA, (Rite of Christian Initiation) joyfully extends an invitation to join us for evenings of learning about the Catholic faith in a comfortable, accepting atmosphere. We are officially starting the Inquirer sessions on August 17, 2023, and will be meeting weekly, Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30 in the RCIA room, located in St. Cecilia's center. Contact Traci Jagger at rcia@stpatrickgrassvalley.org, or 530-575-0176 for more information or directions.

Dear Family,

One thing about traveling that I often forget is how much jet lag can affect me. The past few days I've been waking up around 3 am because it's almost lunchtime... in Portugal! World Youth Day was a fantastic experience for us all and it is good to be home! We began our trip by arriving in Lisbon and going directly to Fatima which was our base for the next 3 days. For many of us this was the highlight of our trip. One pilgrim said, "I am ready to go home but if I were in Fatima I would want to stay." Both nights we went to the Rosary and Candle Procession. I'm sure it is no surprise to hear me say that was my favorite part of Fatima.

That first night we all bought candles and I bought a very large and thick candle over the two nights it was used it only burnt about half. We prayed the rosary and then processed following the pilgrim statue of our Lady of Fatima throughout the plaza. Our group had an American flag and so I was approached by a worker at the shrine because he needed six men to help carry our Lady. This was such a shock I called the first 6 I could see and sent them. Later the young man carrying the flag was called as well.

The procession is led by the cross which is followed by the various national flags present, the priests (I stayed with our group), the statue of our Lady and the people. We sang and prayed, raising our candles high in the air as we sang "ave, ave, ave Maria." There was a section where the barricades were opened and so I took some of our group so we could see our Lady from the front. It was a beautiful sight, thousands of candles flickering in the dark night, countless voices in prayer and song and then our Lady drew near, her face illuminated by a bright white light, her gaze tender and sweet, perfectly expressing the beauty that only the Mother of God can have.

I called one of our pilgrims, "Look! She's coming." The look of love on his face is one I hope I had as well.

While the rosary and procession lasted nearly an hour and half, it felt like a moment and before we knew it we were back on our way to the hotel. Energy and life filled this travel weary group of pilgrims and soon we were in bed trying to get some sleep. The next day we were off to visit some important sights, my favorite the Church of our Lady of Nazare, a small shrine on the coast of Portugal dedicated to our Lady for her gracious and miraculous intervention that saved the life of a knight or maybe it was a count or a duke... but the miracle is commemorated in her church. Lunch was on the coast and one of our pilgrims tried a lizard for his lunch... and ate it all. That night we returned to the Rosary and Procession.

When we left I was very aware of her presence but it was revealed more and more along the way and in Fatima I began to see how much she would walk with us over the next week and some days. Perhaps that is the first lesson of our pilgrimage, our Blessed Mother walks with us always. My love and devotion to our Blessed Mother has never faltered but it was a great gift to be reminded of her presence. I hope this brief sharing helps us all see and treasure her presence.

Your Father in Christ,

Father Estrella

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewardship spirituality invites us to surrender control of our lives to God in grateful recognition that all that we have is a gift from Him.

While today's readings remind us that God is always in control of His creation and His creatures, they illustrate what amazing things can happen when we fully permit God to take charge of our lives — in other words, what can happen when we embrace the stewardship way of life.

When we take our eyes off God, we fail to see that all is a gift from Him, we lose trust in Him and then, we do not make our lives a grateful response to Him. Rather, we begin to think we are in control.

Peter makes this mistake in our Gospel passage from Matthew. As Peter begins to walk on the water, he momentarily takes his eyes off Jesus to notice the strong wind surrounding them. With that, he sinks. When we take our eyes off Christ, the many blessings He has given us, and the loving way He treats us, we sink, too.

But when we embrace the stewardship way of life, we learn that we can trust God during all the stormy times of our life. We learn to be grateful for all of God's gifts. We learn that we are called to share the gifts that we have been given. Ultimately, we learn to recognize who Jesus truly is - the Son of God.

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CREATION CARE TEAM FROM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

The Creation Care Team from St. Patrick's Church always welcomes new members.



Their next Meeting is Tuesday, August 22 from 6:30-7:30 pm. As we welcome our youth back from World Youth Day, let us consider one of the suggestions from the Laudato Si' organization in their flyer: "12 Ways Young People Can Live Laudato Si'" "Treat every person with dignity as part of God's creation, setting goals together as a family to decide ways to care for the earth and the poor".

If you are interested please contact bobbie@h2tonps.org for more information.

CULTURE OF LIFE

More on the *Brave New World of organ donation and transplantation.*

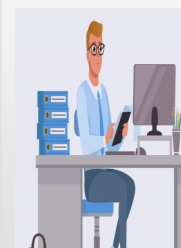


- Over 100,000 Americans await organ transplants and over 6,000 people die annually while waiting. Payment for organs in the US has been outlawed since at least 1948. Contrary to Catholic teaching some suggest lifting the ban on payment to increase the number of organs available for transplant.

- Black market organ transfer is a consequence of a gross imbalance between supply and demand. It is estimated that the illegal trade of human organs generates about 1.5 billion dollars each year from roughly 12,000 illegal transplants.
- The most common form of illegal organ transfer is 'transplant tourism', which sees patients traveling abroad for transplants they might otherwise struggle to obtain quickly. Typically, wealthy patients in need seek a healthy organ from a poor donor in a disadvantaged country. India, known as the kidney warehouse of the world, is a common destination.
- Extremely troubling cases are where people are being trafficked so their organs can be removed. Victims may be held against their will, forced to undergo medical tests and ultimately operated on without their consent. People in areas of extreme poverty are at the greatest risk.
- Refugees, migrants, and asylum seekers are targets of traffickers as they may be desperate to provide for themselves and their families so are willing to give up an organ to pay a smuggler's fee.
- In 2019 scientists grew sheep embryos containing human cells, marking a significant yet morally objectionable step towards cultivating human organs in animals.
- In the scientific world there is a race to create extremely realistic synthetic human embryos using stem cells. The purpose for this ethically contested field of research includes the study of human life in the first several weeks of development, testing of pharmaceuticals or as suggested by a startup company, "to harvest their tiny organs for use in transplant medicine."

"Human personhood must be respected with a reverence that is religious. When we deal with each other, we should do so with the sense of awe that arises in the presence of something holy and sacred. For that is what human beings are: we are created in the image and likeness of God."

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

Reflecting on the Gospel

Today's gospel brims with drama at least at first glance. A vicious storm tosses the disciples around in their boat. Suddenly Jesus appears from the water or is it a ghost? Peter tests Jesus and starts to drown, only to have the Son of God triumphantly pull him to safety. It is a made for TV scene!

All of the action tends to overshadow the beginning of this passage verses that are less flashy but just as telling about Jesus. After a full day of feeding people, Jesus withdraws to the mountains to pray by himself. Even the Son of God needs time to center and recharge. Even Jesus, the one to whom we so often direct our prayers, makes prayer a priority. His pause in the midst of all the other needs that clamor for his attention models the way for us. We too are called to retreat and pray in the midst of our daily lives.



We might not be able to escape to the mountainside, but can we wake up ten minutes earlier and read the daily Mass readings? Can we leave our phones at home when we go out for a walk and spend that time conversing with God? Can we turn off the radio and drive in contemplative quiet on the way to work? Consider when and where you can stow away for even a moment of prayer. God will reveal Godself to us whenever we make the time and space to listen for the tiny, whispering sound of the divine.

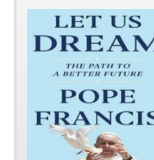
ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY — AUGUST 15TH

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

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.