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 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**  
**October 22, 2023**  
**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Alleluia, alleluia.  
 Shine like lights in the world  
 as you hold on to the word of life.  
 Alleluia, alleluia.

The Feast Days of  
*All Saints & All Souls*  
**MASS SCHEDULE**  
 All Saint's Day  
 Holy Day of Obligation Wednesday  
 Nov. 1st 7:30 AM & 5:30 PM.  
 There will be Mass at Downieville at noon.  
 All Soul's Day

**SOCK DRIVE**  
**SISTERS OF MERCY**  
**HELPING THOSE IN NEED**  
 Sierra Roots reports that they are in need of socks. You have been so very generous in the past years, and we are asking for your support once again. Please place socks in the box provided in the vestibule of the church and accept our sincere gratitude for your kindness. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Mercy Associate member Kathleen Haider @ 530-615-4803.  
 Thank you for supporting our community!

**Parish Book Club Gathering**  
 Monday, November 13, 2023  
 All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and St. Canice Book Club on Monday, November 13, 2023, at 1:30 P. M. in St. Patrick's Small Hall. We will be discussing *Rescued: The unexpected and extraordinary news of the Gospel*, by Fr. John Riccardo. The discussion, which will last about an hour and a half, will be led by Michael Moreland. The book is available at your favorite bookstore or online. In addition to stimulating conversation, coffee, tea, and cookies will be served.

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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

**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

**Mass Live-Stream**  
 Sunday 11:00 AM from St. Patrick Church

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Oct 28-29, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat @ 5:30 pm	Mike Blake Mike Cartan	Aidynn Salter	Kevin Foley	Christine Strohm, Meghan Salter, Patti Favetti
Sun @ 9:00 am	Scott McIntosh Ray James		Doris Baldog	Bob Glaeser, Karen McDonald & Sharon Seck

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
Oct 15 & Oct 22	Sharon Seck
Oct 29 & Nov 5	Christine Strohm

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,

When I was a child we had a very observant neighbor; the kind who noticed everything that happened and was particularly interested in what my younger sister and I did. My mother says I was never a bad child but I suspect this neighbor had some justification in her hyper vigilance. On one occasion we hatched a plan that (in our childish minds) would prove her meddlesome ways to our parents-we failed. There was one occasion in which I was vindicated, it was a day I remember well.

We lived close enough to the parish that I could ride a bike and one particular holy day of obligation I was supposed to serve Mass early in the day. I wish I could admit it was my 12-year-old piety but I agreed to it because it meant I'd miss several hours of school-not a bad deal. Our neighbor stopped me and interrogated me as to why I wasn't in school. I informed her I was on my way to church to serve Mass, my mother knew and I would be late if she didn't leave me alone, I smiled in triumph and went on my way.

I have always liked the "interruption" of holy days, whether they are holy days of obligation or special feasts or days of prayer or fasting. This disruption of our daily schedule and normal routine remind us that there is more to our existence than the day in and day out of our normal routine. These extra opportunities give us a chance to reflect, celebrate and more fully live out our existence as Catholics.

Shortly after I was assigned here, one of our young parishioners had a very serious surgery, there was a special Mass and the church was packed full on a Wednesday morning. After the Mass one of our parishioners told me, "I have never felt more a part of the Body of Christ!" On Tuesday of last week, nearly 60 people came for the Holy Hour for Peace. The sound of them answering the prayers of the Rosary was thunderous, another sign of our existence in the mystical Body of Christ. The wisdom of the Holy Mother Church gives us many opportunities to reflect and experience that.

In the next two months we have plenty of opportunities for this to happen. All Saints Day, All Souls Day, our monthly Holy Hour for Vocations, the First Fridays and Saturdays, Thanksgiving Day Mass, The Immaculate Conception, The season of Advent, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Christmas and its brief but beautiful season. These are just the ones that came to mind as I was writing this.

I think the challenge in taking advantage of these is to plan ahead and make the space for them in our calendar. When we miss a Holy Day of Obligation we miss more than Mass, we miss an opportunity to grow in our relationship with God and in the depths of our faith.

Your Father in Christ,

Father Estrella

### CORNERSTONE RETREAT FOR MEN



Helping Men Lead Their Families in Faith

Join us Nov 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

Share 26 hours with Men who want to be better Catholic Men, Fathers, Husbands and Friends

Join us in Prayer, Listening and Fellowship

Register Outside After Mass at St Patrick's Church, on the Parish website or at <https://spcornerstone.org/>

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$ 2,851  
School of Religion \$ 388



#### Upcoming Collections

Oct 22 Mission Sunday  
Oct 29 Interfaith Food Ministry  
Nov 1 All Saints Day  
Nov 2 All Souls Day

### CULTURE OF LIFE

October is Respect Life Month *On Defending Life*

Last week's pro-life arguments showed that pre-born babies are indeed both human and alive. And as so, intentionally causing the death of a young human life through abortion would seem to constitute murder. But even with science supporting the *human and alive conclusion a new argument for keeping abortion legal has arisen, "Even if we concede that the fetus is human, it is not a person." Hence, a definition of Personhood is now being debated. Should personhood depend on the state of consciousness, self-awareness or the capacity for transcendent thought? Many may say, "yes" ironically leaving an opening for the inclusion of advanced mammals and even AI as "persons" while at the same time excluding pre-born babies.*

According to Peter Kreeft, philosophy professor and author, there is a clear difference between what a person does and what a person is: "One cannot function as a person without being a person, but one can surely be a person without functioning as a person." There is little argument that a human in deep sleep, a state of coma, and early infancy is a person. This reasoning also applies to all stages of life. "Old age, Alzheimer's disease, and disability might rob a person of certain uniquely human capabilities, but those who suffer from such conditions don't cease to be persons." The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "human life must be **respected** and **protected** absolutely from the moment of conception...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."

Pray and Fast for an end to Abortion and Physician Assisted Suicide

Respect life. All life is sacred.



### CREATION CARE TEAM FROM ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

Care for God's Creation

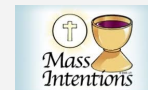


Please visit our booth at the Ministry Fair this Sunday, 10/22. We will show examples of alternatives to single-use plastics, and information about our Ministry (no obligation to join); our only mission is to help spread the word about caring for God's creation.

The Creation Care Team next Meeting is Tuesday, October 24 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm in the small hall.

### Mass Intentions

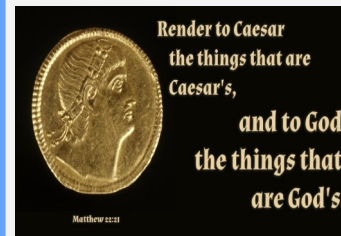
Mon. 10/23/23 7:30 am Mary & Chris Eskandar (SI)  
Tues. 10/24/23 7:30 am Marsha & Ken Bailey (SI)  
Wed. 10/25/23 7:30 am Lourdes Alonso (SI)  
Thurs. 10/26/23 7:30 am Men's G Members Past & Present  
Fri. 10/27/23 7:30 am No Intention  
Sat. 10/28/23 5:30 pm Donald Warner (D)  
Sun. 10/29/23 9:00 am Marilyn Warner (D)



### Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon, 10/23 Jon 1:1—2:2,11 Lk 10:25;37 (461)  
Tues, 10/24 Jon 3:1-10 Lk 10:38-42 (462)  
Wed, 10/25 Jon 4:1-11 Lk 11:1-4 (463)  
Thurs, 10/26 Mal 3:13-20b Lk 11:5-13 (464)  
Fri, 10/27 J1 1:13-15,2:1-2 Lk 11:15-26 (465)  
Sat, 10/27 Ji 4:12-21 Lk 11:27-28 (466)  
Sun, 10/28 Is 25:6-10a  
Sun, 10/29 Phil 4:12-14,19-20 Mt 22:1-14

### Reflecting on the Gospel



• The Second Vatican Council made many bold claims when it convened more than fifty years ago. It put forth practical reforms, like the ability to celebrate Mass in native languages, and set forth guidance for Catholics interacting with their diversifying communities. Guided by the Holy Spirit,

the council set a vision for the "church in the modern world." It recognized that while the ultimate authority rests in God, we also live in a world with varying systems of governance.

• How do we discern what authority to listen to? What happens if the will of the government clashes with the will of God? These are questions people of faith have asked throughout time, from church councils to the days of Christ. Today's gospel could have inspired the types of discussions happening at Vatican II. The religious leaders of the day ask Jesus a legitimate question-even if their intent was to trick him: "Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" They are in essence asking where their allegiances should lie. Jesus's answer may have surprised them: "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

• Jesus recognizes that his followers are responsible to both heaven and earthly matters. The ultimate question is not whether to avoid taxes. The issue is how should Christians hold the government accountable for practicing values like peace and justice? We have a responsibility to engage in the political lives of our communities, to advocate for the marginalized as Jesus did. Being a church in the modern world is not easy. With the Spirit's help, we can discern a right and just way forward.

### Kick off Sunday for Annual Stewardship Renewal

This weekend is "Kick off Sunday" for our Annual Stewardship Renewal at both Saint Patrick and Saint Canice Catholic parishes. This is the first week of a three week process where parishioners discern how to share their God-given gifts. As we have been learning over the past few weeks, the Annual Renewal is a time for prayer and reflection as we ponder the God-given gifts in our lives, and how we can express our gratitude for those gifts with our Time, Talent, and Treasure. It's important that each year we reconsider our commitments as we grow closer in our relationship with God, because we change. And as we change, so do the gifts that we share. In addition, the Stewardship Renewal time affords new parishioners an opportunity to participate in the Stewardship way of life. Kick off Sunday will feature two events.

First, Fr Estrella's homily will help us to better understand the spiritual benefits of the Stewardship way of life and formally invite each of us to participate. In addition, after all Sunday morning masses at St Patrick's Church (7:30/ 9:00/ & 11:00), please join us for donuts/refreshments, as well as visiting the St. Patrick/St. Canice Ministry Fair in the St Patrick Hall. Ministry leaders are available to visit, answer questions, and share more about their ministry. All are welcome!

"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."



### MOVIE ON CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP OCTOBER 28



St Canice Stewardship is presenting a continental breakfast and movie on October 28, 2023 in the St

Canice Hall. Breakfast will start at 9:30.

All parishioners are invited to attend and enjoy some fellowship. The movie is on Christian Stewardship and is a real eye opener. Please join us this is a way to meet other church goers and make new friends.