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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!

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
FRIDAY / DECEMBER 8, 2023
 Masses for today's holy day of obligation for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be at:
Dec 8 7:30 am and 5:30 pm

THANK YOU
 Thank you so much to all of you who contributed to our annual Fall Bake Sale. We raised a total of \$1,040! All of the funds raised this year will be used to provide holiday meals and Christmas gifts for the family that our Saint Canice Ladies Guild sponsors at the Booth Family Center.
 The Booth Family Center offers homeless families temporary housing and is located on Rough and Ready Highway in Grass Valley. Thank you very much for supporting our efforts to help those in need! - Aidynn Salter

ST CANICE MOMS
 St. Canice MOMS will be serving up goodies IN THE RECTORY the weekend of Dec. 2nd and 3rd after each Mass. Stop by and say *Hi*, and grab your cheese and crackers on Saturday, or donut and coffee on Sunday.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Dec 2-3, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat @ 5:30 pm	Mike Cartan Mike Blake	Aidynn Salter	TBA	TBA
Sun @ 9:00 am	Scott McIntosh Ray James		Michelle McIntosh	Bob & Lillian Glaeser, and Judy Steffens

✠ ALTAR LINENS ✠	
Thank you Ladies Guild!	
Nov 26 & Dec 3	Elizabeth Grizard
Dec 10 & Dec 17	Karen Colwell

St. Canice Catholic Church
November 26, 2023
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Alleluia, alleluia.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
 Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!
 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.

PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

Dear Family,

Two weeks ago I pondered the importance of keeping the liturgical calendar at the forefront of how we reckon the passing of time and the seasons. Today, we celebrate the feast of Christ the King and we transition from one liturgical year to the next. Next Sunday the church will be in stark contrast to what it looks like today. The flowers that decorate our altar will be gone, the sanctuary will be subdued, the only decoration will be the Advent wreath that marks our waiting and longing for the coming of the light of the world, Our Lord Jesus Christ. We will cease signing the Gloria except for two major feasts of our Lady.

I'd like to propose some ways that we can keep Advent in our homes. The first is the Advent wreath, in the rectory we keep ours on the dining room table because we meet for lunch daily. Perhaps that is a place for yours as well. I know families who have a small altar or shrine in their home and they will place the wreath there or add a purple cloth to remind the family that we are in the season of Advent. The lower grades of MSM use a beautiful program, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, and they learn early on the meaning of our liturgical colors. At this age they are taught the color violet means "preparation" which is an important aspect of penance and the penitential seasons. Fasting from Christmas carols and foods is another good way. During Advent I will often have a light supper of soup and I don't eat meat on Wednesday and Friday. Perhaps there is a small sacrifice each of us can make for Advent, especially by doing the Works of Mercy and other charitable deeds.

Beginning Dec 17th we turn our attention to the birth of our Lord especially with the beautiful "O Antiphons" These are the basis of the beautiful hymn "O Come O Come Emmanuel." Around this time I will decorate for Christmas-I also leave my decorations up for a good long time. Another important thing we have to plan is when we will make our Christmas Confession and how to fulfill the double obligation of the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas Day. The 4th Sunday of Advent is Dec 24th and there's no double dipping when it comes to Holy Mass! We have to go to Mass twice, once for the 4th Sunday and then for Christmas. The Vigil Mass of Christmas only counts for one obligation. Skipping one or the other obligations is a serious sin which requires Confession before receiving Holy Communion. While it is a sacrifice, what better gift can we give our Lord than receiving Him worthily in Holy Communion? Here's a preview of the Christmas Schedule

Confessions:

St. Canice: Wednesday / December, 20 4-5 PM
 Friday / December, 22 8-9 AM and 5-6 PM
 Saturday / December, 23 9:30-10:30

There will be no Saturday afternoon confessions in either parish this day.

St Patrick : Tuesday / December, 19 4-5:15 P.M.
 Wednesday / December, 20 6:30-8 PM
 Thursday / December, 21 3:30-5 PM
 Friday / December, 22 5-6 PM
 Saturday / December, 23 9:30-11

There will be no Saturday afternoon confessions in either parish this day.

Masses:

Saturday / Dec 23 4th Sunday of Advent

St. Patrick 5:00 English 6:30 PM Spanish
 St Canice 5:30 PM

Sunday Dec 24th 4th Sunday of Advent

St. Patrick's 7:30,9, and 11 AM. No 1 PM Spanish Mass
 St Canice 9:00 AM

Vigil Masses for Christmas Sunday Dec 24th

St Patrick 5:00 PM English 9:00 PM Spanish
 St Canice 5:30 PM

Midnight Mass at St. Patrick's.

Masses of Christmas Day Monday Dec 25th St. Patrick 8:30 and 10:30 AM. St Canice 9:00

Your Father in Christ,
 Father Estrella



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$ 2,638
 Human Development \$ 278



Upcoming Collections

Dec 3 No 2nd Collection
 Dec 8 Immaculate Conception
 Dec 10 Retirement for Religious

Mass Intentions

Mon.	11/27/23	7:30 am	The Walsh Family (SI)
Tues.	11/28/23	7:30 am	Ladies Guild Past & Present
Wed.	11/29/23	7:30 am	Ann Garrone (SI)
Thurs.	11/30/23	7:30 am	Donald Uveges (D)
Fri.	12/01/23	7:30 am	Barbara Scoble (SI)
Sat.	12/02/23	5:30 pm	Carly Anders (SI)
Sun.	12/03/23	9:00 am	Ava Gates (SI)



Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon,	11/27	Dn 1:1-6	Lk 21:1-4 (503)
Tues,	11/28	Dn 2:31-45	Lk 21:5-11 (504)
Wed,	11/29	Dn 5:1-6	Lk 21:12-19 (505)
Thurs,	11/30	Rom 10:9-18	Mt 4:18-22 (684)
Fri,	12/01	Dn 7:2-14	Lk 21:29-33 (507)
Sat,	12/02	Dn 7:15-27	Lk 21:34-36(508)
Sun,	12/03	Is 63:16b-17	Mk 13:33-37(2)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

As we come to the end of the liturgical year, celebrating the magnificent feast of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Our readings provide contrasting images of this King of ours — He has authority over all, and yet, He is humble and tender in His care for us, especially the most vulnerable.

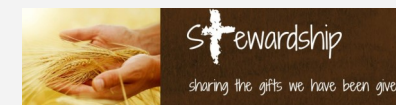
How can we properly honor and love such a King? By offering Him our very lives through the stewardship way of life.

The Gospel passage from Matthew shows us how. The passage begins with Christ's own description of His Second Coming, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him." Then the moment of judgment will come.

This judgment will be based not on how influential, successful, or wealthy a person becomes, but rather, on how we treat the least of those around us, whom Jesus calls His brothers. The Hungry, The Thirsty, The Stranger, and The Lost. As Disciples of Christ we know that our Brothers in poverty have no hope of ever repaying us back.

The more deeply we embrace the stewardship way of life, the more closely our priorities will align with His.

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CULTURE OF LIFE



O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,
 Mother of the living.

To you, we entrust the cause of life.

Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born,

Of the poor whose lives are made difficult,

Of men and women [and children] who are victims of brutal violence,

Of the elderly and sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy,

Grant that all who believe in your Son, may proclaim the Gospel of Life

With honesty and love to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new,

The joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives,

And the courage to bear witness to it, resolutely,

In order to build, together with all people of good will,

The civilization of truth and love,

To the praise and the glory of God,

The Creator and lover of life.

Amen.

St. Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium Vitae*

Reflecting on the Gospel



We have come to the end of another liturgical year. Before we jump too far into the freshness of Advent, let us pause and take stock of this past year of Christian living. Where did we encounter Christ? When did we act as Christ for another? In what ways did we succeed-and fall short in answering the Christian call? Today's gospel reminds us of our core Christian practices: feeding the hungry, giving

drink to the thirsty, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, caring for the sick, and visiting the imprisoned. Each of these actions makes the love of Christ known in the world. As we reflect back on the past year, may God draw our awareness to the people and places that benefited from our Christian practices and the areas in which we can grow in the year ahead.

Today's gospel paints a vivid picture of the end times. Over the past few weeks, we have heard Jesus preach about the ways we are to live as we await the coming of God's kingdom. Matthew leaves little to the imagination in this final scene. When the Son of Man comes in glory, we will be judged by how we treat the poor and the marginalized Christ in our midst.

Caring for our neighbors in need is challenging work. How easy it is to walk by the person asking for grocery money or to keep at arm's length the immigrant family new to town. Yet easy is not the Christian way. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we can do the hard work of loving our neighbors.