

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



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Sat 5:00 pm
Sun 9:00 am

Reconciliation:

Sat 4:30 pm

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The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 8, 2015



*The LORD keeps faith forever,
secures justice for the oppressed,
gives food to the hungry.— Psalm 146:7*



**November 11, 2015
Veteran's Day
Veteran's ~ thank
you for your service**

"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

In the Gospel this week, our Lord Jesus praises a poor widow, who gives "her whole livelihood" to the temple treasury. Jesus points out to His disciples that this woman does not hold anything back from God. In giving all she had, the widow gives of herself totally. Although she does not have much to give in worldly terms, only "few cents," she entrusts everything to God. On the other hand, the rich, who are putting "large sums" into the treasury, are not trusting God completely. They are holding back something for themselves. The widow gives "from her poverty," whereas the rich "contributed from their surplus." Like the poor widow in the Gospel, we also see trust shown in the generosity of another widow in the first reading. This widow, who was suffering during a time of famine as a result of a long drought, trusted God's messenger, the Prophet Elijah, when he came to her for support. "Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid.'" Because of her trust, she and her son were rewarded and received what they needed to survive.



For us, we can understand this means that we too want to trust giving everything, our whole selves, to our merciful, loving God. The Lord Jesus trusts the Father completely and does not hold anything back from us. He gives Himself totally, every drop of His Blood, in obedience to the Father's Holy Will for our salvation. We can't just give Him the "surplus" or what is left over. We need to give in the measure we have received from Him. Since God has given us all He has, we too then want to respond with the same total gift of ourselves. We are confronted with the question of how much do we trust Jesus? How much are we willing to give of ourselves to Him? To give ourselves, we want to make our relationship with our Lord Jesus a priority in our lives, giving Him every area of our lives.

Let us continue to pray for the grace to give everything to God. With the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we ask for the courage to completely trust God with our whole lives.

God bless, Fr. Sam West



WE NEED YOUR CULINARY MASTERPIECES!

Bakers - you still have five days to 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. 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
or call Rita Bettencourt 536-9214
or email rbettenc1942@yahoo.com

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 and teens@stpatssonora.org.

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Flapjack Breakfast fundraiser

November 21, 2015 from 8:00 am -10:00 am



Tickets are available (\$5.00 per person) at the door or call 532-5955.

This breakfast will support YLI Patricia #79



My heartfelt THANKS to all the faith-filled parishioners who made such a success out of our every Monday 40 Days for Life display during October, Respect Life Month.

We will be doing this again during Lent of 2016. Please join us for this memorable experience.

Joan Madsen

Weekly Offering	
Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	11-1-2015 Week 1
General Offerings	
St. Pat's	\$7,429
OLMC	\$937
E-giving	\$485
Total	\$8,851
LAST YEAR	
Maintenance Offerings	
St. Pat's	\$744
OLMC	\$110
Total	\$854
All Souls': St. Patrick's \$1,762 + OLMC \$230 = Total \$1,992	
Thank you for your generosity & continued support!	

Extended to Thanksgiving



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

Events you Don't Want to Miss

November

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 ~ 5:00 pm

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

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

will be rescheduled because of scheduling conflict

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 short play on Christmas will be performed by our Faith Formation students 15 mins before the start of the above Masses)

A musical interlude at 11:00 pm with

Mass at Midnight

Friday, Dec. 25 ~ Christmas Day Schedule

OLMC ~ 9:00 am ~ St. Patrick's 10:00 am

~ St. Anne's 12:00 noon



Reflections on my pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia... by Kathy Casas
Pilgrimages are journeys with Christ; He leads and we follow. On them, there are always *surprises, sacrifices, spiritual inspirations, and moments of great awe* before our Lord. This pilgrimage was no different.

The Surprise: A priest friend connected me with a Delaware family who took me in for the week. My room was their “walk-in closet,” off the master bedroom. That’s because they had twin high school seniors, as well as three Chinese foreign exchange students living there. They also had a 29-year-old and four 18-year-old guys from Tennessee who also came as pilgrims, and became my traveling partners.

The Sacrifices: Saving every dollar and quarter I could find in the washing machine, navigating the NJ Turnpike’s directions from JFK airport, traveling two hours each way into Philadelphia and back, and being a directionally-challenged visitor to Philadelphia were a few of my sacrifices.

The Spiritual Inspirations: Many speakers, including Cardinal Robert Sarah from Guinea and Cardinal Luis Tagle from the Philippines were so very gifted by the Holy Spirit! I actually thought either of these men might be our next pope. Courage to speak as Jesus would on sensitive issues, without the worry of political correctness, brought their strength and courage to the forefront. Their leadership is the result of all those prayers we pray for priests, bishops, cardinals, and the Holy Father each day. Through these simple men, I realized how much we must pray for our church leaders. It’s those prayers that create their holiness and their greatness.

The Moments of Great Awe: While waiting at the Festival of Families for the Holy Father’s arrival, a teen from Madera said, “This is like a great big Catholic block party!” It felt like that everywhere! God surrounded us each day, but it was especially obvious in the two days with Pope Francis. Holy families bring God’s love and joy to the world, and that could be seen in the faces of children, parents, and grandparents who sacrificed to be Church in the world on those days. There was great joy and enormous hope displayed through families.

In one moment, standing next to a million people, I understood that it is up to us to pray faithfully, love deeply, and offer our sacrifices, so that God’s holy will can come to fruition in our families and in our world. Our faithful attendance at Holy Mass, the prayer of all prayers, and our rosaries and daily prayers help to fill the world with God’s grace. As our Lady says, “The family is the school of love.” Here we must “pray, pray, pray!”



Mass Intentions  **for the week**

Saturday, Nov. 7 ~ Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015

Saturday	5:00 pm	Lorraine Neider † Julia Mlinar
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	Hezzy Arellano † Margaret Wyman
	11:00 am	Kris & Jerry Cadagan † Joe Hart †
	5:00 pm	Miguel Bernal †
<i>We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.</i>		
Monday	8:00 am	Alexandra Woodworth †
Tuesday	8:00 am	Mary Warner
Wednesday	8:00 am	Josephine Koester, 90th birthday
Thursday	8:00 am	Alicia Diaz †
Friday	8:00 am	Peggy Dossi †, Jim Dossi
Saturday	5:00 pm	Leroy Egan † Virginia Ruscigno †
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	Deceased Members of YLI Peter & Marian Chicocelia
	11:00 am	Pat Fernandez & Sandy Pasby happy belated birthdays ladies
	5:00 pm	Miguel Bernal †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Nov. 9 thru Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015

Monday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday:	Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Tuesday:	St. Leo the Great
Wednesday:	St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day
Thursday:	St. Josaphat
Friday:	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, Nov. 7 thru Sunday, Nov 15, 2015

Sat 11/7 & Sun 11/8 ~ Special Collection Parish Services

Sun 11/8 ~ Meet & Greet hosted by YLI

Wed. 11/11 ~ Veteran's Day ~ Office Closed



Sat 11/14 ~ St. Patrick's Christmas Festival
Altar Duty ~ Gwen Barendregt

Sun 11/15 ~ Meet & Greet hosted by Religious Education, Teens and Young Adults

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

New this week: Vi Baran

Those needing your continued prayers:

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, Carmella Peller, 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

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

Please let the office 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 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 with your request.



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