

Catholic Community of Saint Patrick

Saint Patrick Church • 3109 Sacramento Street • Placerville
Saint James Church • 2831 Harkness Street • Georgetown

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 28, 2016

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil • 4:00 PM
Sunday • 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Monday - Friday • 8:30 AM

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday • 10:00 AM/12:30 PM
SPANISH MASS

Misas en Español

Domingo • 12:30 PM • Placerville
Miércoles • 6:30 PM • Placerville

Youth Mass

Sunday • 5:00 PM
2nd & 4th Sunday

Reconciliation

Saint Patrick Church, Placerville
Saturday • 3:00-4:00 PM
Saint James Church, Georgetown
Sunday before 10:00 AM Mass

Baptism

Must be registered in parish.
Parents and godparents are required
to attend a pre-Baptism class.

English class:

The class will be held Sunday,
March 20 at 5:00 PM in Room 3

Clase en Español:

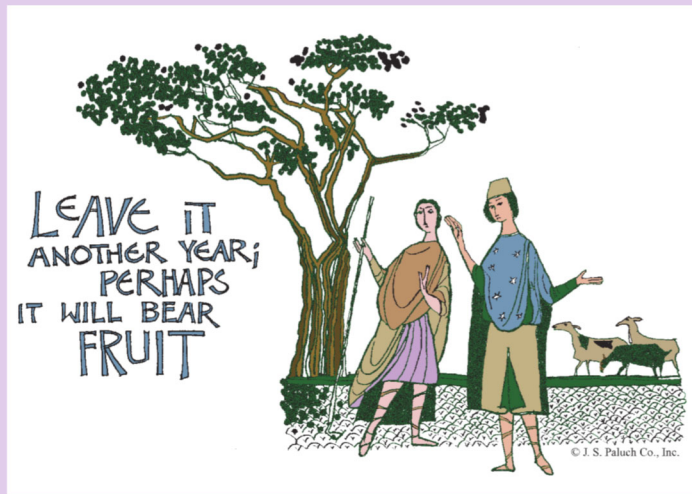
Clasé esta 18 de marzo
a las 7:00 PM salón 3

Sacrament of Marriage

A couple wishing to be married
in Saint Patrick Parish
must contact the parish six months
prior to the intended wedding date.

Our Mission

As an assembly empowered by the glory
of the Resurrection, we are committed
to one another and to the tradition of
the Catholic Church in celebrating the Seven
Sacraments, the Sacred Liturgy, proclaiming
the Good News through Education,
sustaining the community of Faith, and
promoting Charity, Peace and Justice
for all people, now and forever.



THE GARDENER, THE SOIL, AND THE FIG TREE

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; Luke 13:1-9

The Greek philosopher Epictitus once said: "Nothing great is created suddenly, any more than a bunch of grapes or a fig. If you tell me that you desire a fig, I answer you that there must be time. Let it first blossom, then bear fruit, then ripen".

We, and those we love, are like that fig tree Jesus lovingly cared for in the Gospel. Do you sometimes find yourself impatient in your progress with God, or with circumstances that seem hard or slow to bear fruit? Maybe there are loved ones that frustrate your expectations for them to grow in their faith, or not drift away.

In this parable however, we are reminded that it is Jesus who cultivates the soil and brings the growth. The slow progress for fruit on a tree is already a given, being that God has His own timetable, that is not ours. But, sometimes the growth is even slower, due to the lack of a prayerful relationship, repentance, and a thirst for the spiritual rain - we are also warned not to receive His Grace in vain.

In our first reading, God, wanted the enslaved Hebrews in Egypt to understand who He was: "I AM WHO I AM" - the all sufficient God - who can deliver you (and bring you to a fruitful land)! When God said "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", He was reminding Moses and the Hebrews the close relationship He had with them - this relationship that pulled the patriarchs through, would pull them through!

We too, are to be empowered for deliverance and fruitfulness. With patience and perseverance, let us seek the Holy Spirit to give us and others the gift of repentance and growth on our journey of Lent.

- Brian Smith

Saint James Church

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Masses & Confessions: Masses are held on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Confessions are held directly before Mass each Sunday beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Stations & Soup: Every Friday through Holy Week, we resume our tradition of faith and fellowship with Stations and Soup. Come join us here at St. James at 6:00 p.m. as we observe the Stations of the Cross, followed by a comforting dinner of homemade soups and bread. There is a signup sheet in the foyer if you wish to contribute to the meal. You do not need to bring something to attend. Please see Michele Wagstrom if you need more information or have any questions.

Lending Library: We will soon have the lending library up and running! We are requesting donations. If you have religious themed books, audio books, DVD's, CD's, videos (adult or children's) that you would like to share with your fellow parishioners please drop them off in the first classroom or see Ann-Marie Davis.

Saint James Society Meetings: Monthly meetings of the Saint James Society are held directly after Mass on the second Sunday of each month. If you wish to address the Board or have an item placed on the agenda, it must be received by our President Lisa Patterson *in writing* no later than the Friday before the meeting. For information call Lisa at 333.2292 or fairtimeagain@gmail.com.

Donut Sunday: The first Sunday of the month is also "Donut Sunday". For a donation of only \$1.00 you can enjoy a fresh delicious donut. All proceeds benefit the Saint James Faith Formation.

Baked Goodies: are available on the third Sunday of each month, after Mass – all donations also benefit the Saint James Faith Formation.

Cleaning Crew: Looking for a few good volunteers! Come help Mike and Terrie Weycker on the third Saturday of each month to help clean the Church. Can you help?

Script: Please stop by the scrip table in Mathias Hall after Mass – you will be pleasantly surprised at the wide variety of gift cards available. Don't forget – any time you shop at MarVal have them swipe your Community Card! Don't have a card? See any cashier at MarVal to sign up.

Breakfast: Is served the fourth Sunday of each month. For just \$4.00 per person or \$12.00 for families, you can fill up on a delicious full breakfast while you enjoy the company of your friends and fellow parishioners.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Takes place each Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. here at Saint James. Prayer requests written in the ledger in the foyer are acted upon each week. Please contact Mark Spough if you have questions.

For information about scheduling the following events at Saint James please contact:

Baptisms: Carmen Krizl @ 333-0832, **Weddings:** Fely Hayes @ 333-4486, **Funerals:** Carole Silva @ 333-0463, **RCIA:** Craig & Ann Marie Davis @ 333-2946

If you wish to place an announcement in this bulletin, please contact Michele Wagstrom at 333.1977 or mwagstrom@gtusd.org.

NEWS FROM FAITH FORMATION



What is your family doing for Lent?
Check out great ideas & resources
at:

www.crsricebowl.org &
www.catholicmom.com



Congratulations to the children who received the sacrament of 1st Reconciliation on February 27th. May they always seek the blessings of God's MERCY and FORGIVENESS in their lives.