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127 Jackson St., Sonora, CA



Mass Times:

M-F 8:00 am
Sat 5:00 pm
Sun 7:30 am
9:00 am
11:00 am
5:00 pm
Spanish

Reconciliation

Sat 4:00 pm
Wed 6:30 pm
Or by appt.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mission Church

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Big Oak Flat, CA



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Sat 5:00 pm
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Sat 4:30 pm

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The GOOD News

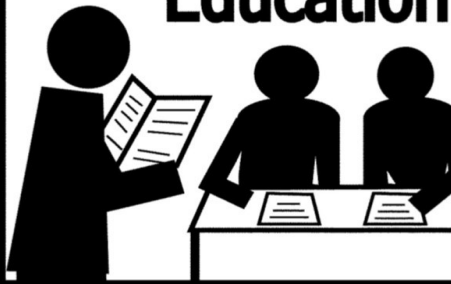
... in Our Parish

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 2015

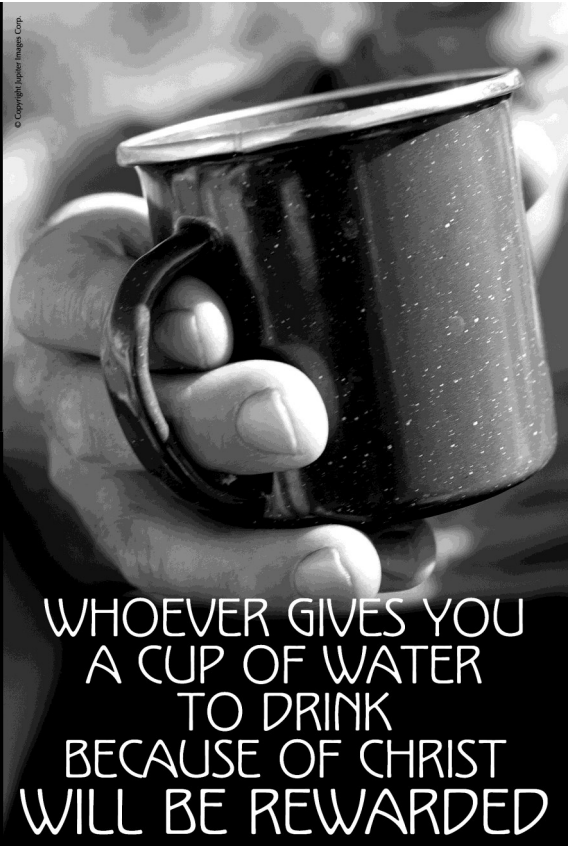
*The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.*

-- Psalm 19:8

Religious Education



*Kindergarten-6th grade
Starts this Wednesday,
Sept. 30th, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
In the parish hall*
*Confirmation Class
7th thru High School
Starts this Wednesday,
Sept. 30th, 6:30 - 7:45 pm
In the Steinmetz House*



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A CUP OF WATER
TO DRINK
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"The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you."

On behalf of St. Patrick's Parish, I joyfully welcome you. Our hope is all who come to St. Patrick's will know the love of Christ. By God's mercy, and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our patron St. Patrick, you will truly encounter the risen Lord and experience the Joy of the Gospel.

If you would like more information about our parish, please visit our website at www.StPatsSonora.org. If you are new to the area, we encourage you to request a new member packet. I would like to meet all of you. I am available for appointments. Please call me at (209) 532-7139 ext. 112 or email frsam@stpatssonora.org. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West, Parish Administrator



Father Sam's Message

This weekend our Holy Father concludes his event-filled trip to the United States. In addition to meeting with the President, addressing a joint session of Congress, and giving a talk at the United Nations, Pope Francis presided at the concluding Mass of the World Meeting of Families and the Canonization of St. Junipero Serra. I want to let you know our humble parish in northern California was blessed to be represented at both events and actively took part in the Holy Father's historic visit. Our dear Fr. Banka was blessed to have celebrated the Canonization of Junipero Serra in Washington D.C., along with our business manager, Ron Ivey. Also, a couple of families from St. Patrick's were blessed to attend the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia.

St. Junipero Serra was a 16th century Franciscan missionary who was, in years past, credited as a founder of the great state of California. On my first visit to Washington D.C. when accompanying the eighth graders from St. Stanislaus Catholic School several years ago, I was pleasantly surprised to discover a statue of St. Junipero Serra in the National Statuary Hall in the United States Congress building. Every state was invited to have two statues of important people who represent the history and character of the state. For the state of California, the two statues are Ronald Reagan, our 40th president, and St. Junipero Serra, who founded the mission system in California 50 years before the pilgrims reached Plymouth Rock. Pope Francis refers to our first North American Hispanic Saint, Junipero Serra, as "a great evangelizer." Fr. Serra was motivated first by a profound love of Christ and the urgency of bringing others to Christ. He was driven so much by this desire that he dedicated his whole life to evangelizing and helping the native people of California, who would have never heard of Christ or come to know Him, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Today, in the Gospel, our Lord Jesus gives us a dire warning. He reminds us of the urgency and supreme importance of a real conversion, turning away from sin and turning toward Him. When Our Lord says things like, "*it would be better for him if a great millstone were put around his neck and he were thrown into the sea*" and "*it is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna,*" He is clearly warning us of the serious and eternal consequence for those who choose to continue living a life of serious sin. In referring to Gehenna, the place of the "undying worm" and "unquenchable fire," Jesus reveals and confirms there is such a "place," or state of being, we call Hell.

The existence of Hell is a definitive teaching of Christ. Whether we can comprehend it or not, there is the real possibility of a person freely choosing to obstinately and callously remain in their sin. If a person dies in such a state, they make the choice to separate themselves from God forever. Jesus is desperately calling those who are on this path of perdition to make a radical change with the help of His grace, which is always lovingly offered through His unlimited mercy and forgiveness.

Hence, what is at stake in the mission of preaching and living the Gospel is the tragedy of possibly losing eternal life for which Christ has come, suffered, and died. In fact, the consequence of sin is so desperate that Jesus compares the need for conversion from sin to cutting off one's own hand or plucking out one's own eye instead of losing eternal life. All the saints, particularly missionaries like our beloved St. Junipero Serra, understood the urgency of preaching the Gospel and truly gave themselves out of love to save others. As the baptized, the Chosen, we each in our own way are also called to give ourselves in service to the urgency of the Gospel. We do this first by humbly asking God for His mercy, which is infinite, to deepen our own continued conversion. With His Grace and the help of His Church, we remove ourselves from any and all sinful situations making a sincere resolution and taking the necessary steps to "cut off" all sins, particularly serious sins, from our lives.

Finally, I would like to thank and acknowledge the young adults and chaperones from our parish who attended the "On Fire Nor Cal Jam 2015" Catholic youth festival at Six Flags in Vallejo last Saturday. To start this day of celebration of the gift of our Catholic Faith, there was a beautiful Mass attended by several thousand young people from the dioceses of northern California and Reno. I was blessed to attend the event and concelebrate the Mass with four bishops and several priests. After the Mass, we went to an inspiring talk by Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR, for the young adults. He reminded the young adults that each of them has received unique gifts from the Holy Spirit in order to show the splendor of God's glory, His love and mercy, to others. He encouraged them to think of new and creative ways to be real evangelizers in their communities. As we begin a new year of youth ministry, I am hoping our teens and young adults, following the example of St. Junipero Serra, will be inspired and motivated to use their unique gifts and talents spending themselves to bring others to know Christ, who is the fullness of God's Love.

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Let us pray for intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Patrick to help us heed the urgent call to be true evangelizers, bring Christ's message of conversion, freedom, peace, joy, forgiveness, mercy, and love to everyone God has called us to serve.

God bless, Fr. Sam West

World Youth Day Pilgrim Profile

Hello, my name is Adriana Carrera. I am 18 years old and I graduated from Sonora High School in June of 2015. My future plans are to go to Columbia College for two years then transfer to a University. I am the youngest of four kids in my Hispanic family and I am the only one to be



involved in St. Patrick's youth group. When I first heard of this pilgrimage to World Youth Day during the summer of 2016 in Krakow, Poland, I wanted to experience what a lot of people say to be something extraordinary. I want to be an inspiration for other Catholic young adults to never lose sight of God and continue seeking and reaching out to him. What I hope to get from this pilgrimage is to grow even closer to God and my faith. To know that no matter what, the father, the son, the Holy Spirit, the saints, my guardian angel, and the Virgin Mary, will always be by my side no matter where I go. Another thing I want to get out of this pilgrimage is to feel a deeper and stronger connection to my faith. I want to learn amazing things from the people I would be traveling there with, as well as from the new kind hearts I meet along the way, for example Pope Francis'. I know that this trip will be an experience of a lifetime and I hope that this calling from God becomes a reality!

Coming Events

In October:

Friday, Oct. 2 through Sunday Oct. 4, 2015

St. Patrick's Women's Retreat

Saturday, Oct. 10,

11:00 am ~ Bunco/Luncheon in Parish Hall

12:00 pm ~ Public Square Rosary

Sunday, Oct. 18 ~ White Mass ~ 9:00 & 11:00 am

Blessings for those involved in Medical Positions

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 11:00 am ~ Skyline Place Mass

In November:

Saturday, Nov. 14 ~ Parish Christmas Festival

Appointments available for a portrait setting from November 18 thru 22 and/or again December 2 thru 6 for the new Parish Directory.

Divine Mercy Conference

Saturday October 3, 2015

Divine Mercy Parish

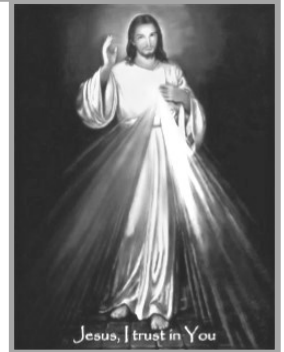
2231 Club Center Dr.,

Sacramento, CA

9:30 am – 4:30 pm

(\$20 advanced registration,

\$25 at the door)



All are invited to the parish morning Mass at 8:30 am & the vigil Mass at 5:00 pm

Register at: www.DivineMercySacramento.org or through your parish Point of Contact.

Marcia Watts has \$20 tickets available.

Call Marcia at 209-533-3662.

Confirmation Classes ~ 7th Grade thru High School

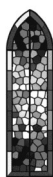
We are offering two sections of Confirmation classes this year. You may select the section that better fits your schedule. Both sections will share a common Mini Retreat set for Sunday, January 10th, beginning with the 9:00 am Mass and ending at 8:00 pm. There is also a weekend NET Retreat, held at St. Patrick's Church in Angels Camp later in the year.

The two sections will be offered as follows:

1. Wednesday Evening 6:30-7:45 pm Starts: **September 30th** in Steinmetz House
2. Two Sundays/month after the 11:00 am Mass, 12:15 until 4:15 (We'll share lunch.)
First session starts: **October 18th**

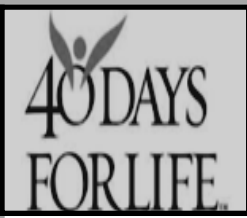
Contact Kathy Casas for more details and to register for one of the sessions, 532-7139 ext. 110 or 770-5987

Liturgical Ministers



Schedules for the 4th quarter are ready to be picked up in the church vestibule or the parish office during the week.

Choir Practice: Now that school has started, the times of Choir Rehearsals are Tuesdays:
Teen Choir 5:00 pm ~ Adult Choir 6:00 pm



We are asking for parishioners to participate in 40 Days for Life each Monday in October. The focus of 40 Days for Life is to stand for Life through peaceful, prayerful and public witness on the busiest corner in Sonora. The dates for participating are October 5, 12, 19 and 26. Please join us on the corner of Mono Way and Greenley for one hour a week between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm. Look for sign-up sheets in the office and after the Sunday Masses.

KINDLY SEEKING RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are in need of donations that can be used for raffle prizes at the Christmas Festival. We are looking for things like use of timeshares, airline frequent flyer miles, gift certificates for dinners, sport event tickets, performance tickets, etc. Please contact Ron Ivey at 209-532-7139 ext. 103 or email ron@stpatssonors.org.

Thank you.

Weekly Offering



Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	9-6-15 Week 1	9-13-15 Week 2	9-20-15 Week 3	Monthly Totals
General Offerings				
St. Pat's	\$8,608	\$6,199	\$4,852	\$19,659
OLMC	\$2,220	\$1,323	\$1,372	\$4,915
E-giving	\$520	\$530	\$565	\$1,615
Total	\$11,348	\$8,052	\$6,789	\$26,189
LAST YEAR	\$8,884	\$8,528	\$7,007	\$24,419
Maintenance Offerings				
St. Pat's	\$782	\$132	\$34	\$948
OLMC	\$135	\$25	\$4	\$164
Total	\$917	\$157	\$38	\$1,112
Parish Services: St. Pat \$563 + OLMC \$160.20 Total \$723.20				
Catholic University of America St. Pat \$675 + OLMC \$137.75 =Total \$812.75				
Thank you for your generosity & continued support!				

**Respect Life Sunday
2nd Collection ~ October 4, 2015**

Your donation to the Respect Life efforts in our diocese is essential to a ministry that offers:

- * outreach to pregnant and parenting teens;
- * post-abortion reconciliation and healing;
- * Natural Family Planning education;
- * support for parish committees promoting the dignity of all life;
- * education outreach on all life issues.

Thank you!

for your generous support for the continued work of our diocesan Respect Life Office.

**Domingo de Respeto por la Vida
2da Colecta ~ 4 de octubre del 2015**

Su donación para los esfuerzos de Respeto por la Vida en nuestra diócesis es esencial para el ministerio que ofrece:

- ◆ Acercamiento a padres jóvenes y embarazadas;
- ◆ Reconciliación y sanación post-aborto;
- ◆ Educación de Planeación Familiar Natural;
- ◆ Apoyo a los comités parroquiales promoviendo la dignidad de la vida de todos;
- ◆ Educación en cuestiones de asuntos de vida.

Gracis!

Por su generoso apoyo para continuar el trabajo de la Oficina diocesana de Respeto por la Vi

Public Square Rosary Crusade

Come and join us in praying publicly for our nation on October 10, 12:00 pm at Court House Park to pray the rosary. Bring your family, bring a friend.

What's Bunco? It's lots of fun!
If you can throw dice and count, you can play bunco

YLI Patricia #79

Join us for a fun afternoon!

Saturday, October 10, 2015

St. Patrick's Parish Hall ~

127 W. Jackson St., Sonora, CA

Baked Potato Bar Luncheon/Bunco Games

Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

\$15 per person.

All adults welcome.

Advance tickets or reservations

suggested.

Vicki @ 532-6010



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Sept. 26 thru Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015

Saturday	5:00 pm	Health for Ralston Tower Rosary Group Pearl & Roger Kitto †
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	OLMC Octavia "Tay" Lefman † St. Pat Bill Kiefer †
	11:00 am	Warren Depew † Peter & Marian Chiocchia †
	5:00 pm	<i>No Intentions</i>
Join us to say the rosary after the 8:00 am weekday Masses.		
Monday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Tuesday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	Julita Bilbao †
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Friday	8:00 am	Rosalio Siapno
Saturday	5:00 pm	Jerry Kahl †
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	OLMC Thomas & Patricia Rut, <i>Happy Anniversary</i>
	9:00 am	St. Pat Rita Brown
	11:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
	5:00 pm	Luis & Raul Gamboa †

Readings

Monday, Sept. 28 thru Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015

Monday:	Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday:	Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset
Monday:	St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus
Tuesday:	St. Michael, St. Gabriel, and St. Raphael
Wednesday:	St. Jerome
Thursday:	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Friday:	The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

This Week at St. Patrick's

Saturday, Sept. 26 thru Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015

Sun 9/27 ~ Meet & Greet hosted by Knight of Columbus

Sat 10/3 ~ Altar Duty ~ Sue Zunino & Bonnie Patania

Sat 10/3 & Sun 10/4 ~ Special Collections
Respect Life and Parish Services

Sun 10/4 ~ Meet & Greet hosted by Ministers to the Sick

As you may have heard, we lost control of our website as we knew it, due to a change in ownership of the hosting company. We are in the process of researching a new website to meet the current needs of the parish. In the meantime, we have a temporary website that can allow access to our bulletins, and master calendar. If you click on the "View Website" link on the left side of the main page, it will take you directly to the Master Calendar. If you have calendar requests or need to make changes to your current calendared items, please email ron@stpatssonroa.org your request. For regularly scheduled meetings please check this calendar.

Thank you for your patience during this transition.

Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members

Those needing your continued prayers:

Louise Bergesen, Ruth Callahan, Carole Canepa, David Todd Cardiff, David Brian Cardiff, Joyce Cardiff, Jill McClintock-Cole, Peggy Dossi, Phil Fish, Carolynn Gregory, Irene Hatcher, Audrey (A. J.) Holmes, Dixie Huber, Mary Kingsley, Dorothy McCargar, Helena Mayhan, Cari McQuinn, Bill Mierop, Joseph Murtagh, Carmella Peller, Carolyn Peterson, Judy Reiman, Jean Richardson, Bob Riede, Bonnie Rodgers, Sue Slater, Marcie Sowa, Clay Sweeney, Richard Vandergrift, Rita Vigil, Judy Wilder, Joyce Youngbar



You may ask your visiting minister to place your name on this list or call the office yourself with your request.

Please let Good News know when a name should be removed from the list. Thank you!



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