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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!

St. Canice Catholic Church
September 10, 2023
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Alleluia, alleluia.
 God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.
 Alleluia, alleluia.

Baby Bottle Drive
 The Baby Bottle Drive begins this weekend and continues through the month of October. Please pick up your empty baby bottle from the basket in the vestibule and fill with your spare change.
 There will be a basket in the vestibule during the weekends of September 30/ October 1st and October 7/8 for you to place your filled baby bottles. Be sure to write the name of your church on the tag.
 LivingWell Medical Clinic inspires hope to those with an unexpected pregnancy, a struggle with a past pregnancy decision, or a sexual health issue. Your spare change through the Change for Hope baby bottles makes BIG CHANGES in the lives of men and women in Nevada County. Bottles are available and can be returned by October 8. Or you may donate online at: www.livingwellmedicalclinic.com/cfh

Family Faith Formation
 Family Faith Formation is open to St Canice Church families with children from Pre-K through High School, and begins Sunday, September 10th after the 9:00am Mass at St. Patrick Church.
 For more information contact Deacon Rick at 530-273-2336 x3201
faithformation@stpatrickgrassvalley.org

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Sep 16-17, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat @ 5:30 pm	Jeff Hebert	Aidynn Salter	Meghan Salter	Patti Favetti, Kevin Foley, Christine Strohm
Sun @ 9:00 am	Jake Dabis Steve Baker		Doris Baldog	Lillian Glaeser & Karen McDonald

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
Sep 3rd & Sep 10th	Judy Steffens
Sp 17th and 24th	Tess Andrews

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.

Dear Family,

The month of September is marked, in my opinion, by three key feasts: The Nativity of our Lady on Sept 8th, the Feast of the Holy Cross on Sept 14th, and our Lady of Sorrows on Sept 15th. As I often say in my homily on the feast of the Nativity of our Lady, her birth marks the beginning of the dawn of salvation. When the sun is going to rise, there is that shift from pitch black to purple, a glimmer of light on the horizon. Christmas is the dawn of our salvation, when the Light of the world begins to shine up on us at His birth, salvation is revealed to us during the Sacred Triduum at the end of Holy Week.

The Feast of the Holy Cross commemorates two things, the finding of the True Cross by St. Helena and the Triumph of the Cross, which used to be celebrated on May 3rd. That feast was also the commemoration of St. Alexander; currently it is the feast of the apostles Phillip and James. The Triumph of the Cross was celebrated during the Paschal Season as a day of rejoicing at our Lord's victory on the Cross. Uniting these two feasts into on the 14th of September gives us a chance to recall both the triumph of the Cross and the reality of the Cross, both historically and spiritually.

We all know that to follow our Lord we must take up our cross daily. We might even strive to do it with joy, but it is not easy. The September Feasts of our Lady remind us that we can carry our cross, that we do not carry it alone. More importantly, it reminds us that the Cross might be difficult but it is the bridge to life. It is the source of hope and strength. The prayers and example of our Lady and all the saints remind us that we can carry the Cross, we can embrace, and we can draw closer to our Lord. The cross reminds us of how we are called to imitate the Lord. Our Lady shows us how to give ourselves to our Lord and His Father with great faith, hope and love.

There is a beautiful and ancient hymn for Lent called Vexilia Regis and it includes a line that is translated as "Hail O Cross, our only Hope." I will celebrate this great feast in Italy and so I am curious to see what it will be like. One day we will celebrate it with 40 Hours Devotion. In the meantime, let us remember that the Cross is no longer a sign of torture and humiliation, rather let us gaze upon the Crucified One remembering that from His wounded side flowed the Church and by His glorious Resurrection is born our hope!

Shifting to a different topic, I want to share two exciting dates! October 7th is the Feast of the Most Holy Rosary, we will have a Rosary Procession through downtown Grass Valley, following the route of the Corpus Christi Procession. October 14th is the Parish Picnic, there will be no evening Confessions or Vigil Mass in either Parish that day. There will be Mass at the Parish Picnic. The Sunday schedule for October 15th remains the same. I hope to see all of you at these two great events.

Your Father in Christ,

Father Estrella

LUAU TICKETS ON SALE

The St. Canice Men's Guild Annual Luau is coming **October 1st at St. Canice Center. Doors will open at 4:00 PM and dinner will be at 5:00 PM.**

Ticket sales after Mass will begin this weekend. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children 5-11.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Hebert at jkjhebert@comcast.net or 916-508-5744.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$2,499

Upcoming Collections

Sep 10 Priest's Retirement
Sep 17 School of Religion
Sep 24 No 2nd Collection



Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon, 9/11	Col 1:24-2:3	Lk 6:6-11 (437)
Tues, 9/12	Col 2:6-15	Lk 6:12-19 (438)
Wed, 9/13	Col 3:1-11	Lk 6:20-26 (439)
Thurs, 9/14	Nm 21:4b-9	Jn 3:13-17 (638)
Fri, 9/15	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14	Jn 19:25-27 (639)
Sat, 9/16	1 Tm 1:15-17	Lk 6:43-49 (442)
Sun, 9/17	Sir 27:30—28:7 Rom 14:7-9	Mt 18:21-35 (130)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

As we welcome St. Canice to the Stewardship way of life, it's probably a good idea for each of us to ask ourselves, "What is the stewardship way of life? What is its purpose for my life? What comes to mind when we hear the word Stewardship?"

Stewardship is a concept that is biblically based. God tells us in Genesis, "This is yours, so take care of it."

The father of Catholic Stewardship is Monsignor Thomas McGread from St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, in Wichita, Kansas. Monsignor McGread would often say that the stewardship way of life is a response of Thanksgiving in gratitude for the many gifts that God has entrusted to each one of us to build his kingdom on earth. So, ask yourself, "What gifts have I been freely given?" Write it down! When we truly come to recognize and are aware of our unmerited God given gifts, you will be drawn into a deeper relationship with your Creator. It will change your life.

Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives god's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and Neighbor.

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Ladies Guild Meeting on 9/14



Join us for our Ladies Guild meeting on Thursday, September 14th at 10:30 am at St. Canice Center. All women of the parish are welcome to attend.

Mass Intentions

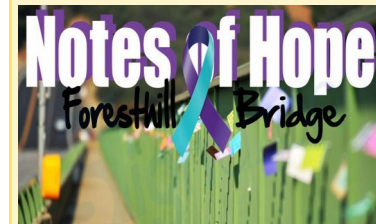


Mon. 09/11/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Tues. 09/12/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Wed. 09/13/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Thurs. 09/14/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Fri. 09/15/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Sat. 09/16/23	5:30 pm	Glenn Warner (SI)
Sun. 09/17/23	9:00 am	Andrea Beltran (SI)

CULTURE OF LIFE

September is Suicide Prevention Month

Is there something I can do to prevent just one person from taking their own life?



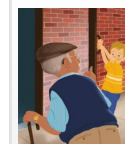
We think so! We can join with a local program **Notes of Hope** to save lives! Sadly, a landmark near Auburn, the Foresthill Bridge is a location where too many people have chosen to end their own lives. With your help the Culture of

Life Ministry will collaborate with the **Notes of Hope** project of Auburn to provide positive, life affirming note cards that will be laminated and attached to the Foresthill bridge. According to Brittany Hendricks, the project originator, they know of 13 lives that have been saved.

With suicide on the rise in the US we can do more than just wring our hands and think, 'what a shame'. We can help. Will you help by writing out a few notes to inspire a discouraged person, share God's love with a lonely soul, or give hope to a hopeless teen? Will you join us in this project? On the weekend of September 24th, the Culture of Life Ministry will be handing out blank cards after masses on which we ask you to write hopeful messages. Please take a few home to decorate with up-lifting sayings and designs and return your finished cards the following weekend.

To learn more search for "Placerville man shares how a note saved his life at Foresthill Bridge." ABC 10 News, May 23,2019.

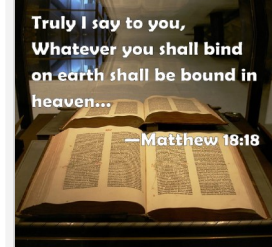
THE OPENING DOORS MINISTRY



The Opening Doors Ministry will soon begin a new season of classes, and will continue until May 2024, breaking for the summer. We are a faith formation and Sacramental program for adults who have special needs or developmental disabilities.

Our focus is always on God's love shown to us through stories from the Bible, through the Sacraments, music, prayer and through the lives of the saints. Our doors are always open to both Catholics and non-Catholics. We meet on Sundays, 10-11am, beginning on Sept 24th. For more information, or if you would like to join us, please contact Helen Albano, (530)210-1721.

Reflecting on the Gospel



The actions we take today have ramifications for eternity. Today's gospel sets the stakes high. Jesus tells the disciples, "whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." This line, likely a later addition to the Matthean text, describes what is allowed and not allowed in church life. It also reminds us that church life lived alongside fellow believers in praise and glory of Christ does not end when we take our final breaths. We are members of the Body of Christ for eternity. Our participation in the life of the church today matters.

Questions of church authority can be difficult to wrestle with, particularly for women and other people who rarely if ever see themselves represented in church leadership. Earlier in Matthew, Jesus grants Peter the authority to bind and loose the things of earth. Peter is the rock upon whom Jesus builds the church-and Catholics believe Peter's authority lives on through bishops.

It is certainly true that the men who assume the chair of Peter hold significant authority. And, in today's gospel, Jesus grants the authority to bind and loose to the church at large. He promises to be present with us always. Guided by Christ's presence, every member of the church is called to claim the authority bestowed by Christ at baptism and work to make the church ever more caring, forgiving, and loving.

St. Patrick and St. Canice
Parish
PICNIC
SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14
Western Gateway Park in Penn Valley

Our St. Patrick and St. Canice Joint Parish Picnic will start at noon with lunch, followed by family friendly activities and fellowship, concluding with Mass at 4:00 PM. Please watch the bulletin for more details. As a reminder we will not have confessions or a Saturday night Vigil Mass at either church location that evening. We hope to see you there!