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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!

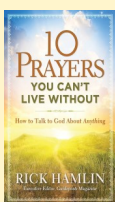


ST CANICE MOMS


 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.

Parish Book Club Gathering
 Monday, January 22, 2024

All Parishioners are invited to a meeting of the St. Patrick and St. Canice Book Club on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 1:30 P. M. in St. Patrick's Small Hall. We will be discussing **10 Prayers You Can't Live Without: How to Talk to God About Everything** by Rick Hamlin. The book is not about learning new prayers, but about how to pray. The discussion, which will last about an hour and a half, will be led by Michael Moreland. The book is available at your favorite book store or online. In addition to stimulating conversation, coffee, tea, and cookies will be served.



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 jkjhebert@comcast.net for further questions.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS				
Dec 9-10, 2023	Ushers	Altar Servers	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers
Sat @ 5:30 pm	Mike Cartan Mike Blake	Aidynn Salter	Kevin Foley	Meghan Salter, Judy McBride and Christine Strohm
Sun @ 9:00 am	Scott McIntosh Ray James		Diana Garbin	Tom and Sharon Seck, and Michelle McIntosh

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

St. Canice Catholic Church
December 3, 2023
The First Week of Advent



Alleluia, alleluia.
 Show us Lord, your love;
 and grant us your salvation.
 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.

St. Canice Christmas Schedule

Confessions:

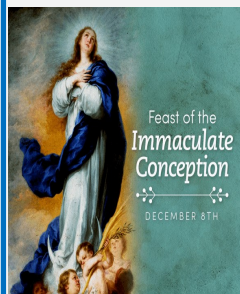
Wednesday, December 20 - 4-5 PM
 Friday, December 22 - 8-9 AM and 5-6 PM
 Saturday, December 23 - 9:30-10:30 AM.
 There will be no Saturday afternoon confessions in either parish this day.

Masses:

Saturday, Dec 23 Vigil Mass 4th Sunday of Advent
 5:30 PM
 Sunday Dec 24th 4th Sunday of Advent
 9:00 AM
 Vigil Mass for Christmas Sunday Dec 24th
 5:30 PM
 Mass of Christmas Day Monday Dec 25
 9:00 AM



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

Readings for the Upcoming Week

Mon,	12/04	Is 2:1-5	Mt 8:5-11 (175)
Tues,	12/05	Is 11:1-9	Lk 10:21-24 (176)
Wed,	12/06	Is 25:6-10a	Mt 15:29-37 (177)
Thurs,	12/07	Is 26:1-6	Mt 7:21-27 (178)
Fri,	12/08	Gn 3:9-15	Lk 1:26-38 (689)
Sat,	12/09	Is 30:19-21	Mt 9:35 (180)
Sun,	12/10	Is 40:1-5	Mk 1:1-8 (5)

CULTURE OF LIFE

Diaper Drive for LivingWell / Dec. 16 and 17

St Canice and St Patrick

A clean diaper is a basic health need.



DONATE TODAY

There is an ongoing need for diapers and basic children's necessities at the LivingWell Embracing Families Boutique. In this season of giving please join the Culture of Life Ministry in helping our local moms in need by donating to our DIAPER DRIVE. Please the flyer about the DIAPER DRIVE for more information.

Please consider being part of the Culture of Life Ministry. Our next meeting is Monday December 4 @ 6pm in the small hall.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. It's a perfect time for us to remember the promises we all made last month during the Annual Stewardship Renewal - commitments of our Time, Talent, and Treasure. When we keep our commitments, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian

Stewards.

Jesus makes this clear in the Gospel passage of Matthew. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he "places his servants in charge, each with his own work." We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do.

Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift as well. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Our Return to God

Last week Reg collection \$1,913
 Thanksgiving \$ 421



Upcoming Collections

Dec 8 Immaculate Conception
 Dec 10 Retirement for Religious
 Dec 17 School of Religion

Mass Intentions



Mon. 12/04/23 7:30 am Mindy Ross (D)
 Tues. 12/05/23 7:30 am Sandra Seegar (D)
 Wed. 12/06/23 7:30 am No Intention
 Thurs. 12/07/23 7:30 am Past & Present members of the Men's Guild
 Fri. 12/08/23 7:30 am Stanley Ross (D)
 5:30 pm Christian Eskandar (SI)
 Sat. 12/09/23 5:30 pm Messmen Family (D)
 Sun. 12/10/23 9:00 am Bernadette Benham (D)

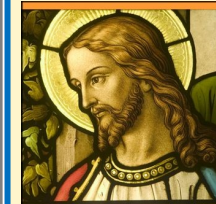
Retirement Fund for Religious / December 9-10



The National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) is announcing the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection, scheduled in parishes throughout the Diocese of Sacramento on Dec. 9-10. In 2022, parishioners from the Diocese of Sacramento contributed \$141,857.84 to the collection.

Please help us this year!

Reflecting on the Gospel



"Be watchful! Be alert!" Jesus tells his disciples. "You do not know when the time will come." Mark 13: 33-37

Advent is a time for big, bold hope he kind showcased in today's first reading. The Babylonians return from exile to a city in ruins. Conquerors destroyed their temple. Current residents shooed

them away. They compare themselves to "poluted rags" and withering leaves. Such hardships left the returned exiles at their wits' end and they let God know it. The people recognize God's anger and disappointment. But they never lose hope in the promise of God's redemption. With audacity, the people demand of God: "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you." They long to see God's awesome deeds. In the face of such destruction, the people never stop hoping that God will make something new. We too are called to keep big, bold hope alive. Like our ancestors in faith, God calls us to trust in God's saving power even especially in our lowest moments.

What does the image of God as a potter have to teach us about the divine? Like a potter, God continually shapes and molds God's people. Like a potter, God is ready to get messy for the sake of our formation. God carefully crafts God's people in the divine image. How might we recognize our callings to be vessels of the divine more fully this Advent season?

Jesus offers the summons to "Be watch- full! Be alert!" in the thirteenth chapter of Mark's Gospel, in the days before he is crucified. Birth, life, death, resurrection these are all parts of one narrative. As we prepare for Christmas these next few weeks, let us always be mindful of great transformations still to come.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOK



This year's books are now available in the foyer. We hope you will find them to be a fruitful tool of study, reflection, and growth as you journey through Advent.

RCIA



Good things are happening in RCIA over the next few months, and we are happy to invite any parishioner to come learn and share with our group of inquirers as we learn about the following topics:

Dec. 7 Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Immaculate Conception, presented by Deacon Rick

December 14th- Jesse Tree and Christmas- presented by Traci Jagger
 All are welcome in the RCIA room located in St. Cecelia's. The sessions run from 6:30-8:30pm. Traci Jagger at rcia@stpatrickgrassvalley.org, or 530-575-0176 for more information or directions.

