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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**  
**November 19, 2023**  
**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**



Alleluia, alleluia.  
 Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord.  
 Whoever remains in me bears much fruit.  
 Alleluia, alleluia.

**40 hours of Adoration Friday, November 24 to Sunday, November 26 at St Patrick's Church**

**Will you sit with our Lord?**



Join us for the upcoming 40 Hours of Adoration in preparation for the Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, which will start with a procession on Friday Nov. 24 at 6:30 pm, and end with a procession back into the church on Sunday morning the 26th at 10:45.

We invite you to come spend time with the Lord and grow closer to Him in preparation for the Feast of Christ the King and the beginning of Advent soon thereafter. All are encouraged to implore our Lord to pour forth His abundant graces not only for themselves and their own needs, but for those of the world. Thank you to the members of the Knights of Columbus that will provide security during the late night hours so that we may feel safe and comfortable attending at any time.

Please sign up in the Christ the King adoration | Flocknote . No sign up is required to participate. The sign up is to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone.

Everyone is invited to attend at any time throughout the hours. If you are able, please consider signing up for late night hours as we anticipate these will be the more difficult hours to cover.

Thank you!

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<p><b>Mass Schedule</b></p> <p>Weekday (M-F) 7:30 AM          Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM          Sunday 9:00 AM          Immaculate Conception Church 11:30 AM</p> <p><b>Mass Live-Stream</b>          Sunday 11:00 AM from St. Patrick Church</p>	<p><b>Confession</b>          Friday 8:00 AM          Saturday 4:00 PM (or by appt)</p> <p><b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>          Fri 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM</p> <p><b>Rosary</b>          Wednesday 8:00 AM</p>
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LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Date	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Nov 25-26, 2023				
Sat @ 5:30 pm	Jeff Hebert	Aidynn Salter	Christine Strohm	Kevin Foley, Judy McBride and Patti Favetti
Sun @ 9:00 am	Tom Seck Terry Vanetten		Doris Balog	Karen McDonald, Tom and Sharon Seck

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

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,

On the 9th of November we celebrate the feast of the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, this ancient building was donated by the Roman emperor Constantine and after its consecration became the cathedral of Rome. The prayers for this Mass are beautiful and I enjoy celebrating it every year. The last Sunday of June we celebrate the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral. The terms "Dedication" and "Consecration" are used interchangeably to talk about the ceremonies of setting a church a part for the worship of God. Some parish churches are dedicated, others receive a blessing, this latter option is rarely used. The way we know the difference is whether the church has either 4 or 12 candles on the walls.

The gospel for this Mass is the "cleansing of the temple" because it contains the famous quote from the Prophets "My house will be called a house of prayer." When I pass through the church the flickering votive lights call to mind all those who came in to spend some time in prayer. Often I am inspired to add my own prayers to theirs.

The care of our church is meant to underscore the dignity and noble purpose of a church. Also many of the customs surrounding how we use our churches. With the exception of the sick, small children and other physical requirements, eating and drinking aren't done in church. In the history of the Church, our sacred buildings have been used to house pilgrims or others in emergency situations. The beauty of our churches is meant to help draw us into the beauty of God and encourage us as we pursue heaven, which will be infinitely more beautiful than anything we can imagine.

Whether through the Sacred Liturgy or our own personal prayer, churches give us a space to encounter God and to be drawn into a deeper relationship with Him. Many times I encourage people who are facing difficulties in life to come and simply sit in the church; not to pray but simply be with the Lord. The beauty, harmony, and peacefulness of the church offer us a place to be still, the silence allows us to soak in God's presence. This is a form of hospitality itself and a precious gift we make to each other and receive as well.

Hospitality is an important part of our parish culture and stewardship; that can be by welcoming the stranger or strengthening the bonds of fellowship. There is a delicate balance to strike and lately I have been asked if one may or should talk in church. Many of us can remember a time when there was absolute silence kept in church, perhaps this wasn't good. When I visit other parishes I am surprised to see how the Real Presence of our Lord is disregarded and how difficult it is to pray in church, this isn't good either. As virtue is always in the middle of two extremes, I would propose that quiet talking, whispering is fine in church as long as it is not disruptive and that visiting should be done outside.

It is a heart warming sight when people linger and visit after Mass both for us and for those who drive by and see a happy parish family visiting. I am working to facilitate ways to extend this beyond an occasional or semi-regular opportunity so that we can all enjoy the beauty of our fellowship.

Your Father in Christ,  
Father Estrella

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$ 2,462

### Upcoming Collections

Nov 19 Human Development  
Nov 23 Thanksgiving  
Nov 26 No 2nd Collection



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## Reflecting on the Gospel



How are you using the gifts God gives you? Do you live life to the fullest, or do you tend to play it safe? Are you willing to take risks for who and what you believe in, or does fear drive your days? These are the sorts of challenging questions evoked in today's gospel.

Jesus tells this parable to his followers toward the end of his life, when he too faces big questions about what was and what is to come. The Son of God chose to leave the safety of Galilee and journey to Jerusalem, where those in power wait to persecute him. Yet Jesus goes anyway. He knows his life means something beyond himself. Jesus loves the world so deeply that he is willing to risk his very life for our growth and prosperity.

What would it look like for us, his disciples, to live the same way? God gifts us lives filled with meaning and purpose. Like the master in today's gospel, God gives us talents and expects us to grow them, especially for the sake of the poor, the marginalized, and the suffering.

Two weeks from now, we begin a new liturgical year and a new calendar year kicks off a few weeks after that. Let us take time to consider how we can live more fully into our discipleship this next year. Where is God calling us to take risks for our faith? How is God calling us to act with bravery and boldness for the sake of the gospel?

### Stewardship Reflection for Thanksgiving

If the only prayer you said was "thank you", that would be enough.

- Meister Eckhart (c. 1260 - 1328)

We're still in the midst of our annual Stewardship Renewal. If you haven't returned your Commitment Card, it is NOT too late. Returning your card is an important part of being an active parishioner. Please take this opportunity to discern how God is calling you to grow closer to Him this year and return your card this week. Thank you!

## Mass Intentions



Mon. 11/20/23 7:30 am Dorothy Churchill (D)  
Tues. 11/21/23 7:30 am Leonard Cisneros (D)  
Wed. 11/22/23 7:30 am All Souls in Purgatory (SI)  
Thurs. 11/23/23 7:30 am Bob Glaeser (SI)  
Fri. 11/24/23 7:30 am St. Canice Ladies Guild (SI)  
Sat. 11/25/23 5:30 pm Marilyn and Robert Jull (D)  
Sun. 11/26/23 9:00 am Clifton and Steve Dewey (D)

## Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon, 11/06 Mc 1:10-15 Lk 18:35-43 (497)  
Tues, 11/07 2 Mc 6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10 (498)  
Wed, 11/08 2 Mc 7:1,20-31 Lk 19:11-28 (499)  
Thurs, 11/09 Thanksgiving readings  
Fri, 11/10 1 Mc 4:36-37 Lk 19:45-48 (501)  
Sat, 11/11 1 Mc 6:1-13 Lk 20:27-40(502)  
Sun, 11/12 1 Cor 15:20-26 Mt 25:31-46(160)

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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 [jkjhebert@comcast.net](mailto:jkjhebert@comcast.net) for further questions.

## CULTURE OF LIFE

### Abortion Pill Reversal is available in Grass Valley



Last week we learned that many women have second thoughts about aborting their child after taking the first dose of the chemical abortion pill, Mifepristone. Fortunately, many Pregnancy Centers and Pro-life medical Networks are available to provide the Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) procedure, including our local medical center, LivingWell. However, pro-abortion judges, legislators, Attorney Generals, website search engines and mobile apps that publish

business reviews are making it nearly impossible for mothers to find the help they need to save their baby's life. Recently the California Attorney General sued Heartbeat International and several California Pregnancy Centers to shut down their *Abortion Pill Rescue Network*. Although not part of the lawsuit, *LivingWell Medical Clinic* is experiencing its repercussions. Firstly, *LivingWell* stresses the necessity and makes every effort to provide the women they serve with accurate and up to date information on the APR procedure. And secondly, they began to notice a decline in inquiries related to APR. It has come to light that the search engine Google had blocked information on Abortion Pill "Reversal". Google still makes available information on the abortion pill but makes it very difficult to find information on abortion pill reversal.

In another attempt to abort a woman's other choice - to give birth to her child - YELP, the mobile app that publishes customer reviews, has made it their policy to put a disclaimer on top of pro-life pregnancy center information pages. The disclaimers read either, "Consumer Notice: This is a Crisis Pregnancy Center. Crisis Pregnancy Centers typically provide limited medical services and may not have licensed medical professionals onsite." or in the case of *LivingWell Medical Clinic*, "This is a Crisis Pregnancy Center. Crisis Pregnancy Centers do not offer abortions or referral to abortion providers." Although the statements may be true in some cases, those details can be found in the Clinic's information. It is unclear how many other services or businesses for which YELP feels a need to provide a disclaimer informing the consumer of what the business does **not** do or does **not** provide. Is it possible one might see this? **Frank's Fish Market...Consumer Notice: This is a fish market. Fish markets typically do not sell hamburgers.** Probably not. The Texas Attorney General is in the process of suing YELP. But yet again the California AG Rob Bonta and 15 other AGs have stepped in to block lifesaving information for women by submitting a letter in support of Yelp's decision.

<https://livingwellmedicalclinic.com/>

