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 This holiday season should be the most wonderful time of the year. However, for those struggling with food insecurity, it is the most challenging time of the year.
 The traditional holiday meals add to financial and emotional stress. Most go without. You can make the holidays brighter for those in need by sponsoring a family with a holiday meal. For more information or contact Jeff Hebert at 530-265-9510 or email jkjhebert@comcast.net for further questions.
FEED A HUNGRY FAMILY

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.

CORNERSTONE MEN'S RETREAT NOVEMBER 10 TH and 11TH
 Monday, November 6 is the deadline to registering for the Cornerstone retreat and there is still room for 4 or 5 more men. Don't miss this opportunity. Come join us as we strive to grow as Catholic Men. You can still register at <https://spcornerstone.org> or at the parish website. For more information contact Deacon Rick Soria @ 310-626-5673 or Mike Maples at 805-478-2264.

St. Canice Catholic Church
November 5, 2023
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Alleluia, alleluia.
 You have but one Father in heaven
 and one master, the Christ.
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

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				
Nov 11-12, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat @ 5:30 pm	Jeff Hebert	Aidynn Salter	Christine Strohm	Kevin Foley, Patti Favetti and Meghan Salter
Sun @ 9:00 am	Tom Seck Terry Vanetten		Diana Garbin	Tom & Sharon Seck, and Michelle McIntosh

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
Oct 29 & Nov 5	Christine Strohm
Nov 12 & Nov 19	Donna Roach

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.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Family,

As we enter the month of November our thoughts naturally turn to Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, and the variety of activities that lead up to Christmas and the New Year. But in the liturgical year we have an equal number of things to look forward to. I always find these things to be a counterbalance to the distractions of the hustle and bustle, and some to be complimentary. Spiritual life, like any part of daily life, requires planning and foresight.

November 1st is the beautiful feast of All Saints, the day on which we celebrate the throngs of Heaven. This special Mass gives us a glimpse of the heavenly liturgy in a unique way. It is a celebration of all the Saints, the part of the Church we call the "Church Triumphant." It serves as a reminder of our goal and our unity with the saints.

The next day is the feast of All Souls, a day spent in prayer for the poor souls in purgatory who are eagerly awaiting to enter into the glory of Heaven. The first week of November offers us a special opportunity to pray for the Poor Souls, by visiting a cemetery, praying for their souls and the intentions of the Holy Father, receiving Holy Communion, and making a Sacramental Confession (8 days before or after) we can gain a plenary indulgence for a poor soul. We can offer it for any deceased person we know; if they don't need it, it will benefit a poor soul who does. We will proceed to the seminary after the evening Mass of All Souls.

It is a spiritual work of mercy to pray for the living and the dead, it is so important that the Church prays for all the faithful departed in every single Mass! Many of us remember being taught to "offer it up" especially for the poor souls. The following was a common prayer but is increasingly becoming unknown.

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
R. and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace

There are many saints' days in November as well, a few of my favorites are St. Cecilia, Pope St. Leo the Great and St. Martin of Tours. St. Martin of Tours was a soldier and so there is a beautiful connection as his feast day is the civic observance of Veterans' Day. The Feast of Christ the King is always close to Thanksgiving Day, another beautiful stroke of Divine Providence. The feast of Christ the King gives us an opportunity to remember that Christ is King of our hearts, of our lives, of society and all creation.

After reading all of these opportunities it can seem a bit overwhelming. If we make the spiritual opportunities the liturgical year offers us a priority, I believe we will find great solace, energy and encouragement as we carry out our daily lives. In this busy world we must strive to be more like Mary who sat at the feet of the Lord, knowing that in coming to Him, He will fulfill His promise to give us rest.

Your Father in Christ,
Father Estrella

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Our Return to God
Last week Reg collection \$ 1,986

Upcoming Collections
Nov 5 No 2nd Collection
Nov 12 No 2nd Collection
Nov 19 Human Development



Reflecting on the Gospel



The old saying spoke truth then and it speaks truth now: "Practice what you preach." The scribes and Pharisees devoted themselves to the law yet they did not live it out. Throughout the gospels, we see Jesus grow increasingly frustrated with the religious leaders of the day who wield their authority in ways he deems hypocritical. These religious leaders

know the law and the law matters. Jesus came "not to abolish [the law,] but to fulfill [it]" (Matt 5:17). Religions need well formed people who can carry the tradition and sacred texts into the present day. Yet, any teacher or parent will tell you that true learning rarely happens by simply being told what to do. Knowing the law intellectually is only the first step. Jesus calls his disciples to embody the law with their whole being mind, body, and spirit.

Before we point fingers too quickly and likely fall into the same hypocritical camp Jesus tells us to avoid! Let us consider how Jesus approaches the scribes and Pharisees. Note that Jesus first recognizes the truth in their teachings: "[D]o and observe all things whatsoever they tell you." Then Jesus speaks honestly and directly to the issues he sees, naming specific examples of ways their actions fall short of the law's intent. Jesus once again models how we should approach others who we believe are in the wrong.

Surely, we can all think of someone who acts a little too righteous while trying to show off their faith and presents a hypocritical message in the process. Rather than bad mouthing them or writing them off completely, what if we were to follow Jesus's way of respectful, honest, and direct dialogue?

Culture of Life Ministry on Monday, November 6th at 6:00pm in the Small Hall at St. Patrick's Church

Please Join US

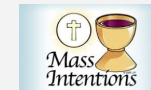
Would you like to help build up the Culture of Life in our parish and community? Please join the Culture of Life Ministry on Monday, November 6th at 6:00pm in the Small Hall.



No 2nd Collection for School of Religion the month of November

Mass Intentions

Mon.	11/06/23	7:30 am	No intention
Tues.	11/07/23	7:30 am	No intention
Wed.	11/08/23	7:30 am	No intention
Thurs.	11/09/23	7:30 am	No intention
Fri.	11/10/23	7:30 am	No Intention
Sat.	11/11/23	5:30 pm	Thomas & Sylvia MacQuillan (D)
Sun.	11/12/23	9:00 am	Frank and Linda Pellegrini (D)



Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon,	11/06	Rom 11:29-36	Lk 14:12-14 (485)
Tues,	11/07	Rom 12:5-16b	Lk 14:15-24 (486)
Wed,	11/08	Rom 13:8-10	Lk 14:25-33 (487)
Thurs,	11/09	Ez 47:1-2	Jn 2:13-22 (671)
Fri,	11/10	Rom 15:14-21	Lk 16:1-8 (489)
Sat,	11/11	Rom 16:3-9	Lk 16:9-15 (490)
Sun,	11/12	Wis 6:12-16	Mt 25:1-13 (154)

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CULTURE OF LIFE

Reflections on the upcoming Feast of The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - November 21st.



The Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple has been celebrated in the Eastern Church since the 6th century with a church built in Jerusalem in honor of the mystery. Also known as the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, it became a feast

of the universal Church in the 16th century. According to fransiscanmedia.org on the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the unhistorical account, the Protoevangelium of James tells us that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the Temple when she was 3 years old. This was to carry out a promise made to God when Anna was still childless." The important theological purpose of celebrating this feast is that it is a continuation of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and the Nativity of Mary." Together they stress an important truth about Mary: "From the beginning of her life, she was dedicated to God. She herself became a greater temple than any made by hands. God came to dwell in her in a marvelous manner and sanctified her for her unique role in God's saving work."

The title Theotokos (the God-Bearer) was sanctioned in 431. The Church declared that both Divine and human natures were united in the person of Jesus, the son of Mary. She indeed bore in her womb and gave birth to the second person of the Trinity. Isn't that incredible? A mystery beyond mysteries. It seems that God could have chosen a thousand different ways to come into the world but He chose to be conceived, developed and be nurtured in the womb of a human woman. This is perhaps the greatest proof of the dignity of women and motherhood. Sadly, today motherhood is often seen as a burden and an inconvenient happenstance of nature. For some conceiving a child and giving birth is no longer anticipated with joy but perceived as a deterrent to a fulfilling and successful life. Motherhood should be viewed as a beautiful gift given to women not as a curse to be disrupted by chemicals, barriers, surgery or ended by abortion, an act defined by the Catholic Church as an intrinsic evil. Yet perhaps even more insidious than contraception, and abortion is the destruction of young girls, potential mothers, through mastectomies, hysterectomies and hormone treatments in the name of gender-affirming care. Mary is the role model of womanhood and motherhood. We should pray that the dignity of both can be restored throughout the world.

The Immaculate Conception, pray for us. Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for us. Theotokos, pray for us.

Our Blessed Mother, pray for us. Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us. Refuge of Sinners, pray for us.

