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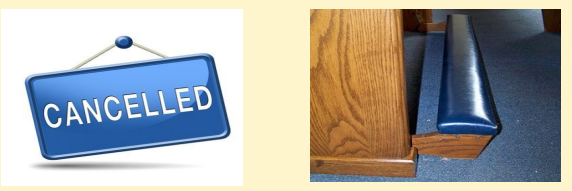
**St. Canice Catholic Church**  
**AUGUST 20, 2023**  
**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Alleluia, alleluia.**  
 Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people.  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

**No morning Mass at St. Canice Church from August 21-23.**

The new kneelers will be installed during this time. We'll resume morning Mass on Thursday, August 24th. Morning Mass at St. Patrick's Church at 8:30 am will continue during this time!



**Return of the Annual Family Movie Night**

Join your fellow parishioners for a dinner and a movie!

- When: September 9 at 6:30 PM
- Where: St. Canice Rectory Patio
- Feat: Indiana Jones and Raiders of the Lost Ark
- What to bring:
  - Potluck salads welcomed
  - Bring chair or blanket



Please RSVP with Kate Higgins (530) 477-5878  
 Donations accepted / Sponsored by Parish Ministries

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Aug 26-27, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat @ 5:30 pm	Mike Cartan Mike Blake	Aidynn Salter	Christine Strohm	Judy McBride, Meghan Salter, Patti Favetti
Sun @ 9:00 am	Scott McIntosh & Ray James		Michelle McIntosh	Lillian Glaeser & Karen McDonald

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
Aug 20th & Aug 27th	Elizabeth Grizard
Sep 3rd & Sep 10th	Judy Steffens

**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, 8/21	Jgs 2:11-19	Mt 19:16-22 (419)
Tues, 8/22	Jgs 6:11-24a	Mt 19:23-30 (420)
Wed, 8/23	Jgs 9:6-15	Mt 20:1-16 (421)
Thurs, 8/24	Rv 21:9b-14	Jn 1:45-51 (629)
Fri, 8/25	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22	Mt 22:34-40 (423)
Sat, 8/26	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17	Mt 23:1-12 (424)
Sun, 8/27	Is 22:19-23 Rom 11:33-36	Mt 16:13-20 (121)

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$ 2,161  
Latin America \$ 551

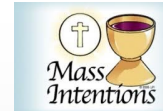
### Upcoming Collections

Aug 20 Parish Restoration  
Aug 27 No 2nd Collection  
Sep 3 Priest's Retirement



Thanks  
for Your  
Support!

## Mass Intentions



Mon. 08/21/23	7:30 am	No Intentions
Tues. 08/22/23	7:30 am	No Intentions
Wed. 08/23/23	7:30 am	No Intentions
Thurs. 08/24/23	7:30 am	No Intention
Fri. 08/25/23	7:30 am	No Intention
Sat. 08/26/23	5:30 pm	Concette Greco (SI)
Sun. 08/27/23	9:00 am	Edna Messmen (D)

## Reflecting on the Gospel

The prophet Isaiah paints a picture of radical inclusivity in today's first reading. Throughout the Old Testament, we hear of God's special relationship with the Israelites, the people God called and claimed as God's own. Yet God's loving care is not bound to the Israelites or any one group of people. God welcomes all. God loves all. God creates a house of prayer for all people who join themselves to the Lord. God's embrace of the foreigner models how we are to approach people from different backgrounds today.

Dear Family,

I can hardly believe that the month of August is almost over! School has started, the slower pace of summer slowly yields to the normal bustle of life and (disappointingly) my summer garden will start winding down. The yield of the garden also seems like it will be less this year than last. I could try and reason why, did I miss something? I have to admit, I am always happier when I have a large yield in my garden and can share and freeze the harvest to enjoy in the months ahead. But, thanks be to God, the harvest doesn't determine whether or not we will have food in the rectory. And while I don't eat "organic" I do enjoy knowing where my food comes from and those meals when most of it is local and home grown. But I plant a garden for a bigger reason, a reason that might seem to be impractical.

Gardening, for me, is more than food production or even a hobby. It's a way to remember how reliant we are on God's goodness. In my garden I have a statue of St. Isidore the Farmer. I'll ask him for his help and God for a fruitful yield. The mindless tasks of water and weeding give me a chance to think out problems or how to approach a situation. Memories come back and I can delight in them as I work through the garden. Also, watching it grow and give fruit reminds me of the work and patience it takes to obtain the goods in life. My time in the garden isn't prayer time per se but it is definitely a spiritual experience.

St. Benedict, in his rule for monks, writes about the importance of manual work. Idleness is an enemy of the soul and so needs to be fended off through work and reading and prayer. In a monastery there are periods of time for work, for reading, for prayer, for community, for everything. Something that is important for us to consider as well. Perhaps the daily schedule of work and family demands much of us and makes it hard to fit in these things, perhaps the activities of retirement fill up as much of the day as when you worked or raised your family. I knew a man who never got up before 8:30 because he woke up so early during his career. St. Benedict invites us to be mindful of the whole self, our soul, our mind, our body.

We don't need to make every minute of every day productive, we just need to be intentional with our time making sure we have a balance. Balance isn't the same amount of time for everything or every one but the right amount of time for each thing. Far too often, I find myself writing these ponderings in the early morning the day of the printing deadline. During the summer, it is enjoyable because I sit at my desk with a cup of coffee and see the sun rise through the trees and shine on the rooftops. Perhaps that this is the great lesson of summer, we must learn to ponder and savor the day, the week, the month, the year, the whole of life.

Your Father in Christ, Father Estrella

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



gifts God gives to each one of us?

Our Gospel today from Matthew reminds us.... How are we Christian Stewards biblically taught to respond to the many unearned graces or

In today's gospel, the Canaanite woman's request to cure her possessed daughter is rejected by Jesus three times. He even refers to her as a dog. But why? Jesus seems to have a gut feeling that this woman knows who He is despite being a foreigner. Somehow she knows that Jesus is the Son of God, who comes exclusively for Israel. "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." She agrees. However, because of her faith, she understands that His graces are not meant just for Israel, but for the world. She has insight to God's mission for Israel, God's chosen people.

The key principle being taught is that the table of grace was set for the children of Israel, but the food is not only for Israel, but all who come to the table.

So what are we stewards to make of this key principle? Once again, it's the loop of grace. Yes, we Catholics have been chosen by God to be part of His mission. Yes, we receive His many graces every single moment of our day. And yes, we are called to be grateful. But then what? Give it away! God's gifts to us are meant to be given away for His purposes. And then, you will be given more.....abundantly! This is the Stewardship way of life.

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## Study Of the Acts of the Apostles



It's Not Too Late - - -

If you have not yet registered for our St. Patrick/St. Canice Bible Study of The Acts of the Apostles, you can still get a late registration by contacting Phyllis Arroyo at parroyo10@yahoo.com or 530-274-8828. The Book of

Acts is the story of the Church's development as a Spirit guided community. Sessions begin September 6, 2023. All details are on the Registration Forms which are available in the Church vestibules.

## CULTURE OF LIFE

### Scientific Research and Respect for the Human Person

Catechism of the Catholic Church 2294

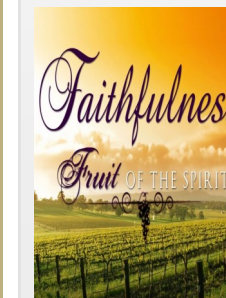
It is an illusion to claim moral neutrality in scientific research and its applications. (...) They must be at the service of the human person, of his inalienable rights, of his true and integral good, in conformity with the plan and will of God. What are synthetic human embryos? Synthetic human embryos come into being from stem cells (obtained from conceived human embryos left over from IVF procedures or aborted fetuses) which assemble to mimic

the natural process of early human development. Initially in this field of organoid research stem cells were used to create clumps of cells that form mini organs such as the brain, lungs or intestine. These organoids allow scientists to see how they react in real time to drugs or genetic modifications and to examine how living cells develop and function. As research has progressed these synthetic embryos are now capable of 'gastrulation', a key step in the life of any embryo. This stage of development has been described by biologist Lewis Wolpert as "truly the most important time in your life." During this time, at just 3 weeks of life, cells migrate to form cell layers responsible for the development of different tissues that become the functioning organs of the 12-week fetus. Upon learning of this scientific advancement, one must be amazed at the wonder of it all but must also sit back to ask, can this be right? What about the human embryo or fetus destroyed to obtain the stem cells? Is this newly created embryo a person? What will become of these embryos once the research is done? Are they thrown in the trash, does someone pray over their souls? How will this research be applied in the future? Will this be a way to grow organs for transplant? What about designer babies?

CCC 2270 Human Life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.



Every line of Scripture offers a well-spring of insights and opportunities for reflection. St. Paul is a particularly gifted writer who draws audiences in with his powerful observations. One such line from today's second letter to the Romans reads: "For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." Let us take a moment to soaking this reality. God gives us gifts that can never be taken away, gifts like love, mercy, and complete acceptance. God also calls each of us to lives of discipleship and within that, to a myriad of relationships, works, and service opportunities. The specific contexts may change as we move through life, but the presence of God's call will remain with each of us forever.



The Canaanite woman in today's gospel models an authentic, vulnerable way of interacting with Jesus. She recognizes Jesus as Lord and asks directly for help.

She persists when Jesus rebukes and insults her. By the end, Jesus changes heart and praises the woman's faith. In what ways could this woman's witness inspire your own faith life?

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