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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!

THE FALL BAKE SALE

 It's time to stock up on goodies before Thanksgiving! The fall bake sale will be held following masses on November 18 and 19. Altar server Aidynn Salter is coordinating the sale as a community service project in collaboration with the Ladies Guild. Thank you for supporting the needs of our community!

SPONSOR A FAMILY FOR THE HOLIDAYS 2023
A holiday dinner for one family costs \$25

 As the Holidays near, our goal is to provide each client's family with a memorable holiday meal. We can only achieve this through the generosity of the community. A holiday dinner for one family costs \$25. Donate to IFM and provide a family or families with a delicious meal this holiday season!
 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 jkhebert@comcast.net for further questions.

IMPORTANT **No 2nd Collection for The School of Religion in the month of November**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Nov 18-19, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat @ 5:30 pm	Jeff Hebert	Aidynn Salter	Kevin Foley	Christine Strohm, Judy McBride and Patti Favetti
Sun @ 9:00 am	Tom Seck Terry Vanetten		Bob Glaeser	Judy Steffens, Doris Baldog, and Lillian Glaeser

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
Nov 12 & Nov 19	Donna Roach
Nov 26 & Dec 3	Elizabeth Grizard

St. Canice Catholic Church
November 12, 2023
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Alleluia, alleluia.
 Stay awake and be ready!
 For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.
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	
Immaculate Conception Church 11:30 AM	
	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

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,

This past week I was driving back from a hospital call and noticed that the closed end of Mill Street was already decorated for Christmas! I did a double take and even thought to google to see if a Christmas movie was being filmed in Grass Valley! My next thought was that "it's not even Thanksgiving." Personally, some Thanksgiving decorations would have been fun-maybe a big inflatable turkey and some pilgrims... I don't know... I don't decorate the rectory much. Normally I would write this reflection some time closer to Advent but it seems I need to do it in mid-August!

On Epiphany there is beautiful chant which gives the dates of all the coming feasts, it's a lovely chant and while not needed because we all have Siri and Alexa to tell us, or at least a calendar, it gives a connection between the Incarnation and Birth of our Lord and Easter with all the beautiful feasts that follow. We often modify the word "year," we have a liturgical year, we have a fiscal year, what we call the "calendar" year is really a civic year. There is some overlap, Christmas and Easter are public holidays, Thanksgiving has a special Mass, some days while not having a liturgical rank are included in our Mass.

I would propose that the liturgical year becomes the lens for how we look at all the other years. The carol of Good King Wenceslas says he went out on the "feast of Stephen" to give alms to a poor man. The Feast of Stephen is Dec 26th, the second day of Christmas. I am sure you know the old song "The Twelve Days of Christmas." It is not uncommon in church documents to include the feast or saint's day in the date of the document or for important feasts to be chosen for events or special documents.

By using the liturgical calendar as our main point of reference we connect not only the feast days to our lives and the events around us but more importantly the liturgical seasons as well. Next year Ash Wednesday is on February 14th, which will win out for you? All around us we will see people going out to eat nice dinners, drinking champagne and other things and of course the famous boxes of chocolate. It is easy to say "it's only one day." But the Scriptures teach us that today is the acceptable day, today is the desirable day. It will be hard but worth it knowing we place nothing before the love of God and deeper conversion.

How will you keep Advent this year? Will your own life be like Mill St. decked out with boughs of holly to be swept away on the feast of Stephen? Will you keep the 12 days of Christmas? Will you slow down and reflect on preparing the way of your heart for His arrival? How do you keep Easter? Is "Alleluia" only sung in church?

If we can keep the liturgical year and seasons at the forefront, then the Lord's Sacrifice, the work of our Redemption stays at the forefront and we soon see the world and others through the power and meaning of the Cross. If we do this then we can see the world and our neighbor through the eyes of Jesus.

Your Father in Christ,
Father Estrella

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$ 4,017
All Saints \$ 733
All Souls \$ 676

Upcoming Collections

Nov 12 No 2nd Collection
Nov 19 Human Development
Nov 23 Thanksgiving



Reflecting on the Gospel

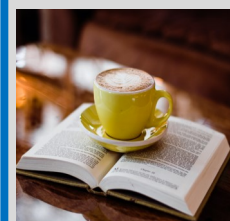


How can we prepare to wait? This odd question strikes at the heart of today's gospel. Jesus offers the parable of ten virgins waiting for the bridegroom to help his followers imagine what it will be like to wait for the Son of Man to return. First, we see the virgins arrive together and stay together. If only one virgin had been there alone all night, it would have been much easier for her to give up. Who would have kept her motivated? Who would she have turned to when the waiting got hard? Like the virgins, Jesus wants us to live in joyful hope for the coming of the kingdom as a community. The Church at its best encourages and strengthens the community of believers.

The wise virgins came prepared with flasks of oil but not infinite amounts. Similarly, Jesus calls us to be ready to wait for the coming of God's kingdom with humility and patience, recognizing that we do not yet have the fullness of faith, hope, and love in our lamps. But we do have something. Our lamps need not run empty if we steward our oil well. Like the wise virgins, we are called to wait with anticipation. Surely the bridegroom will come back!

If the wise virgins had no faith in the bridegroom's return, why would they have continued to wait? Something likely those spiritual gifts of faith, hope, and love-convicted them to keep vigil. We too receive spiritual gifts through the sacraments and the life of the church that empower us to keep waiting and to keep believing that what has been promised by God will one day be fulfilled.

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.

Mass Intentions

Mon. 11/13/23 7:30 am All St Canice Parishioners (SI)
Tues. 11/14/23 7:30 am Donna Erickson (SI)
Wed. 11/15/23 7:30 am No intention
Thurs. 11/16/23 7:30 am No intention
Fri. 11/17/23 7:30 am No Intention
Sat. 11/18/23 5:30 pm Gordon and Thea Seese (D)
Sun. 11/19/23 9:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory (D)



Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon, 11/06 Wis 1:1-7 Lk 17:1-6 (491)
Tues, 11/07 Wis 2:23 Lk 17:7-10 (492)
Wed, 11/08 Wis 6:1-11 Lk 17:11-19 (493)
Thurs, 11/09 Wis 7:22b Lk 17:20 (494)
Fri, 11/10 Wis 13:1-9 Lk 17:26-37 (495)
Sat, 11/11 Wis 18:14-16 Lk 18:1-8 (496)
Sun, 11/12 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30 (157)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

What is the significance of a commitment card? MISSION

God created each of us not by accident, but to serve his purposes or mission.



Holy Spirit.

What's your mission? As we pray and reflect on our personal mission to serve God's kingdom, your commitment card offers simple suggestions to ponder as you make a decision to respond to God's invitation. As an example, as we go through an examination of conscience prior to confession using the 10 Commandments as a guide, we do likewise by examining our choices on the commitment card. We do so in union with the

HOLIDAY SEES CANDIES SALES 2023



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"Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) provides a lifesaving second chance for moms who realize they made a terrible mistake." reports 40 Days for Life. During the 2023 Spring 40 Days for Life vigil, an article detailed the story of a mom named Aniah who after having taken the first dose of the Abortion Pill received help from the campaign leader to obtain Abortion Pill Reversal treatment from an APR doctor 90 minutes away. Aniah returned to the vigil location during the Fall campaign to thank vigil participants and

introduce them to her baby Saylah. "The mother admitted that she had regrets immediately after taking the abortion pill. 'I wanted my baby, and I just felt like what I did was wrong and I had to fix it,' she said. 'I thought about the two girls I met [standing vigil in front of the abortion facility], and I looked through the gifts that they gave me and saw the Abortion Pill Reversal phone number...' 'I really appreciate everything that they did for me,' Aniah added. 'Because without them I feel like I would be regretting my decision over and over and over and over again.'"

If California Attorney General Rob Bonta has his way women in California facing this same situation will have nowhere to turn for help. He announced a lawsuit against Heartbeat International and five pregnancy care centers in Northern California. The lawsuit seeks to shut down their *Abortion Pill Rescue Network*. More on this topic will be addressed in the near future. For information regarding the lawsuit go to heartbeatinternational.org.

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!