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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!

**September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month**

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Please consider praying for someone known or unknown to you who is tempted or being pressured to end their own life.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I call upon you today to fill (name) with hope, to heal their broken heart and provide consolation and grace needed to resist any pressure or temptation to end their own life. I pray this with great confidence in your love and mercy. Amen

**FROM MANTEL TO CEMETERY**  
**LUNCH & LEARN**  
IT'S TIME TO LAY OUR LOVED ONES TO REST  
PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FREE LUNCH . LEARN MEANINGFUL WAYS TO HONOR YOUR LOVED ONES CREMATED REMAINS.  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30  
CALVARY CEMETERY & FUNERAL CENTER, CITRUS HEIGHTS  
11:00 PM- 12:30 PM  
PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 28  
OR CALL: 916-840-2124  
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**St. Canice Catholic Church**  
**AUGUST 27, 2023**  
**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Alleluia, alleluia.  
You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.  
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				
Sep 2-3, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat @ 5:30 pm	Jeff Hebert	Aidynn Salter	Meghan Salter	Judy McBride, Kevin Foley, Christine Strohm
Sun @ 9:00 am	Jake Dabis Steve Baker		Diana Garbin	Lillian Glaeser & Karen McDonald

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

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,

I am very excited to share with everybody that St. Canice will join with St. Patrick's in our journey of stewardship! Catholic Stewardship Consultants (CSC) very graciously made it financially possible for St. Canice to begin the journey towards stewardship. In preparation for this several ministry leads from St. Canice joined our annual ministry leadership gathering for an evening of reflection and discussion on what it means to live stewardship.

The newsletter will be "re-branded" to include both parishes, parishioners and members from both parishes will be featured in the newsletter as well. Each parish will have its own stewardship renewal and commitment. I pray you will join me in this excitement as we continue to get to know each other and work together not only in stewardship but in many more aspects of our faith.

I have always wanted to incorporate stewardship at St. Canice but always thought it financially impossible and so am very grateful for this opportunity. Stewardship is not a program but a way of life and, I believe, the most effective way to live as intentional disciples of the Lord Jesus. Our commitments of time, talent, and treasure help us put into practice what our Lord has taught us. In the video we watched on Wednesday evening, Bishop James Golka of Colorado Springs expressed discipleship as learning from the Lord and stewardship as we live like Him. Stewardship goes beyond the basics aspects of time, talent, and treasure to help us espouse fuller lives modeled after our Lord.

Sharing this great news also gives us a chance to reflect and pray about the way we pattern our lives after the life of the Lord. How do we pour ourselves out like He did? How do we give ourselves to the Father in self-emptying love as He did? The answer is through a life lived for others, a life committed to the faith put into practice with great intentionality and awareness. Our commitment to stewardship provides an opportunity for growth in the spiritual life and the practice of the faith.

On a separate note, I will be away Sept 6<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> on a personal pilgrimage through Italy. While I am helping a priest friend lead a group, I am gladly second fiddle on this trip and look forward to having a chance to visit some very special holy sites. Of particular note will be visiting San Giovanni Rotonda, Assisi, and Venice which is the birthplace of Bl. Carlo Actuis. I hope this trip will give me the opportunity to unpack the many graces received on World Youth Day.

I know many are asking about hearing from our World Youth Day Pilgrims and now that I am caught up from being away from that, I hope to provide an opportunity soon. I know it was a beautiful experience and look forward to sharing. I jokingly told someone that I am the "visiting pastor" but I hope soon all my traveling will wind down and I will be back at the parish.

Your Father in Christ,

Father Estrella

### Communal First Saturday

Sat September 2, 7:45 am

St. Patrick's Church

Joins us for guided Fatima prayers, Rosary, Mass and 15 minutes of meditation.



### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$ 2,990

Parish Restoration \$ 1,441



#### Upcoming Collections

Aug 27 No 2nd Collection

Sep 3 No 2nd Collection

Sep 10 Priest's Retirement

### Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon, 8/28 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Mt 23:13-22 (425)

Tues, 8/29 1 Thes 2:1-8 (426) Mt 6:17-29 (634)

Wed, 8/30 1 Thes 2:9-13 Mt 23:27-32 (427)

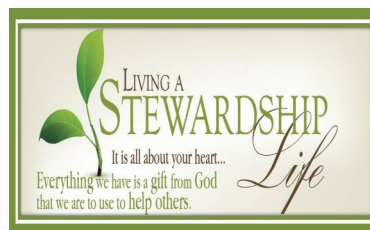
Thurs, 8/31 1 Thes 3:7-13 Mt 24:42-51 (428)

Fri, 9/1 1 Thes 4:18 Mt 25:1-13 (429)

Sat, 9/2 1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30 (430)

Sun, 9/3 Jer 20:7-9 Mt 16:21-27 (124)  
Rom 12:2

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



Our Gospel passage, from Matthew, leads us to take a serious look at whether our lives give God the glory He deserves or do we glorify ourselves and our achievements. It comes in the form of a question that Jesus poses to his disciples. "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" You know their varied responses. Then, Jesus gets personal

with them. "But who do you say that I am?" Peter gets it right: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

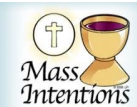
Today, Jesus is getting personal with you. He poses the same question to each one of us who call ourselves His stewards and modern-day disciples. How do you answer that question? Who do you say that He is? Think about it.....for a while. Take the TIME!

Then ask yourself, do our lives truly reflect this answer? If we really believe that Christ is the Son of God, sent to save us from our sins and lead us to Heaven, then we must say so, not just with words but with our actions of daily living. Do my ambitions and priorities in life say that Christ is my Savior and I am His disciple? Does my budget, my family time, my work reflect my vocation for God's will in building His kingdom?

The gifts and blessings that God has given us — our time, our talents, our stuff — are meant to be used in a manner that says "Christ, the Son of God, is my Savior and I am His disciple." The most eloquent praise we can offer Him is a life lived in grateful response to His unfathomable love and graces. This is the beauty and power of a stewardship way of life.

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### Mass Intentions



Mon.	08/28/23	7:30 am	Ollie Bailey (SI)
Tues.	08/29/23	7:30 am	No Intentions
Wed.	08/30/23	7:30 am	No Intentions
Thurs.	08/31/23	7:30 am	No Intention
Fri.	09/01/23	7:30 am	Members of the St. Canice Ladies Guild Past and Present
Sat.	09/02/23	5:30 pm	Rich Avansino (D)
Sun.	09/03/23	9:00 am	Donald Glaeser (SI)

### CULTURE OF LIFE

Appreciating the Gift of Life



A young Irish boy of 12 is diagnosed with bone cancer. He underwent chemotherapy and surgery but cancer returned two years later. Another round of treatment and surgery this time to remove half of his lung added a couple more years to his life. It was during his third and final battle with cancer that he was inspired to write about his trials, his faith and how he persevered in what he called, "climbing God's mountains."

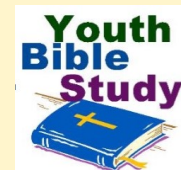
At this same time there were reports of a rise in teenage suicides. So, when the

young cancer patient, Donal Walsh, became aware of this trend he wrote of his frustration in seeing young people end their lives while he was fighting each day for his own. Near the end of his life Donal decided to go on a national Irish talk show to share his story and emphasize the value of life. He said, "If I'm meant to be a symbol for people to appreciate life — it might not be just suicide — but just to appreciate life more in general, then I'd be happy to die if that's what I'm dying for." He passed away four weeks later at age 16.

Months after his death the coroner of County Kerry reported a decrease in suicides. Ten years later 2000 Irish youth again gather at an annual event to honor Walsh's memory and to be inspired, informed and reminded of the value of life. When asked to share her thoughts on her son's life his mother described him as having a remarkable faith and that he was determined not to let cancer dictate his life. She recalled how Donal asked her to ensure that he received Communion everyday so that he might die with a "clean spirit."

Fenton, Francesca Pallio. "Legacy of Irish teenager who inspired a nation lives on 10 years after his death". Catholic News Agency Jun. 10,2023.

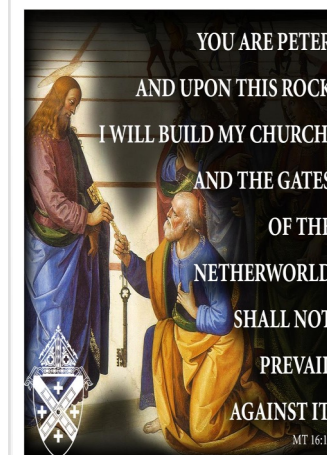
### SPY (Saint Patrick's Youth)



Join us August 29 where we will be meeting in the small hall at St. Patrick's Church at 7 pm for a bible study and gospel reading. All youth grades 8th- 12th are welcome.

James Mabry will be leading this meeting. We hope to see you there.

### Reflecting on the Gospel



Jesus gives the keys of the kingdom of heaven to . . . Peter? It may seem like an odd choice at first glance to anyone familiar with Peter's track record. This is the same man who Jesus calls "Satan" just a few verses later when Peter takes issue with Jesus's suffering. This is the same man who denies Jesus three times on the night when Jesus could have used support the most. Time and again, we see Peter misspeak or misstep. Yet Jesus decides that Peter is the rock upon whom he will build the church. Why?

Jesus recognizes in Peter a deep, abiding faith. Peter believes Jesus is "the Christ, the Son of the living God," and he is not afraid to say it. Peter is not a perfect person. Jesus does not expect him to be perfect. Rather, Jesus's hope for Peter and for all of us is that we will faithfully witness to the truth of the living God, the Almighty One, who sent God's only son. into the world out of profound love for all of creation. This is the witness upon which our church is built.

Imagine Christ asking you the central question from today's gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" How would you respond? We cannot know the fullness of Jesus right now the mystery of his life, death, and resurrection continues to be revealed. But like Peter, we can say with confidence that Christ is brother, friend, confidant, Redeemer, Savior, Son of the living God, and so much more.

### 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

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