

St. Patrick's Church

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.

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The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

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*The word of God is living and effective,
sharper than any two-edged sword.— Hebrews 4:12a*



"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

As you are reading this message, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, and over 200 of his brother bishops from around the world are in the middle of the 14th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, which began on October 4th and continues until October 25th. The meeting is taking place at the Vatican, and the bishops are continuing the work of the 3rd Extraordinary General Assembly that took place last October 2014. The theme of the meeting is "the vocation and mission of the family in the Church and in the contemporary world." The purpose is to discern how to "formulate appropriate pastoral guidelines" to best explain and live out the Church's beautiful teaching on the crucial role of marriage and family life in Christ's mission of sanctifying the world.

For your meditation, I have included parts of Pope Francis' homily given at the opening Mass of this meeting. The Holy Father's homily is based on the readings from last Sunday. The Pope affirms the need to follow God's plan for marriage as the way for individuals and our world to overcome loneliness. The Pope writes, "*This Sunday's Scripture readings seem to have been chosen precisely for this moment of grace which the Church is experiencing: the Ordinary Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the family, which begins with this Eucharistic celebration. The readings center on three themes: **solitude, love between man and woman, and the family.***"

Solitude

Adam, as we heard in the first reading, was living in the Garden of Eden. He named all the other creatures as a sign of his dominion, his clear and undisputed power, over all of them. Nonetheless, he felt alone, because "there was not found a helper fit for him" (Gen 2:20). He was lonely.

The drama of solitude is experienced by countless men and women in our own day. I think of the elderly, abandoned even by their loved ones and children; widows and widowers; the many men and women left by their spouses; all those who feel alone, misunderstood and unheard; migrants and refugees fleeing from war and persecution; and those many young people who are victims of the culture of consumerism, the culture of waste, the throwaway culture. Today we experience the paradox of a globalized world filled with luxurious mansions and skyscrapers, but a lessening of the warmth of homes and families; many ambitious plans and projects, but little time to enjoy them; many sophisticated means of

entertainment, but a deep and growing interior emptiness; many pleasures, but few loves; many liberties, but little freedom. . . The number of people who feel lonely keeps growing, as does the number of those who are caught up in selfishness, gloominess, destructive violence and slavery to pleasure and money.

Our experience today is, in some way, like that of Adam: so much power and at the same time so much loneliness and vulnerability. The image of this is the family. People are less and less serious about building a solid and fruitful relationship of love: in sickness and in health, for better and for worse, in good times and in bad. Love, which is lasting, faithful, conscientious, stable and fruitful is increasingly looked down upon, viewed as a quaint relic of the past. It would seem that the most advanced societies are the very ones which have the lowest birth-rates and the highest percentages of abortion, divorce, suicide, and social and environmental pollution.

Love between man and woman

In the first reading we also hear that God was pained by Adam's loneliness. He said: "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him" (Gen 2:18). These words show that nothing makes man's heart as happy as another heart like his own, a heart which loves him and takes away his sense of being alone. These words also show that God did not create us to live in sorrow or to be alone. He made men and women for happiness, to share their journey with someone who complements them, to live the wondrous experience of love: to love and to be loved, and to see their love bear fruit in children, as the Psalm proclaimed today says (cf. Ps 128).

This is God's dream for his beloved creation: to see it fulfilled in the loving union between a man and a woman, rejoicing in their shared journey, fruitful in their mutual gift of self. It is the same plan, which Jesus presents in today's Gospel: "From the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female'. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh" (Mk 10:6-8; cf. Gen 1:27; 2:24).

To a rhetorical question – probably asked as a trap to make him unpopular with the crowd, which practiced divorce as an established and inviolable fact – Jesus responds in a straightforward and unexpected way. He brings everything back to the beginning, to the beginning of creation, to teach us that God blesses
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human love, that it is he who joins the hearts of two people who love one another, he who joins them in unity and indissolubility. This shows us that the goal of conjugal life is not simply to live together for life, but to love one another for life! In this way Jesus re-establishes the order, which was present from the beginning.

Family

“What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder” (Mk 10:9). This is an exhortation to believers to overcome every form of individualism and legalism, which conceals a narrow self-centeredness, and a fear of accepting the true meaning of the couple and of human sexuality in God’s plan.

Indeed, only in the light of the folly of the gratuitousness of Jesus’ paschal love will the folly of the gratuitousness of an exclusive and life-long conjugal love make sense.

For God, marriage is not some adolescent utopia, but a dream without which his creatures will be doomed to solitude! Indeed, being afraid to accept this plan paralyzes the human heart.

Paradoxically, people today – who often ridicule this plan – continue to be attracted and fascinated by every authentic love, by every steadfast love, by every fruitful love, by every faithful and enduring love. We see people chase after fleeting loves while dreaming of true love; they chase after carnal pleasures but desire total self-giving.

. . . In this extremely difficult social and marital context, the Church is called to carry out her mission in fidelity, truth and love.

To carry out her mission in fidelity to her Master as a voice crying out in the desert, in defending faithful love and encouraging the many families which live married life as an experience which reveals of God’s love; in defending the sacredness of life, of every life; in defending the unity and indissolubility of the conjugal bond as a sign of God’s grace and of the human person’s ability to love seriously.

The Church is called to carry out her mission in truth, which is not changed by passing fads or popular opinions. The truth, which protects individuals and humanity as a whole from the temptation of self-centeredness and from turning fruitful love into sterile selfishness, faithful union into temporary bonds. “Without truth, charity degenerates into sentimentality. Love becomes an empty shell, to be filled in an arbitrary way. In a culture without truth, this is the fatal risk facing love” (Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate, 3).

And the Church is called to carry out her mission in charity, not pointing a finger in judgment of others, but – faithful to her nature as a mother – conscious of her duty to seek out and care for hurting couples with the balm of acceptance and mercy; to be a “field hospital” with doors wide open to whoever knocks in search of help and support; even more, to reach out to others with true love, to walk with our fellow men and women who suffer, to include them and guide them to the wellspring of salvation.

A Church, which teaches and defends fundamental values, while not forgetting that “the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath” (Mk 2:27); and that Jesus also said: “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick; I came not to call the righteous, but sinners” (Mk 2:17). A Church which teaches authentic love, which is capable of taking loneliness away, without neglecting her mission to be a good Samaritan to wounded humanity.

I remember when Saint John Paul II said: “Error and evil must always be condemned and opposed; but the man who falls or who errs must be understood and loved... we must love our time and help the man of our time” (John Paul II, Address to the Members of Italian Catholic Action, 30 December 1978). The Church must search out these persons, welcome and accompany them, for a Church with closed doors betrays herself and her mission, and, instead of being a bridge, becomes a roadblock: “For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brethren” (Heb 2:11).

In this spirit we ask the Lord to accompany us during the Synod and to guide his Church, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.”

God bless, Fr. Sam West

Natural Family Planning

Tom and Mary-Lynn Ott are excited to share NFP with all couples. We are hosting an afternoon of sharing the “good news” of marriage and NFP.

We are having an open house on October 18, between 2:00 pm & 4:00 pm. RSVP: 209-572-5136 or jmjottfamily@gmail.com.

In Christ, Tom and Mary-Lynn Ott, CCL Certified NFP Teachers

Coming Events

In October:

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

Blessings for those involved in Medical Positions

Please invite your doctor, nurse, radiologist, and/or friends who serve in the medical professions to come to one of these Masses and receive a special blessing.

Monday, Oct. 12 ~ Columbus Day ~ Office Closed

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

Saturday, Oct. 24 ~ Parish Services Blanket Drive

In November:

Sunday, Nov. 1 ~ All Saints Day

Monday, Nov. 1 ~ All Souls Day

Mass ~ 12:00 noon at Mountain View Cemetery

Saturday, Nov. 14 ~ Parish Christmas Festival

November 18 thru 22 and/or again

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

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

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!

Parish Services Blanket Drive 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 drop them off at the parish office.



Weekly Offering

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	10-4-15 Week 1
General Offerings	
St. Pat's	\$6,931
OLMC	\$1,173
E-giving	\$485
Total	\$8,589
LAST YEAR	\$12,384
Maintenance Offerings	
St. Pat's	\$619
OLMC	\$150
Total	\$769
Parish Services: St. Pat \$487 + OLMC \$129 = \$616	
Respect Life: St. Pat \$645 + OLMC \$36 = \$681	
Thank you for your generosity & continued support!	

Respect Life Sunday Collection

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

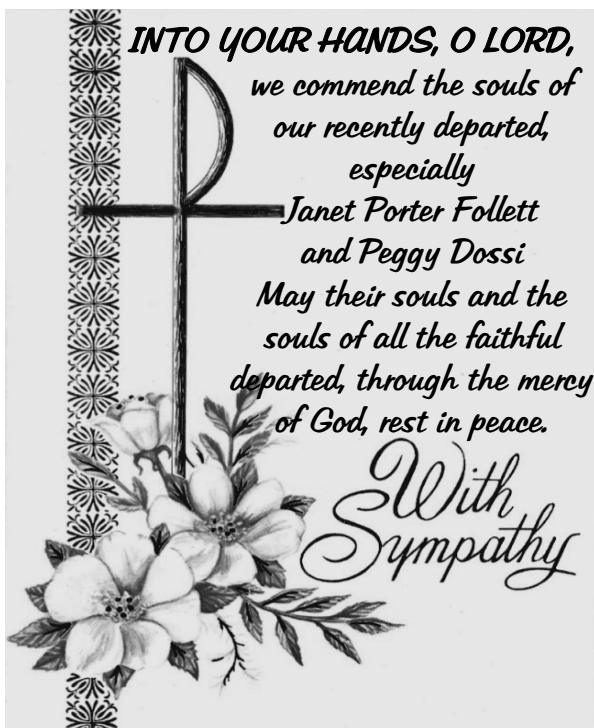
INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD,

we commend the souls of our recently departed, especially

Janet Porter Follett and Peggy Dossi

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

With Sympathy



Mass Intentions

Saturday, Oct. 10 thru Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015

Saturday	5:00 pm	Leroy Egan † George Oliver †
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	Hezzy Arellano † Tom Railton †
	11:00 am	Frank & Vi Latone †
	5:00 pm	Glen Gandee †
We say the rosary after the 8:00 am weekday Masses.		
Monday	8:00 am	Alberta Dreiling Alicia Diaz †
Tuesday	8:00 am	Celina Bowling, <i>Happy birthday</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Friday	8:00 am	Lucas Sampson, <i>Happy birthday</i>
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>

Readings

Monday, Oct. 12 thru Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015

Monday:	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday:	Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES	
Sunday:	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Children's Day
Monday:	Columbus Day
Wednesday:	St. Callistus I
Thursday:	St. Teresa of Jesus
Friday:	St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; National Boss Day
Saturday:	St. Ignatius of Antioch; Sweetest Day

This Week at St. Patrick's

Saturday, Oct. 10 thru Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015

Sun 10/11 ~ Meet & Greet cancelled for today
Sat 10/17 ~ Altar Duty ~ Laurel Utecht
Sat 10/17 & Sun 10/18 ~ Second Collection World Mission Sunday
Sun 10/18 ~ Meet & Greet hosted by Teens, Young Adults & Religious Ed

World Mission Sunday

Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to support the 1,150 of the youngest dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and please be generous in next weekend's collection for the Society of the Propagation on the Faith.

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@stpatssonora.org your request. 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. The Young Adults (not in high school) are planning on going out for a bowling night to Black Oak Casino on Monday, October 12th.

For more information, contact, youngadults@stpatssonora.org and teens@stpatssonora.org.
Follow us on Facebook

Christmas Festival Meeting

The next Christmas Festival Meeting is on Monday, Oct 12th at 6:00 pm. This is a potluck dinner meeting in the parish hall. All booth chairpersons, please attend.

Christmas Festival Baskets

If you have taken a basket for the Christmas Festival Basket Booth, the committee is asking you to 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.



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