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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.

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11700 Catholic Cemetery Rd.
Big Oak Flat, CA



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Sat 4:30 pm

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The GOOD News

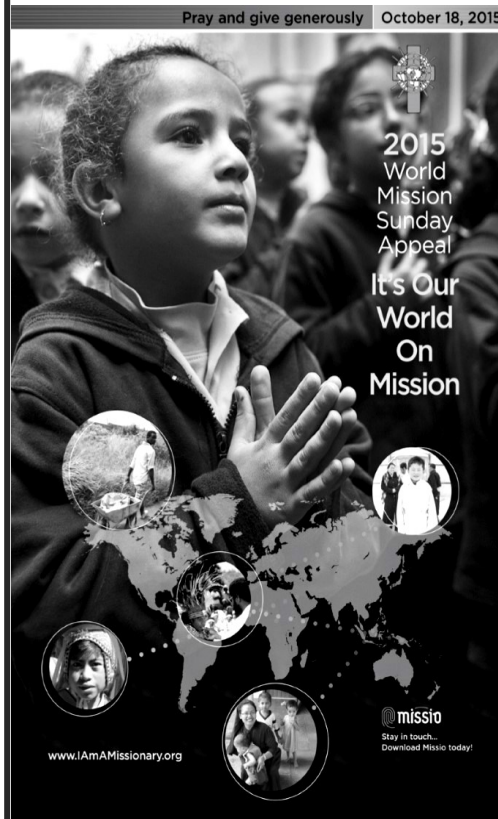
... in Our Parish

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 18, 2015

Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many.

— Isaiah 53:11b

Today is World Mission Sunday!



In Scripture, we read that St. Paul asked the Gentile Churches to take up a collection to support the Church in Jerusalem. Now we are asked to reach out and support the young churches throughout our world. Your prayers and generous gifts to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in the collection today will help missionaries offer the poor of these areas practical help as they share the mercy of God. It will ensure the development of local dioceses, and support the work of priests, religious and lay leaders who serve those on the margins and in most need. Go out to the whole world through your gift in today's collection!

"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

At the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses this Sunday, we are celebrating what is known as a "White Mass." At these Masses, we want to recognize and sincerely thank all medical professionals who tirelessly and generously serve the sick of our community. We humbly ask Our Merciful Lord Jesus, the Divine Physician, to continue to bless them and their healing work.

The reason we are celebrating this Mass on October 18th is because today is the Feast day of St. Luke, the Evangelist. He is one of the patron saints of physicians and surgeons. The Church identifies Luke as the author of both the Gospel according to Luke and the book of the Acts of the Apostles. Luke is mentioned in the New Testament a few times, and in his letter to the Colossians, St. Paul refers to him as a doctor. So, he is thought to have been both a physician and a disciple of St. Paul.

According to the Catholic Medical Association's website, "The tradition of the White Mass in the United States finds its origins in the development of the national Catholic Medical Association in the early 1930s. From its inception, the medical profession has been understood as a healing profession, a way in which Christ's work continues upon the earth. Moreover, since the apparitions at Lourdes in the late 19th century, the plight of the infirmed – and those who care for them - have taken on renewed appreciation in participating in the mysteries of Christ's own life. The White Mass, so named by the color worn by those in the healing profession of medicine, gathers health care professionals under the patronage of St. Luke to ask God's blessing upon the patient, doctor, nurse, and caregiver alike." (<http://cathmed.org/students/student-resources/white-mass-planning-resources>)

In this week's Gospel, we learn when we do not surrender to God's will for us and try to have total control over our lives, we put ourselves in conflict with God and others. The sons of Zebedee, James and John, are trying, through their own initiative and effort, to secure a prominent place in God's kingdom. When Jesus asks the ambitious brothers what they want, "they answered him, "Grant that in your glory we may sit one at your right and the other at your left." In asking this of Jesus, they are not considering what God's will is for them and what His plan is for their lives. They only seem to be thinking about what they want for themselves. With this attitude, they run into conflict, first with God's will and then with the other ten Apostles. Jesus says, "but to sit at my right or at my left is not mine to give but



is for those for whom it has been prepared," and "When the ten heard this, they became indignant at James and John."

God's plan is for us to serve Him and others. We are called to imitate Jesus, who "did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." God has given each of us the desire to protect the gift of life He has given us, the desire for self-preservation. This is a very good desire when rightly ordered to taking proper care of the gift of our lives and the lives of others. However, at times, we can misuse this desire by attempting to control and dominate every aspect of our lives and, in the case of being of responsible for others, we try to control their lives as well. To avoid falling into conflict with God and others, we need to surrender to God's will for us. First, we always recognize, acknowledge, and honor God as our Creator; He is the source of all life. We are all called to serve and protect the gift of our lives and the lives of others. We are caretakers of this precious gift and not its master. As servants of God, we do not "lord it over."

Through the gifts of their training, talent, and intellect, medical professionals have a special role, given to them by God, in serving and protecting life. Like all of us in our society today, our brothers and sisters in the medical community are facing the great temptation to assume complete control and dominance over human life. Rather than being a servant of life, we are tempted to claim ourselves as its "master," determining when human life begins and when it ends. We see this attempt at dominating life most recently in the legalization of "Physician Assisted Suicide" in the State of California. This is an unjust and tragic law that will certainly further degrade the gift of human life in our culture. It will lead to countless conflicts among families who face an already difficult situation in determining the course of treatment for a terminally ill loved one.

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Also, such a "law" gives the idea that suicide is acceptable and preferable in some cases. What kind of message does this send to children, particularly teenagers? Or, how will those members of our family and friends who suffer from depression not see their present darkness as a legitimate excuse to end their own life? As we can see, there is much confusion, conflict, and misery that results from disobeying God's will. For those individuals and families who have or will face terminal illness, the answer to the suffering is not to kill innocent human life. First, what needs to be made clear to those who are suffering is that they are not alone. We will all try, in whatever way we are able, to help comfort them and their families. Through the gift of science and the medical profession, we should continue to vigorously find ways to relieve their suffering. Secondly, we let them know, as hard as it seems, their suffering has real meaning and is a way God can bring goodness into the world. Death can and should be a very holy time. Many families are drawn closer to one another and to God in the preparation for this sacred moment of passing from time into eternity. We commend all of our sick and suffering brothers and sisters in the hands of a loving and merciful God.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Luke, we pray for all medical professionals that they will continue the healing work of Jesus for those who are afflicted and in pain and they will remain faithful to their oath and calling to protect the lives of all those in their care.

God bless, Fr. Sam West

Coming Events

In October:

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

Saturday, Oct. 24 thru Sunday, Nov. 1

Parish Services Blanket Drive

In November:

Sunday, Nov. 1 ~ All Saints Day

Monday, Nov. 2 ~ All Souls Day

Mass ~ 12:00 noon at Mountain View Cemetery

Wednesday, Nov. 11 ~ Veterans Day

Saturday, Nov. 14 ~ Parish Christmas Festival

November 18 thru 22 ~ Appointments available for a portrait setting for the new Parish Directory.

Thursday, Nov. 26 ~ Thanksgiving

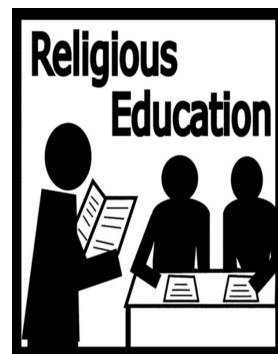
In December:

December 2 thru 6 ~ Appointments available for a portrait setting for the new Parish Directory.

Classes Have Started!

It's not too late to join us!
Wednesday nights 6:30 - 7:30 pm
An **Adult Program** is also being offered, at the same time, upstairs in the hall.

Adoration and the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** are available in the church during the same time.



Christmas Festival Baskets

PLEASE return your basket with the items you wish to donate as soon as possible. You may drop them off at the office on 116 Bradford St., Sonora. The festival is getting closer, and the committee needs to prepare them. Thank you.

TA4C ~ Teen Apostles 4 Christ & Young Adults Ministries

Meetings have begun and both groups are meeting (separately) on Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Steinmetz House.

For more information, contact,
youngadults@stpatssonora.org and
teens@stpatssonora.org.
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Confirmation Classes ~ 7th Grade thru High School

We are offering two sections of Confirmation classes this year. 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 second section begins today, October 18 and will meet two Sundays/month after the 11:00 am Mass, 12:15 until 4:15 pm.

The first section began on September 30th and is on Wednesday evenings 6:30 - 7:45 pm.

Contact Kathy Casas for more details and to register.
532-7139 ext. 110 or 770-5987

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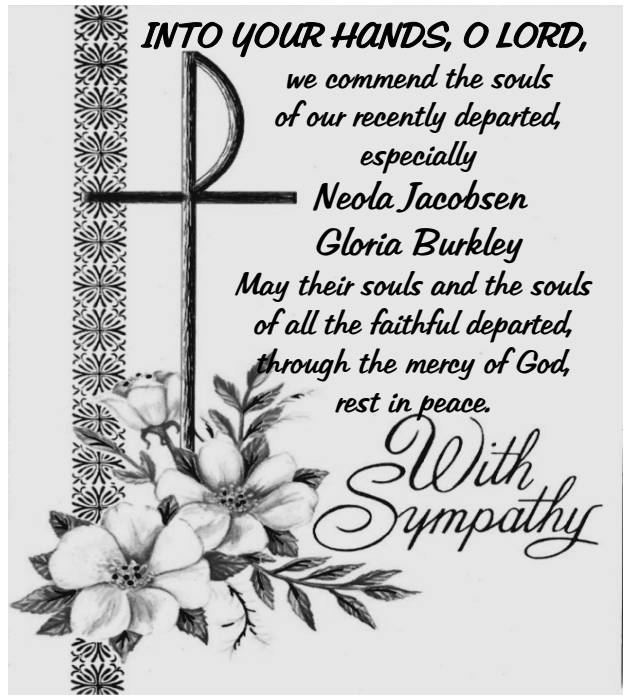
Early registration is highly recommended.
 For more information visit our website at:

<http://www.stocktonwwme.org> or contact

John & Angelica at applications@stocktonwwme.org
 or **209-691-0603.**

INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD,
*we commend the souls
 of our recently departed,
 especially*
Neola Jacobsen
Gloria Burkley
*May their souls and the souls
 of all the faithful departed,
 through the mercy of God,
 rest in peace.*

*With
 Sympathy*



During the month of November, you may bring in framed photos of your deceased loved ones to put on the window ledges in the church. Please be sure you have your name and phone number on the back of the picture frame so we can contact you if you forget to collect it at the end of the month.

Also, the Book of the Dead will be in the church vestibule, before and after Mass, for you to enter the names of your deceased loved ones. It will be in the sanctuary during Mass.



**October 24 thru
 November 1**

Please bring new or clean, gently used blankets of any size to donate to the needy in our community.

A box for your donations will be at the front of the church or you may bring them to the parish office.

SAVE THE DATE

To celebrate the Year of Consecrated Life, the Sisters of the Diocese of Stockton and Bishop Stephen Blaire invite you to an evening of prayer.

**November 5, 2015, 7:00 pm,
 St. Anthony's Church in Manteca.**

The Sisters will renew their Vows publicly and receive a blessing from the assembly for the work they do. A reception will follow in the cafeteria. Please join us as we proclaim our dedication and our commitment to the people of God and to the Diocese of Stockton in particular.

Weekly Offering

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	10-4-15 Week 1	10-11-15 Week 2	Monthly Totals
General Offerings			
St. Pat's	\$6,931	\$6,327	\$13,258
OLMC	\$1,173	\$1,333	\$2,506
E-giving	\$485	\$530	\$1,015
Total	\$8,589	\$8,190	\$16,779
LAST YEAR	\$12,384	\$7,591	\$19,975
Maintenance Offerings			
St. Pat's	\$619	\$980	\$1,599
OLMC	\$150	\$25	\$175
Total	\$769	\$1,005	\$1,774
Parish Services: St. Pat \$487 + OLMC \$129 = \$616			
Respect Life: St. Pat \$645 + OLMC \$36 = \$681			
Thank you for your generosity & continued support!			

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Oct. 17 thru Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015

Saturday	5:00 pm	George & Joan Kosko, <i>Anniversary</i> Jerry & Karen Carter, <i>Anniversary</i>
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	Deceased Members of YLI † Mercedes Gregorio
	11:00 am	Jason Dunne †
	5:00 pm	Martha Gandee, <i>Happy birthday</i>

We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Masses.

Monday	8:00 am	Bill Latone Harlee Weiland
Tuesday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	Marcos Balbuena †
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Friday	8:00 am	Aaron & Janine Latone
Saturday	5:00 pm	Justus & Joseph Latone Robert Higgins, <i>for good health</i>
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	Paul Dreiling † Matthew & Kiri Latone
	11:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
	5:00 pm	<i>No Intentions</i>

Readings

Monday, Oct. 19 thru Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015

Monday:	Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
Sunday:	Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
Monday:	St. John de Brébeuf, St. Isaac Jogues, and Companions
Tuesday:	St. Paul of the Cross
Thursday:	St. John Paul II
Friday:	St. John of Capistrano
Saturday:	St. Anthony Mary Claret; Blessed Virgin Mary

This Week at St. Patrick's

Saturday, Oct. 17 thru Sunday, Oct. 25, 2015

Sat 10/17 & Sun 10/18 ~ Second Collection ~
World Mission Sunday

Sun 10/18 ~ Meet & Greet hosted by
Teens & Young Adults & Religious Education

Tues 10/20 ~ 11:00 am ~ Skyline Place Mass

Sat 10/24 ~ Altar Duty ~
Marge Nath & Debbie Cushman

Sun 10/25 ~ Meet & Greet hosted by
Knights of Columbus

ACHIEVING SANCTITY

*Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's
goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and
anxiety turned into love.*

—St. Paul of the Cross

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

New this week: Harry Weiland

Those needing your continued prayers:

Ruth Callahan, Carole Canepa, David Todd Cardiff,
David Brian Cardiff, Joyce Cardiff, Jill McClintock-Cole,
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!



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.

Go to www.StPatssonora.org and click on the "View Website" link on the left side of the main page. It will take you directly to the Master Calendar. For regularly scheduled meetings, please check this calendar.

If you have calendar requests or need to make changes to your current calendared items, please email ron@stpatssonroa.org your request. Thank you.



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