

## 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.

## Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

### Mission Church

11700 Catholic Cemetery Rd.  
Big Oak Flat, CA



### 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

*First Sunday*  
**OF ADVENT**  
NOVEMBER 29, 2015

*There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.  
When these signs begin to happen,  
stand erect and raise your heads  
because your redemption is at hand.*

Luke 21:25, 28

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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](http://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](mailto:frsam@stpatssonora.org). God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West, Parish Administrator

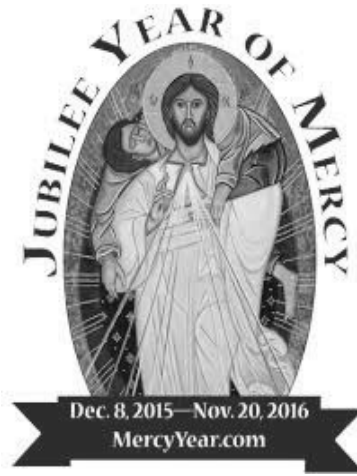


## Father Sam's Message

We have now begun the holy season of Advent in preparation of the most joyous birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. In this special time, we ready ourselves to encounter the fullness of God's love for each one of us. The holy infant born to a young virgin, in a humble stable in Bethlehem, is truly God's love and mercy in the flesh. In Jesus, we see, hear, and touch God's mercy and forgiveness. Over the course of this new liturgical year, which begins this Sunday, you will be hearing much more about God's mercy. This fundamental attribute of God is experienced through the gift of our Faith. As His children, God desires for each of us to know His infinite mercy and then share His mercy with the world. We, who have undeservedly received God's mercy by our Lord Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, are obliged to generously show, or make real, His mercy for others, especially the poor, the sick, and those who suffer. In order for the Church and the world to have a greater understanding and experience of God's mercy, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has declared this next liturgical year as the "Year of Mercy." Below, I have included the first three articles from the Holy Father's "Bull of Indiction," called *Misericordiae Vultus*, declaring the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which officially begins on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

"1. Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father, "rich in mercy" (*Eph 2:4*), after having revealed his name to Moses as "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (*Ex 34:6*), has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In the "fullness of time" (*Gal 4:4*), when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way. Whoever

sees Jesus sees the Father (cf. *Jn 14:9*). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person [1] reveals the mercy of God.



2. We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the very mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to the hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

3. At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an *Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy* as a special time for the Church, a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective.

The Holy Year will open on 8 December 2015, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. This liturgical feast day recalls God's action from the very beginning of the history of mankind. After the sin of Adam and Eve, God did not wish to leave humanity alone in the throes of evil. And so he turned his gaze to Mary, holy and immaculate in love (cf. *Eph 1:4*), choosing her to be the Mother of man's Redeemer. When faced with the gravity of sin, God responds with the fullness of mercy. Mercy will always be greater than any sin, and no one can place limits on the love of God who is ever ready to forgive."

Let us pray, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Mercy, that during this extraordinary jubilee year we will grow in an ever-deeper awareness of and have a more profound response to God's mercy, Jesus Christ, who becomes one of us!

*God bless, Fr. Sam West*

# Christmas Poinsettias



During Advent, you may donate Christmas poinsettias for a loved one: *"in memory of, or in honor of"*.

We have sent out pre-printed envelopes. If you do not have an envelope, please use a regular envelope.

Please place your donation envelope in the collection basket during Advent. Print your name on the envelope with the check and remember to indicate on your check whether your donation is for OLMC or St. Patrick's. Also ~ please print clearly on the envelope or a piece of paper the names of those you are honoring or remembering and include it with the check.

## 2015 Advent Penance Services

**Our Lady of Mt. Carmel ~**

**Friday, December 11 ~ 4:00 pm**

St. Patrick's ~ Angels Camp ~

Monday, December 14 ~ 6:30 pm

**St. Patrick's ~ Sonora ~**

**Tuesday, December 15 ~ 6:30 pm**

(the regularly scheduled Wednesday 6:30 pm evening confessions will not be held on 12/16 at St. Patrick's)

St. Andrew's ~ San Andreas ~

Wednesday, December 16 ~ (Time TBD)

All Saints ~ Twain Harte ~

Thursday, December 17 ~ 3:00 pm

## Weekly Offering



Due to the early bulletin deadline, offering amounts are not available at the time of printing.

### Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Thank you for your contributions to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)!

¡Muchas gracias por sus contribuciones a la colecta para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano (CCHD)!

## Save the Date



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

Please call the office to set-up your appointment.

**Feast Of Immaculate Conception ~ Holy Day**

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

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Vigil Mass

**Tuesday, Dec 8 ~**

St. Patrick's 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

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

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mass ~ 5:00 pm**

**St. Patrick's Masses ~**

4:30 pm & 6:30 pm Family/children's Masses ~ (a short play on Christmas will be performed by our Faith Formation students 15 minutes before the start of the above Masses)

A musical interlude at 11:00 pm with

**Mass at Midnight**

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

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel ~ 9:00 am**

**St. Patrick's ~ 10:00 am & St. Anne's ~ 12:00 noon**



**Attention all Lectors,  
Extraordinary Ministers of  
Holy Communion,  
Altar Servers, and Ushers**

If there are any dates you know you will NOT be available to minister during the first quarter of 2016 (January, February, March), please let Sandra Betti know by Monday, December 7th.

Please either email your information to [sandra@stpatssonora.org](mailto:sandra@stpatssonora.org) or call the office. Sandra's extension is 109. Thank you!

Lectors ~ Pick up your new lector workbooks in the parish office.

# 35th Annual Guadalupe Procession and Eucharist Celebration

Join Bishop Blaire on Sunday, December 6, at 12:00 pm. Pilgrimage begins at St. Mary of the Assumption, Stockton, followed by Mass at 2:15 pm at the Stockton Arena. This year's theme is *Under the Merciful Mantel of Our Lady of Guadalupe*. Feed the hungry is one of the corporal works of mercy. Pilgrims are invited to bring non-perishable items to the gathering site at St. Mary's or to the entrance doors at the Arena. Food will be distributed through Catholic Charities Food Bank.

For information contact the Office of Hispanic Ministry at 466-0636, ext. 627 or 628.



Únase al Obispo Stephen Blaire el día 6 de Diciembre a las 12:00 p.m. La peregrinación inicia en la Iglesia Santa Maria, 203 E. Washington St., Stockton y la Misa a las 2:15 pm en la Arena de Stockton. El tema este año es *Bajo el manto misericordioso de Santa Maria de Guadalupe*. Dar de comer al hambriento es una de las obras de misericordia. Los peregrinos están invitados a traer comida enlatada, semillas, granos, cereales, etc. La comida se distribuirá a través del banco de comida de Caridades Católicas.

Para información comuníquese a la Oficina de Pastoral Hispana de la Diócesis de Stockton al (209) 466-0636 extensiones 627 o 628.

## Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Sunday ~ December 13th ~ Mass at 3:00 pm

Potluck will follow in the Parish Hall

**Mariachis! Music! Food! Fellowship!**

Everyone is welcome ~ Please bring a dish to share  
The Hispanic Community is generously providing  
beverages, green salad, enchiladas, tamales and bread.



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The Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers (2 -hour shifts) to sit or stand while they ring the bell in Old Town on Shepherd Street, Sonora.

Please call Donita at (209) 588-1986.

The Salvation Army Sonora is emergency-based. They support many programs and help individuals in the county. With proof of shut off, they will pay up to \$300 for PG&E, propane and water. They also provide gas vouchers, bus passes, and much more.

The Salvation Army has recently donated \$7,500 to Interfaith, \$800 to purchase tents and tarps for the homeless, \$5,000 to youth camps (\$200 per child).

**Mass Intentions**  **for the week**

**Saturday, Nov. 28 ~ Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015**

<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 pm	Jack McCoy † Jack & LaVan Woodcock †
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	Fred & Lucille Kahl † Lorenzo Mallare
	11:00 am	Pearl & Roger Kitto † Brando Gookin, <i>good health</i>
	5:00 pm	<i>No Intentions</i>
<i>We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.</i>		
Monday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Tuesday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 pm	Adolfo Negrete, <i>happy birthday</i>
<b>OLMC</b>	5:00 pm	Joe & Marge Fitzpatrick †
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	Jerry Kahl † Maury & Alvena Leal, <i>Happy 73rd Wedding Anniversary</i>
	11:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
	5:00 pm	<i>No Intentions</i>

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, Nov. 30 thru Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015**

Monday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Andrew
Tuesday:	World AIDS Day
Thursday:	St. Francis Xavier
Friday:	St. John of Damascus; First Friday
Saturday:	First Saturday

*For all of the parishioners and friends of David Oberwager  
There will be a special Memorial Mass on  
Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 11:00 am  
at St. Patrick's Catholic Church.*

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

***Those needing your continued prayers:***

Vi Baran, Ruth Callahan, Carole Canepa, David Todd Cardiff, David Brian Cardiff, Joyce Cardiff, Jill McClintock-Cole, Carolynn Gregory, Irene Hatcher, Audrey (A. J.) Holmes, Dixie Huber, Mary Kingsley, Dorothy McCargar, Helena Mayhan, Cari McQuinn, Bill Mierop, Joseph Murtagh, Carolyn Peterson, Margaret Petersen, Jean Richardson, Bob Riede, Bonnie Rodgers, Sylvia Scott, Sue Slater, Marcie Sowa, Clay Sweeney, Richard Vandergrift, Rita Vigil, Harry Weiland, Joyce Youngbar



If you have a request to add a name to the bulletin and/or the prayer chain, please contact Sandy Pallante at 532-7625. If you have good news and would like a name removed, please call same number.

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Saturday, Nov. 28 thru Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015**

**Sun 11/29 ~ Meet & Greet hosted by Altar Society**

**Sat 12/5 ~ Altar Duty ~ Marcia Watts & Carmella Peller**

**Sat 12/5 & Sun 12/6 ~ Parish Services Collection**

**Sun 12/6 ~ Meet & Greet hosted by  
Ministers to the Sick**

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.

## ***Thank you to All the Donors of Prizes for St. Patrick's Christmas Festival***

### ***Grand Raffle Prizes Donors***

42" High-definition Sanyo TV ~ ***Bruce Patrick***

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All Cash Prizes donated by St. Patrick's Church \$500, \$100, & \$50



### ***Raffle Prizes Donors***

- \* The Willow - \$50.00 gift certificate ~ ***Willow Steakhouse & Seafood Restaurant***
- \* Wine Rack with four glasses and a bottle of wine ~ ***Anonymous***
- \* Season Pass at Dodge Ridge ~ ***Bob Hohn***
- \* Round of golf for four with cart at Saddle Creek, Copperopolis ~ ***Duncan Reno***
- \* Round of golf for four with cart at Pine Mountain Lake ~ ***Duncan Reno***
- \* Round of golf for four with cart at Del Rio - Modesto ~ ***Duncan Reno***
- \* Seal-A-Meal ~ ***Matt Peller*** with Handmade Pig Cutting Board ~ ***Wendell Cushman***
- \* Our Lady of Guadalupe Picture ~ ***Debbie Cushman***
- \* \$25 Bears Florist Gift Certificate ~ ***Bears Florist***
- \* Burl Wood Clock ~ ***Betty Loll***
- \* City Hotel – Gift Certificate ~ ***George Segarini***
- \* Four Tickets to Rail Town & Tuolumne Monopoly ~ ***Rose Agerter***
- \* Stainless Steel Chafing Dish & Center Piece ~ ***Mary Pinocchio***
- \* New York Times Front Page Book (1851-2008) ~ ***Anonymous***
- \* Handmade – Electric Wooden Wine Bottle Waterfall ~ ***Bernie Wick***
- \* Thomas Kincaid Porcelain Plate Changeable Calendar ~ ***Mary Pinocchio***
- \* Disney & Kona Coffees ~ ***Fr. Sam***

Some of the happy participants of the St. Patrick's Christmas Festival on November 14, 2015. To see more photos, visit us on Facebook at





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