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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!

BILL'S WHEELS

 Would you like to be a part of one of St. Patrick Ministries that affect so many people in our community? Many years ago, Bill Dobbins, a veteran and survivor of Pearl Harbor, started helping neighbors with their wheelchair repairs. His helpfulness grew into a much larger commitment that eventually became today's effort, where volunteers from the Knights of Columbus spend two mornings a week repairing donated wheelchairs and then gifting them to those in need.
 If you have a few hours to give a couple of times a month, to either repair or deliver chairs, we need you. If you want to answer phones or make trips to pick up donations, we need you. We have helped veterans, the injured, sick and disabled. They are so grateful, and they cannot believe how God has blessed them with fulfilling their desperate needs for a way to move about their homes and their community. It is very gratifying to help our disadvantaged neighbors.
 Call Greg Peters @ 530-205-7011 to inquire about how you may help.

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

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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Oct 14-15, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat @ 5:30 pm	Mike Blake Mike Cartan	Aidynn Salter	Church Picnic	Church Picnic
Sun @ 9:00 am	Scott McIntosh Ray James	Diana Garbin	Karen McDonald, Doris Baldog and Michelle McIntosh	

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
Oct 1st & Oct 8th	Lil Glaeser
Oct 15 & Oct 22	Sharon Seck

St. Canice Catholic Church
October 8, 2023
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Alleluia, alleluia.
 I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.
 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

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,

This past week, as many of you know, we had our priest convocation, a time to reflect on the dynamics of the corporate body of priests, our ministry and the diocese. We have two major gatherings of priests a year, our Autumn retreat for ongoing education and our Spring retreat which is our spiritual retreat. The face of the priesthood in the Diocese of Sacramento is quite different today than at any other time, while we all look different, have different cultures, speak different languages, the communion of our Faith and our sharing in the priesthood of our Lord unites us; new bonds are formed, and old ones strengthened when we gather for these events. The range of ages is heavily tilted toward retirement age-and older! We need to pray for more and more vocations to the priesthood.

During one dinner, I was seated with a retired Irish priest who I don't know very well but over the last few years have gotten to know more. Like many of us, I grew up with Irish priests and so it's very special for me to spend fraternal time with them. At dinner, Father mentioned that as he gets older he finds himself returning more and more to the prayers he was taught as a child and prayed in his home. At the top of the list was the daily family Rosary. Yesterday, (Oct 7th) we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Rosary, a beautiful feast with a wonderful history.

The Rosary is the most powerful of all devotions in the life of the Church. Our Lady made 15 promises to those who pray the Holy Rosary with devotion and frequency. Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, speaking of the Rosary said, "In the Rosary, we turn to the Virgin Mary so that she may bring us to a closer union with her Son." In fact, nearly every Pope since Pope St. Pius X has urged us to pray the Rosary and there have been countless documents written on the Rosary by the popes.

In my own family, whenever there is an urgent need, we all pray the rosary, wherever we are at the same time. I could write volumes on the graces, blessings, and indeed miracles received by this prayer. It was this tradition that prompted the daily 7pm Rosary on Facebook during the pandemic. It was something very powerful and comforting for many of us as we prayed together every day. Unfortunately, the theft of our live-streaming equipment has made that hard to revive.

May struggle with the Rosary, at the first level it is because it is a repetition of prayers but really it's because meditation is hard. We have to still the mind and body, which is very difficult in our day. Each mystery of the Rosary gives us an event in the life of our Lord or Lady, the vast majority taken from the Gospels and Sacred Scripture. All of them present a summary of the history of salvation and the meaning of the Christian life. I promise that if anybody preserves in praying the Rosary, it will soon become a favorite prayer. The only poorly prayed Rosary is the Rosary not prayed! There are many ways to start just grab a set of beads and give our Blessed Mother a call-she always loves to hear from her children.

Your Father in Christ,

Father Estrella

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our Return to God

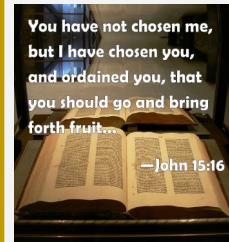
Last week Reg collection \$2,748

Upcoming Collections

Oct 8 No 2nd Collection
Oct 15 School of Religion
Oct 22 Mission Sunday



Reflecting on the Gospel



We continue the series of gospel parables this week, with a landowner and his tenants taking center stage. Today's story reads harsh: tenants who are supposed to be caring for the land decide to seize and kill the people whom the landowner sent to obtain his produce, first the servants and then the landowner's very son. The tenants are ruthless in their rejection and Jesus insists that they will pay for their stance.

As with all parables, the meaning extends beyond the story itself. A first clue of what Jesus may have meant by this parable comes at the very beginning. Jesus addresses the parable to the chief priests and elders of the people. He wants these religious leaders to hear the consequences that come with rejecting the work of the gospel and even more, the person who embodies the gospel. Note that the tenants do not attack the produce. They attack the people who come to collect it, even the landowner's own son.

We can draw parallels between the landowner's son and Jesus, the Son of God. In telling this parable, Jesus reminds the religious leaders that the kingdom of God comes as a person Jesus. Their ministries must always draw people to the truth of Jesus. Those who try to turn Jesus into something he is not will face dire consequences. This is true for all of us. We are called to embrace the fullness of Christ, for it is only through him that we might one day enter the kingdom of God.

ST. PATRICK AND ST. CANICE PARISH PICNIC NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

Western Gateway Park Penn Valley

Bring your blankets, chairs, change of clothes for kids (who may want to play in the creek), and your favorite outdoor games and activities.

Lunch from 12:30-1:30
Activities from 1:30-3:30
Mass at 4:00

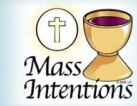
Dessert following Mass
Lunch, drinks, and dessert will be provided.



PLEASE NOTE:
THERE WILL NOT BE SATURDAY VIGIL MASSES OR CONFESSION AT EITHER CHURCH ON SATURDAY EVENING.

Mass Intentions

Mon.	10/09/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Tues.	10/10/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Wed.	10/11/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Thurs.	10/12/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Fri.	10/13/23	7:30 am	No Mass
Sat.	10/14/23	5:30 pm	Messmen Family (D)
Sun.	10/15/23	9:00 am	Ingrid Paltrineri (D)



Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon,	10/9	Jon 1:1—2:2,11	Lk 10:25;37 (461)
Tues,	10/10	Jon 3:1-10	Lk 10:38-42 (462)
Wed,	10/11	Jon 4:1-11	Lk 11:1-4 (463)
Thurs,	10/12	Mal 3:13-20b	Lk 11:5-13 (464)
Fri,	10/13	Jl 1:13-15,2:1-2	Lk 11:15-26 (465)
Sat,	10/14	Ji 4:12-21	Lk 11:27-28 (466)
Sun,	10/15	Is 25:6-10a	
		Phil 4:12-14,19-20	Mt 22:1-14

CULTURE OF LIFE

October is Respect Life Month



Our role in the Defense of Life

"Christ needs you to enlighten the world and to show it the "path to life" (Psalm 16:11). The challenge is to make the Church's "yes" to Life concrete and effective. The struggle will be long and it needs each one of you. Place your intelligence, your talents, your enthusiasm, your compassion and your fortitude at the service of life!"

Saint Pope John Paul II – Homily on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, 1993

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for heeding the words of Saint Pope John Paul II. We are grateful for your support of our Ministry as we work to make our "yes" to LIFE concrete and effective. We thank you for:

Your notes of Hope – so many were heart-felt, some funny, some deeply personal, all wonderful.

Your generous support of Living Well with your coins, bills and checks that filled so many baby bottles.

The many folks who stood up for LIFE last Sunday during the Life Chain along McKnight Way and Freeman Lane.

We pray that through our works and the mercy of God, more people in our community will be inspired to CHOOSE LIFE.

The St. Canice and St. Patrick Culture of Life Ministry

Annual Stewardship Renewal

The Annual Stewardship Renewal is perhaps the most significant event for increasing parish stewardship. It's a deeply spiritual time of prayer for each of us to reflect on our God given gifts and how can we use them for God's purposes and glory, building His kingdom on earth. Also, this annual renewal affords us the opportunity to change our commitments as we grow as Disciples of Christ and our priorities change.

Furthermore, The Stewardship Renewal is a time to educate parishioners about the true spirituality of Stewardship, as well as an invitation for each of us to make specific commitments to God, with our Time, Talent, and Treasure on an annual basis to the church. For St Canice, we will begin the two week renewal process starting October 28/29 with Kickoff Sunday. On Kickoff Sunday, Fr Estrella will explain in more detail the Spirituality of Stewardship as a Way of Life and his vision for St Canice.

Very soon, each parishioner will receive in the mail a Stewardship Renewal packet. The Renewal packet includes a Stewardship formation brochure; a ministry catalog; a letter from the pastor, explaining the purpose of the Renewal; and finally a commitment card that allows each of us to select a particular commitment to prayer, ministry, and offertory. We ask each family to prayerfully consider completing a commitment card each year.

Why are we asked to fill out a Commitment Card? If we are all honest, when we write our name down to a particular commitment whether it be to prayer, ministry, or monetary offering, we are more likely to be dedicated to our decision than if we verbally make a promise. When we make only a verbal promise, we are potentially more apt to rationalize our way out of that commitment... Very quickly! Therefore, when we all hand in our forms, we know what we are expected to do, but it also allows us to alter or change our commitments each year. Finally, new parishioners to our church need to be educated and invited into the Stewardship Way of Life, as well as to be instructed on why we do certain things.

Kickoff Sunday is October 28/ 29
Commitment Sunday is November 4/ 5

More specific details will be provided throughout the month of October, but please take the time to mark your calendars. Also, please pray that God will reveal His plan and purposes for your life during the Annual Stewardship Renewal. It begins with an invitation and then prayer that God's will be revealed in your life.

"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."

