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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!

Campaign Life Coalition Presents  
**LIFE CHAIN**  
 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023  
 NATIONAL LIFE CHAIN OCTOBER 2023  
 On one Sunday in October, churches nationwide gather to take a public stand and pray to end abortion. Participants hold a sign with a life-affirming message while they stand quietly and pray. Bring chairs for the elderly, hats, sunscreen, your rosary, and water.  
 When: Sunday, October 1, 2023 2:15-3:45pm. Signs will be available at tables.  
 Where: On the sidewalk along the road in front of the old K-Mart parking lot and extending to Raley's - every 10-20 feet apart.  
 We will stand in silent prayer from 2:30-3:30pm. Your prayers and your presence will speak loudly-more than words possibly can.

**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.

**MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAN POSITION**  
 We are looking to recruit a custodian for St. Canice Church. The role is 5-10 hours a week.  
 For more details and a job description, please email Father Estrella [frestrella@stpatrickgrassvalley.org](mailto:frestrella@stpatrickgrassvalley.org)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Sep 30-Oct 1, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat @ 5:30 pm	Mike Blake Mike Cartan	Aidynn Salter	Kevin Foley	Patti Favetti, Christine Strohm, Judy McBride
Sun @ 9:00 am	Scott McIntosh Ray James		Michelle McIntosh	Bob & Lil Glaeser, and Karen McDonald

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
Sep 17th & Sep 24th	Tess Andrews
Oct 1st & Oct 8th	Lil Glaeser

**St. Canice Catholic Church**  
**September 24, 2023**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Alleluia, alleluia.  
 Open our hearts, O Lord,  
 to listen to the words of your Son.  
 Alleluia, alleluia.

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Mass Schedule		Confession	
Weekday (M-F)	7:30 AM	Friday	8:00 AM
Saturday Vigil	5:30 PM	Saturday	4:00 PM (or by appt)
Sunday	9:00 AM	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	
Immaculate Conception Church	11:30 AM	Fri 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	
<b>Mass Live-Stream</b>		<b>Rosary</b>	
Sunday 11:00 AM from St. Patrick Church		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,

While I was away on pilgrimage I learned about Bl. Bartolo Longo. I was fascinated by his story and so I share it with you.

Bartolo was born to a devout Catholic family near Brindisi, in southern Italy. He was a brilliant, though mischievous kid, who began to lose his way at the age of ten after his mother died. His adolescence was a time of great upheaval in his country, when Garibaldi was seeking to eliminate the papal city states and unite Italy. By the time Bartolo entered the University of Naples law school, many of his professors were ex-priests preaching nationalist venom against the Church. He was quickly caught up in their fervor.

In his confusion and emptiness, without God to turn to, he began to visit some of Naples' infamous mediums. That was his introduction into the occult. Soon, his thirst for the supernatural led him into outright Satanism, where after a period of intense study and such rigorous fasting that he was reduced to skin and bones, he was consecrated a satanic priest and promised his soul to a demon. For the next year, he began to preside over satanic services and to preach more boldly and blasphemously against God and the Church — treating them, in a diabolical reversal, as the real evils.

His family back home tried to talk to him about the path he had chosen, to no avail. They began to pray and to ask for help from whoever might lend a hand. Professor Vincenzo Pepe, a solidly Catholic professor at the university, responded. He began to meet with Bartolo. Professor Pepe eventually convinced him to see a Dominican priest, who after three weeks of lengthy conversations, on the feast of the Sacred Heart in 1865, was able to welcome him back into the Church and give him absolution.

To keep an eye on him, Professor Pepe allowed Bartolo to move in with him and started to surround him with faithful and dedicated Catholics. Each day for two years, as a voluntarily-imposed penance, Bartolo worked in the Neapolitan Hospital for Incurables. He prayed. He became a third-order Dominican. He made a promise of celibacy to serve God with an undivided heart. He sought to do reparation for his scandal by returning to his Satanist hangouts, holding up the Rosary and publicly renouncing his former ways.

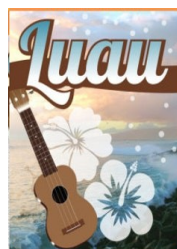
But he still despaired. He couldn't forgive himself or see how God could ever forgive him. One day, while fulfilling some legal business in Pompeii for his client Countess Mariana di Fusco, and seeing how great was the people's poverty, ignorance, moral corruption and dependence on witchcraft, God helped him to see both how he could be saved and how he could spend his life saving others.

He spent the whole rest of his life, beginning in Pompeii, propagating the Rosary and imitating the mysteries it contained. With the financial support of the Countess, he built Pompeii's famous Basilica of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, founded elementary schools and orphanages, inaugurated a print shop and technical school to give the children of convicted criminals the chance of a better life. He wrote books on the Rosary, composed novenas and prayer manuals. The former Satanist eventually became a friend of Pope Leo XIII, who had a great devotion to the Rosary. From Pompeii he also began the popular movement that led to the solemn dogmatic proclamation of the Assumption in 1950.

Your Father in Christ,

Father Estrella

### LUAU TICKETS ON SALE



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

**Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children 5-11.**

**If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Hebert at [jkhebert@comcast.net](mailto:jkhebert@comcast.net) or 916-508-5744.**

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection **\$2,291**

School of Religion **\$725**

#### Upcoming Collections

Sep 24 **No 2nd Collection**

Oct 1 **No 2nd Collection**

Oct 8 **No 2nd Collection**



### BABY BOTTLE DROP OFF



First of all, thank you so very much for donating to the cause of helping women in our community that experience unexpected pregnancies, your donations provide many resources that help women to feel more confident in choosing to parent their child.

Bottles can be filled with spare change, a check or currency. Please do NOT leave bottles unattended in the church, they can disappear.

IF POSSIBLE, ALL BABY BOTTLES SHOULD BE RETURNED AT THE SEPT 30 OR OCT 1 WEEKEND MASSES. Bottles can be put in the basket in the church. If you missed the weekend of September 30/October 1st, you'll have three options:

1. You can call or text Marilyn Peters at 530 913-6583 and arrange to have her pick up your bottle.
2. Bring your bottle to St. Patrick/St. Canice Office.
3. You can drop your bottle directly at LivingWell Medical clinic- 105 Catherine Lane, Grass Valley. They are open Monday thru Thursday from 9-5.

Thank you for your support!

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

#### Five Key Concepts to the Stewardship Way of Life

1. What does Stewardship mean? "Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares his gifts and love of God and Neighbor." We all show our gratitude in how we live, not just by what we say.

2. "God made everything!" Recognizing God as the creator of everything is one the most basic beliefs of all Christians. It is the key to understanding Stewardship.

3. Stewardship leads to holiness. The path to holiness is a called discipleship, to be imitators of Jesus Christ.

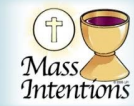
4. Stewardship builds intentional disciples of Christ. Bishop Jim Golka of the diocese of Colorado Springs, once commented, "Parish life should not be like a country club. A parish should be an arena, where a group of believers gather together and take on the attitude of Christ."



5. Bishop John McRaith is quoted in the pastoral letter from USCCB Bishops on Stewardship, "Once one chooses to become a disciple of Jesus Christ, Stewardship is not an option." The Bishops' letter clearly stated that Stewardship is a Way of Life, forever.

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### Mass Intentions



Mon.	09/25/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Tues.	09/26/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Wed.	09/27/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Thurs.	09/28/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Fri.	09/29/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Sat.	09/30/23	5:30 pm	Paul Warner (SI)
Sun.	10/01/23	9:00 am	John Warner (SI)

### Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon,	9/25	Ezr 1:1-6	Lk 8:16-18 (449)
Tues,	9/26	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20	Lk 8:19-21 (450)
Wed,	9/27	Ezr 9:5-9	Lk 9:1-6 (451)
Thurs,	9/28	Hg 1:1-8	Lk 9:7-9 (452)
Fri,	9/29	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14	Jn 1:47-51 (647)
Sat,	9/30	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a	Lk 9:43b-45 (454)
Sun,	10/1	Ez 18:25-28	Mt 21:28-32 (136)
		Phil 2:1-11	

### CULTURE OF LIFE

#### October is Respect Life Month and Down Syndrome Awareness Month



**"The enemies of life know that to destroy Christian civilization, they must first destroy the family at its weakest point – the child. And among the weakest, they must choose the least protected of all – the child who has never been seen; the child who is not yet known or loved in the usual meaning of the word; who has not yet seen the light of day; who cannot even cry out in distress." - Venerable Dr. Jerome Lejeune**

The Venerable Dr. Jerome Lejeune, a French Catholic doctor and world class geneticist, linked Down Syndrome to the presence of an extra copy of chromosome 21 back in 1958. The condition had been recognized for 100 years but until then the cause was unknown. Dr. Lejeune had hoped to find a cure or treatment for Down Syndrome and was heartbroken when his discoveries were being used for prenatal diagnosis and that abortion became the recommended "treatment" for Down Syndrome pre-borns. Once praised and rewarded for his scientific breakthrough, he was later shunned by the medical community as he lobbied against pro-abortion laws and defended the sanctity of human life. Dr. Jerome Lejeune was declared Venerable by the Vatican on the eve of the anniversary of Roe v Wade January 21, 2021.

### Reflecting on the Gospel

Grapes grow riper and sweeter in the autumn days leading up to harvest. Many factors impact grape growth: air temperature, sun exposure, the health of other grapes in the cluster. Even the best laborers cannot plan the perfect picking day. Vineyards need workers who are nimble, attentive, and eager to embrace the unexpected--both when it comes to picking grapes and, as we see in today's gospel, in matters of money.

The first group of laborers in today's parable get stuck in binary thinking at payment time: Either you work a full day and get paid the usual wage, or you work part of the day and get paid part of the usual wage. But then they see the later hires get paid the full wage, and the first group makes an assumption: If those who work part of the day get the full wage, then those of us who work the full day will get the full wage plus a bonus. This thinking seems fair.

But the landowner rebukes this reasoning and through his actions, Jesus shows us once again: God is far too creative for binaries. God is far too mysterious for assumptions. Our God is a God of infinite possibilities, whose ways are high above the human ways to which we've grown accustomed. Our God cannot be tamed within the made up constructs of in or out, worthy or unworthy, last or first. Our God is near to all who call upon the divine name in truth, no matter if we got to work at the crack of dawn or right before quitting time. Through the landowner, Jesus shows us a God eager to break down the binaries and assumptions through which we so often operate, and to build up the dignity of every person.

Human dignity is the same for all human beings: when I trample on the dignity of another, I am trampling on my own.

Pope Francis



### CORNERSTONE RETREAT FOR MEN

**NOVEMBER 10th AND 11th**

Join us for 26 hours that can change and deepen your relationship with Our Lord. This retreat gives each of us the opportunity to see God's loving hand in our lives, and how, as Catholic men, we touch the lives of the people we love. Set aside the burdens of your life and through the stories, prayer and fellowship rest in Our Lord's arms and learn from Him. It will be the best gift you can give not only yourself, but also to your family



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