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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

11700 Catholic Cemetery Rd.  
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### Mass Times:

Sat 5:00 pm  
Sun 9:00 am

### Reconciliation:

Sat 4:30 pm

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## St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Sonora, California

# The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

## All Saints ~ November 1, 2015

*See what love the Father has bestowed on us  
that we may be called the children of God.— 1 John 3:1*



### *"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.

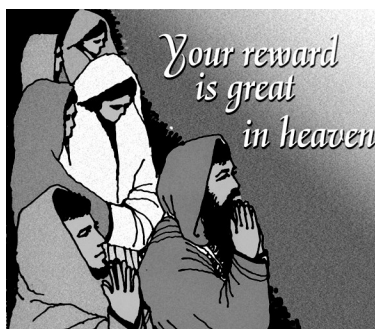
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In Christ, Fr. Sam West, Parish Administrator



## Father Sam's Message

This Sunday, we joyfully celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. As Catholics, we are so blessed to know the reality of heaven. In the history of the Church, we have so many real examples of men, women, and children who, through the Blood of the Lamb, have certainly received the crown of eternal glory in heaven. This feast confirms for us the truth that we too are made for a heavenly destiny and encourages us to "keep our eyes on the prize." Regarding our heavenly calling, St. John tells us in the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, "See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are" (1 John 3:1). In their lives on earth, the saints profoundly experienced, eagerly lived out, and generously shared the infinite love God has for them. The saints deeply desired heaven not for the immeasurable joy and peace a person receives in this most blessed state, but because they would be eternally united with the One whom they loved with their whole heart, whole strength, and whole soul.



In doing everything they could to conform themselves to the will of Father in imitation of Jesus and in their humble acceptance of the inevitable trials of the earthly life, the saints' hearts were purified from any and all self-centered motives. Their priority and primary focus in life was to love God and to love others as Christ loves. St. John writes, "Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure" (1 John 3:3). So, their fidelity and strength, which is required to be a saint, is motivated by a pure love of God, purity of heart and mind. Saints are not wimps or weaklings. On the contrary, they received superhuman courage provided by the grace of God. For love of God, they overcame sin in their lives and help others to do the same. With trust in God's infinite mercy, they fearlessly confronted their own sins and fully accepted His forgiveness. Some people don't ever think of their sins while others, perhaps, dwell too much on their sins. The saints had the right balance. They admitted and acknowledged their sins, but then let our Lord Jesus, who is the Lamb of God, take their sins away. Because sin is a betrayal that breaks the bond of love, the saints, of course, resolved and really worked at not sinning again, even not to commit the smallest of sins. This week's first reading from the Book of Revelation states, "These are the ones who have survived

*the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb"* (Rev. 4). In the Sacrament of Baptism, we have already received our robe made "white in the Blood of the Lamb," and to maintain or restore this sign of Christian perfection and purity, we have been given the Sacrament of Penance, Confession.

We can learn from the saints what is really important in life, the real meaning of life. The saints spent their lives striving and growing in the perfect love of God. Perhaps we spend way too much of our precious time and energy pursuing earthly comforts and pleasures. We allow ourselves to fret and become anxious over trivial matters. Compared to the beauty and joy of being in union with God in heaven, everything we could ever experience on earth, including any type of suffering, seems really small. St. Paul confirms this in his 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the Corinthians when he writes, "For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (2 Cor. 4:17-18). Also, the great Spanish Mystic, St. Teresa of Avila said, "Looked at from the viewpoint of heaven, the most horribly painful earthly life will turn out to be no more than one night in an inconvenient hotel." Those who are saints really understood this truth and looked forward with great anticipation to the goal of heaven.

Being a saint is simple but not easy. It is simple because all we have to do is love as we are made and meant to love, but it is not easy because we know our weakness and many failings. To be a saint is impossible on our own. We are totally and completely depended on God's grace. But with God's grace, all things are possible! He has given us everything we need, particularly the fullness of Truth taught by His Church, the Sacred Scriptures, the Sacraments, and the examples of saints who have shown us it is possible to be holy and grow in perfect love. Therefore, we have confidence, with His constant help, we can endeavor in everything we do to be saints, not just average saints, but GREAT saints!

We ask for the intercession of the saints, particularly the Queen of Saints, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and our patron, St. Patrick, that we too can enjoy the eternal joy and peace that comes from union with God in heaven after our earthly trial.

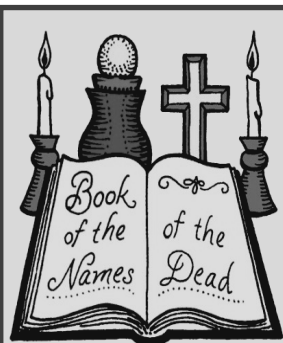


We are excitedly awaiting our upcoming Christmas Festival, which takes place on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. The tickets for our grand prize raffle were sent in the mail earlier this week. We have some exciting raffle prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> prize is a 42" High-definition Television (HDTV), 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is 2 weeknights at a one-bedroom cottage in Pacific Grove, and there are Cash Prizes of \$500, \$200, and \$50. The cost is \$5 per ticket. You can purchase 5 tickets for \$20 or 10 tickets for \$35. Please fill out the ticket stubs and return the stubs with your payment. The raffle proceeds will go to support our young adults who will be attending the World Youth Day pilgrimage with Pope Francis next summer in Poland. You can purchase tickets at the office, and you do not need to be present to win.

In addition to the Grand Prize Raffle, there will be opportunities to win great prizes at our "bucket" raffles. For these raffles, you purchase tickets on the day of the event and drop them in the bucket(s) for the prize(s) you would like to win. You can win a Dodge Ridge Ski season pass, gift certificates to local restaurants, rounds of golf at good local golf courses, unique artwork, religious goods, and other great prizes.

Also, at this all-day event, there are many exciting booths at which we hope you find "the perfect gift" for everyone on your Christmas list. The booths include: Jewelry, Crafts, Baked Goods, Christmas Items, Religious Items (Treasures of the Soul), Fair Trade hand-made crafts, Treasures of Tomorrow, and unique, beautifully decorated Gift Baskets.

So, I invite all of you to attend this important event for our parish. Also, I encourage you to bring a friend or neighbor. I hope see you there!



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 so we can contact you if you forget to collect the picture at the end of the month.

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.

## Events you Don't Want to Miss

### November

**Monday, Nov. 2 ~ All Souls' Day Mass**

12:00 noon at Mountain View Cemetery

Please bring a folding chair

**Sunday, Nov. 8 ~**

**Blessing for Veterans at all Masses**

**Wednesday, Nov. 11 ~ Veterans Day**

8:00 am Mass with flag ceremony

**No Mass at Mountain View Cemetery**

**Saturday, Nov. 14 ~ Parish Christmas Festival**

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 25 ~ 5:00pm**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Thanksgiving Mass**

**Thursday, Nov. 26 ~ 9:00 am**

**St. Patrick's Thanksgiving Mass**

Please bring a food item to be blessed for your dinner

### December

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

**Sunday, Dec 6 ~ 12:00 pm**

**Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon**

**Feast Of Immaculate Conception ~ Holy Day**

**Monday, Dec 7 ~ 5:00 pm**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Vigil Mass**

**Tuesday, Dec 8 ~**

**St. Patrick Masses ~ 8:00 am & 6:30 pm**

**Sunday, Dec. 13 ~ St. Patrick's**

Our Lady of Guadalupe, procession,

**3:00 pm Mass, potluck to follow**

**Tuesday, Dec. 15 ~ 6:30 pm**

**St. Patrick's Advent Penance Service**

**Thursday, Dec. 24 ~ Christmas Eve**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass ~ 5:00 pm

St. Patrick Masses

Family/children's Masses ~ 4:30 pm & 6:30 pm

A musical interlude at 11:00 pm with

**Mass at Midnight**

**Friday, Dec. 25 ~ Christmas Day Schedule TBA**

**We Need Your Culinary Masterpieces!**

Calling all bakers out there. Please start thinking about what you will bake for the Christmas Festival Bake Sale Booth. Large cakes, small cakes, cookies, muffins, bars, savory pastries, scones, breads, fruit pies, tarts, flans, fancy sweet pastries, candy, fudge. We are also looking for preserves, jams, jellies, chutney, pickles..... What a stunning array of choices for you to have fun making and baking!! We look forward to receiving all your goodies on Friday, November 13th in the parish hall from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Please identify in writing what you are donating.

For more information or help please call:

Ruth Garretson 533-3566

or email [ruthyin@goldrush.com](mailto:ruthyin@goldrush.com)

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**Veteran's Day Dinner**

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Roger's Family Center 7820 Fox Rd, Hughson

Wednesday, November 11, 2015

Dinner 6:00 pm

**RSVP by November 1, 2015**

**\$20.00 per person (non-military)**

**Maximum \$30.00 per family**

**Active military - Free**

**Veterans - Donations Accepted**

**For tickets or information, call or e-mail**

**David Nagle 650-591-1170 or**

**[david357@charter.net](mailto:david357@charter.net)**

**TA4C ~ Teen Apostles 4 Christ  
& Young Adults Ministries**

Both groups are meeting (separately) on Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Steinmetz House.

For more information, contact,  
[youngadults@stpatssonora.org](mailto:youngadults@stpatssonora.org) and  
[teens@stpatssonora.org](mailto:teens@stpatssonora.org).  
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**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	10-18-15 Week 3	10-25-15 Week 4	Monthly Totals
<b>General Offerings</b>					
St. Pat's	\$6,931	\$6,327	\$6,368	\$6,239	\$25,865
OLMC	\$1,173	\$1,333	\$1,236	\$1,107	\$4,849
E-giving	\$485	\$530	\$305	\$535	\$1,855
Total	\$8,589	\$8,190	\$7,909	\$7,881	\$32,569
LAST YEAR	\$12,384	\$7,591	\$9,085	\$6,773	\$35,833
<b>Maintenance Offerings</b>					
St. Pat's	\$619	\$980	\$115	\$60	\$1,774
OLMC	\$150	\$25	0	\$100	\$275
Total	\$769	\$1,005	\$115	\$160	\$2,049
<b>Parish Services: St. Pat \$512 + OLMC \$129 = \$641</b>					
<b>Respect Life: St. Pat \$645 + OLMC \$36 = \$681</b>					
<b>World Mission: St. Pat \$711.60 + OLMC \$132.25 = \$843.85</b>					
<b>Thank you for your generosity &amp; continued support!</b>					

**Mass Intentions for the week**



**Saturday, Oct. 31 ~ Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015**

<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 pm	Vicente B. Vila I † & Beatrice Vila †
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	Tom Railton †
		Ida & Joseph Stroffolina †
	11:00 am	Robert Higgins, <i>for good health</i>
		Souls in Purgatory †
	5:00 pm	<i>No Intentions</i>
<i>We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.</i>		
Monday	8:00 am	Florence & Stanley Cosca †
Tuesday	8:00 am	Luis & Raul Gamboa †
		Alexandro Negrette, <i>happy birthday</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	Sharon Wyman
		Jacob & Trang Latone
Thursday	8:00 am	William Depew †
Friday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 pm	Lorraine Neider †
		Julia Mlinar
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	Hezzy Arellano †
		Margaret Wyman
	11:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
	5:00 pm	<i>No Intentions</i>

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, Nov. 2 thru Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015**

Monday:	Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday:	1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:	All Saints; Daylight Saving Time ends; National Vocation Awareness Week
Monday:	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Tuesday:	Thirty-first Week in Ordinary Time; St. Martin de Porres; Election Day
Wednesday:	St. Charles Borromeo
Friday:	First Friday
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



**Saturday, Oct. 31 thru Sunday, Nov 8, 2015**

<b>Sun 11/1 ~ All Saints' Feast</b> Meet & Greet hosted by Ministers to the Sick
<b>Mon 11/2 ~ All Souls' Day</b> <b>Special Mass ~ 12:00 noon Mountain View Cemetery</b>
<b>Sat 11/7 ~ Altar Duty ~ Pat Eaton &amp; Marla Rumbaugh</b>
<b>Sat 11/7 &amp; Sun 11/8 ~ Special Collection</b> Parish Services
<b>Sun 11/8 ~ Meet &amp; Greet hosted by YLI</b>

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

**New this week: Sylvia Scott**

**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, Margaret Petersen, Jean Richardson, Bob Riede, Bonnie Rodgers, Sue Slater, Marcie Sowa, Clay Sweeney, Richard Vandergrift, Rita Vigil, Harry Weiland, 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!



For regularly scheduled meetings, please check the Master Calendar. Go to [www.StPatssonora.org](http://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.

If you have calendar requests or need to make changes to your current calendared items, please email [ron@stpatssonroa.org](mailto:ron@stpatssonroa.org) with your request.

We are in the process of researching a new website to meet the current needs of the parish. In the meantime, this is a temporary website that will allow access to our bulletins and master calendar. Thank you.



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