

St. Patrick's Church



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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St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Sonora, California

The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 19, 2015

*Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD,
when I will raise up a righteous shoot to David.*

— Jeremiah 23:5a



Important July Event

Celebrating the Feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim
Sunday, July 26 at 8:00 am, a special Mass will be held
at historic St. Anne's in Columbia ~

Bishop Stephen Blaire will celebrate this special Mass.
A catered brunch will follow immediately after Mass at Angelo's
Hall in Columbia. Please join us for this special Mass.

"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](tel:2095327139) or email frsam@stpatssonora.org. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West, Parish Administrator



Father Sam's Message

After the twelve Apostles returned from their mission in which they “drove out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them” (Mk 6:13), our Lord Jesus invites his weary Apostles to come away with Him “to a deserted place and rest awhile” (Mk 6:31). We are reminded in our mission to overcome evil and sin in our lives and help others to do the same, we too need to have a time away from the “fight.” We all need a little “R & R.” This time away “by yourselves” can certainly be seen as the time we spend in prayer. For us to meet the demands of our daily responsibilities and to hold fast in our fight against evil, we need to take time in prayer, daily prayer. Also, Jesus is referring to taking even more time periodically out of our busy and noisy lives by going on a spiritual retreat. Going on a retreat is so beneficial and, I would say, necessary for growing in our relationship with Jesus. A good retreat will invigorate us and renew our strength to continue our mission of preaching and living the Truth, the Gospel. I realize many Catholics have never taken the time or had the opportunity to go on a retreat. If you have not experienced a retreat, or it has been a long time since your last one, I encourage you to make tangible plans to attend one in the near future. [As matter of fact, there may still be an opportunity to go on a local retreat in the next few months. For men, there is a retreat held August 21st through August 23rd at the Old Oak Ranch in Sonora. If interested, gentlemen, you can call 209-264-2263 or email SonoraCMF@gmail.com. For women, there is a retreat offered October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th at the Old Oak Ranch in Sonora. Ladies, you can call the parish for more information and to register.]

If our present responsibilities do not allow for us to go on a formal retreat, we can still take “time away” by changing our daily routine for a week or so. First, we can turn off the television and the Internet. We then spend the time we would have in consuming “media” in the much higher pursuits of our relationship with God. We can use the time for good spiritual reading, especially Sacred Scriptures. These times of being by ourselves with the

Lord are so important, particularly when we feel our enthusiasm and energy waning. It is crucial we take time with Jesus when we feel discouraged because of bad news and all the evil we hear and see. Jesus is inviting us to spend the time with Him now. So, my dear brothers and sisters, let us respond by making time to be by ourselves with Him.

Finally, we are all very saddened to hear the news that an accusation of inappropriate conduct with a minor was made against Fr. Editho Mascardo. The alleged misconduct happened many years ago and has been reported to the police. The Diocesan Review Board is vigorously investigating the allegation. In accord with the Charter of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Fr. Editho has been placed on administrative leave pending the investigation. As you may know, Fr. Editho served at St. Patrick's. Many of us know him as a joyful man and a dedicated priest. In his service to our parish, Fr. Editho has generously shared his smile, his voice, and his love with us. I urge all of you to pray for Fr. Editho. We also pray this distressing situation will be justly resolved quickly so he may return to active ministry soon.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our Patron, St. Patrick, we beg our almighty and loving God for the rest we need to renew our strength and energy to continue the “good fight.”

God bless, Fr. Sam West



**St. Patrick's Christmas Festival
Planning Meeting & Potluck
Wednesday, July 22 at 6:00 pm
in the Parish Hall**

Please bring a dish to share plus your great ideas and enthusiasm. MANY volunteers are needed to make this the best Christmas Festival yet! Hope to see **YOU** there!!!



Questions? Contact:
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SAVE THE DATE

**CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
FALL RETREAT**



Date: August 21 ~ 23, 2015

Where: Old Oak Ranch ~ Sonora

Retreat Topic:

"The Holy Spirit: Our Divine Connection"

Retreat leader Fr. Mark Wiesner reveals the mystery of the Holy Spirit, who the Holy Spirit is and how the Spirit affects our lives. Please join us.

Call for more information (209) 264-2263

or email: SonoraCMF@gmail.com

or log-on to catholicmen.org

Holy Year Pilgrimage in Italy

with Spiritual Director Bishop Stephen Blaire

June 1- 11, 2016

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WOMEN'S RETREAT FOR 2015

Date: October 2 ~ 4, 2015

Where: Old Oak Ranch ~ Sonora

Retreat Topic:

"How God is Speaking to You; Are You Listening?"

Presenter for the Retreat:

Father J. Patrick Foley. Father Foley recently did a "Mission Series" here at St. Patrick's Parish.

Cynthia Dragun (209-984-5726)

& Tina Welch, Chairwomen

CHRIST'S PRESENCE IN THE WORLD

There's a bit of a "missing link" in the first two sentences of today's Gospel from Mark. In the first, the apostles return from having been sent out on mission two by two ("one who is sent" is the meaning of "apostle"). Their instructions were to preach repentance, drive out demons, and heal the sick in Jesus' name. In the second sentence, Jesus tells them to come away with him and rest a while. It would be nice for us to imagine that, between those two sentences, a look of amazed gratitude and pleasure crossed the face of Jesus as he hears of the kingdom proclaimed in his name, and how they didn't have to shake the dust off their feet anywhere. They deserved a rest! It might not be bad for us, when we gather together with Jesus as the apostles do today, to do this kind of debriefing, allowing the Lord to hear what we've sought to do in his name, our successes, our failures, our need to get away with him for a while to be fortified for further work in God's name. For we, the baptized, are not only the flock of Jesus Christ; through water and the power of the Spirit we have also become the Body of Christ, the presence of the Shepherd for the life of the world.

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Prayers

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

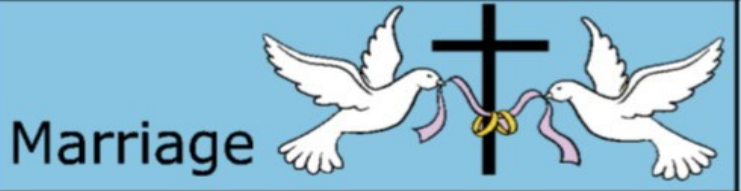
New this week: Joseph Murtagh

Those needing your continued prayers:

Violet Baran, Ruth Callahan, Carole Canepa, David Todd Cardiff, David Brian Cardiff, Joyce Cardiff, Jill McClintock-Cole, Teresa Dennis, Carolynn Gregory, Irene Hatcher, Audrey (A. J.) Holmes, Dixie Huber, Lovey Macdonald, Helena Mayhan, Cari McQuinn, Bill Mierop, Carmella Peller, Carolyn Peterson, Judy Reiman, Bob Riede, Sue Slater, Marcie Sowa, Clay Sweeney, Richard Vandergrift, Judy Wilder, Cecilla Woosley

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!



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Offerings

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	7-5-15 Week 1	7-12-15 Week 2	Month Totals
General Offerings 			
St. Pat's	\$7,573	\$7,156	\$14,729
OLMC	\$1,934	\$1,137	\$3,071
E-giving	\$670	\$530	\$1,200
Total	\$10,177	\$8,823	\$19,000
LAST YEAR	\$9,668	\$9,185	\$18,853
Maintenance Offerings			
St. Pat's	\$1,669	NA	\$1,669
OLMC	\$195	\$53	\$248
Total	\$1,864	\$53	\$1,917
Parish Services: St. Pat's \$483 + OLMC \$213 = \$696			
Thank you for your generosity & continued support!			

Please see the parish website @www.stpatssonora.org for meetings and scheduled events.

CARMELITE MISSION APPEAL

Fr. Francis Arakal Joseph, OCD, will be visiting St. Patrick's church in Sonora for the mission appeal on the 18th and 19th of July. Fr. Francis is a Discalced Carmelite priest from India who is currently serving as the Associate Pastor at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Modesto. Fr. Francis will be here to make a mission appeal on behalf of his brother priests doing missionary activities throughout the world. There are four mission centers: Andhra mission in south India; Mission in Indonesia; Orissa mission in East India and Zambia mission in Africa.

Please keep the Carmelite missionaries in your prayers so that their missionary activities will bear fruit and the good news of Jesus will be proclaimed throughout the world.

Mass Intentions

Readings

Saturday, July 18 thru Sunday, July 26, 2015

Saturday	5:00 pm	Gerald Kahl †
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	Deceased Members of YLI
		Roma Kiefer †
	11:00 am	Warren Depew †
		Peter & Marion Chiocchia †
	5:00 pm	Leandra Meza †
		Glenn Gandee †
Please join us to say the rosary after all the 8:00 am weekday Masses.		
Monday	8:00 am	No Intentions
Tuesday	8:00 am	Marcos Balbuena †
		Marie Gonzalez †
Wednesday	8:00 am	No Intentions
Thursday	8:00 am	No Intentions
Friday	8:00 am	John Zunino †
Saturday	5:00 pm	No Intentions
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners
		George Monk
	8:00 am	St. Anne's, Columbia
		Rose Merel †
	9:00 am	No Intentions
	11:00 am	Joe Chavez †
	5:00 pm	Familia Cepeda,

Monday, July 20 thru Sunday, July 26, 2015

Monday:	Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday:	Ex 14:21 — 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday:	Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday:	Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
Friday:	Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
Saturday:	2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:42-44; Ps 145:10-11, 15-18; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Apollinaris
Tuesday:	St. Lawrence of Brindisi
Wednesday:	St. Mary Magdalene
Thursday:	St. Bridget
Friday:	St. Sharbel Makhlūf
Saturday:	St. James



MISSION

God has created me to do some definite service. God has committed some work to me which has not been committed to another. I have a mission.

—John Henry Newman

This Week at St. Patrick's

Saturday, July 18 thru Sunday, July 26, 2015

Saturday 7/18 & Sunday & 7/19 ~

Special Collection ~ Carmelite Mission Appeal

Sunday 7/19 ~ **Meet & Greet** hosted by Religious Education, Teens and Young Adults
Monthly Rosary at OLMC after Mass

Tuesday 7/21 ~ **11:00 am Skyline Place Mass**
Bible Study at OLMC ~ 7:00 pm

Saturday 7/25 ~ **Altar Duty ~**
Marcia Watts & Carmella Peller

Sunday 7/26 ~ **Meet & Greet** hosted by
Knights of Columbus



Thank you all for your generous donations to the St. Patrick's Food Pantry in the past.

The pantry hands out approximately 20 bags of food a week to those in need.

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