

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

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Big Oak Flat, CA



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St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Sonora, California

The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 2, 2015

*Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures for eternal life.*

— John 6:27a

Jesus asked the two disciples, "What are you looking for?"

Ever thought about becoming a Catholic or receiving the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation?

St. Patrick's parish invites anyone who is thinking about becoming Catholic "to come and see." We are starting a period of inquiry to help those interested to experience the beauty of the Catholic Faith as given by Jesus Christ to His Church.

Also, we welcome Catholic adults who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation to come and possibly receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in this beautiful Sacrament next spring.

The 1st inquiry session begins on Tuesday, August 18th at 7:00 pm in classroom 1 (downstairs in the parish hall) and will continue for the next three Tuesdays until September 8th.

For our parishioners, you are encouraged to invite your family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. who have expressed any interest in becoming Catholic.

*If you are interested and want more information,
you can call the parish office 209-532-7139
or email Fr. Joseph Banka at frbanka@stpatssonora.org*

"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.

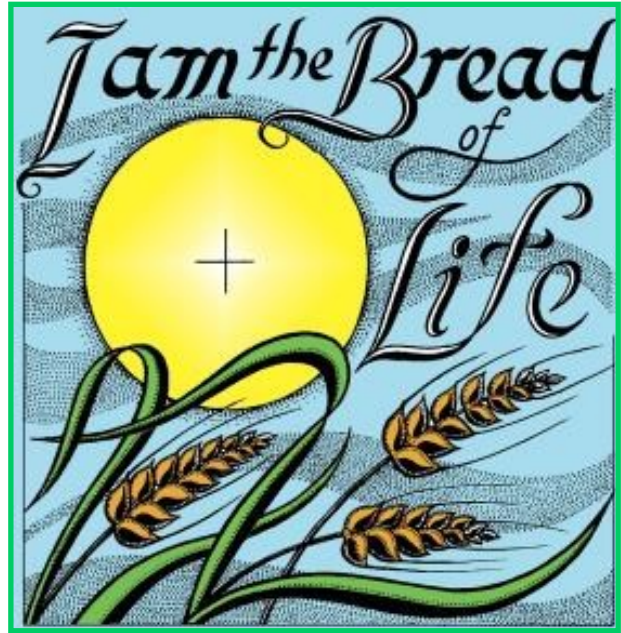
In Christ, Fr. Sam West, Parish Administrator



Father Sam's Message

Last week, we heard how our Lord fed the multitude with just five loaves and two fish. In feeding them, He shows His deep love and care for the people who had come to Him in their great need. But after they "had their fill," the people forgot their need and hunger for God. They decided for themselves how Jesus was going to serve them. They tried to fit Him to their idea of who He should be and what His role would be in their lives. They wanted to make Him their king, but Jesus, knowing this, left them and withdrew "to the mountain alone." They again followed Him and when they caught up to the Lord, He tells them, "you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled." Jesus was telling them He was not only to satisfy their physical needs with "food that perishes." He performed the miracle to show them the "sign" of how God will feed them with "food that endures for eternal life." The people limited Jesus' place in their lives to only the satisfaction of material or physical needs. He explains they are only thinking of satisfying their physical needs. The people failed to consider a relationship with Him, which is necessary to have for salvation and eternal happiness.

We are reminded we too should come to Him in our need. But we should be coming to Him not thinking about having only the needs of the body, our physical hunger, satisfied. The first consideration is always the need of our souls, our hunger for God's love. Our relationship with Christ is our first and only priority in our daily lives. Therefore, all of our efforts and energies are directed to "work for the food that endures for eternal life." Unlike the people who forgot their spiritual hunger after they ate and were filled, we want



to always keep in mind our desperate need for God. We allow Jesus to change us by feeding us with His love for us and not try to make Him change to fit our expectations of Him. We desire Him above all things, including our own plans, opinions, material comforts, and personal security. We humbly come to the Sacrament of the Eucharist, the "Bread of Life," to allow Jesus to satisfy our hunger for Him with His love for us. When He, the only one who can fulfill our need for God's love, satisfies us, we need nothing else.

With the help of the prayers of the Virgin Mary, let us trust His words in today's Gospel - "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

God bless, Fr. Sam West

Religious Education Volunteers Needed!!

Are you thinking of becoming a Catechist? St. Patrick's Religious Education needs volunteer Catechists and Aides for the upcoming year. This is a wonderful way to grow yourselves and help young children grow in their love and faith of Christ.

Please stop by the office for more information or contact Katie McClintock at katie@stpatssonora.org.

Photos Wanted

Have you taken a really good photo of an event at St. Patrick's, St. Anne's or Our Lady of Mount Carmel? Or a picture of some event that our parishioners have been involved in?

If so, please consider submitting it to the bulletin for publication. Photo credit will be given for any photo used in the bulletin.

Submit your photo to goodnews@stpatssonora.org or post it on our Facebook page.

Please see the parish website

[@www.stpatssonora.org](http://www.stpatssonora.org)

for meetings and scheduled events.

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St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Sonora, CA

Thank You

Thank you to all who made the celebration of the Feast of St. Anne at St. Anne's in Columbia such a memorable event. We so much appreciate Bishop Stephen Blaire gracing us with his presence. He commented

on how lovely the music was, led by Sandra Betti. Thanks to Sandy and Jerry Tannhauser and their team of Faustina Coleman, Deborah Cushman, Teresa and Barbara Sweeney for arranging for and serving such a lovely brunch.

Bishop Blaire enjoyed the experience so much he wants to come back next year!

Thanks to Jim Opie, the church and Angelo's Hall were bedecked in beautiful white flowery plants.

Marcia Watts, Save Our St. Anne's Committee

SAVE THE DATE

In August:

Saturday, Aug. 15, 9:00 am ~

Feast of the Assumption Mass

Friday, Aug. 21 through Sunday, Aug. 23, 2015

~ Men's Fellowship Retreat

Saturday, Aug. 29, 10:00 am ~

~ Training for Lectors and Ushers

In September:

Saturday, Sept. 12, 4:30 pm ~

Mass at Pine Mountain Lake

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 11:00 am ~

Skyline Place Mass

In October:

Friday, Oct. 2 through Sunday Oct. 4, 2015

~ St. Patrick's Women's Retreat

Saturday, Oct. 10, 11:00 am ~

Bunco/Luncheon in Parish Hall

Tuesday, Oct. 20, 11:00 am ~

Skyline Place Mass

In November:

Saturday, Nov. 14 ~ Parish Christmas Festival



Your donations for the **St. Patrick's Christmas Festival** will be greatly appreciated.

If you have ~

- knickknacks ❖ jewelry ❖ crafts ❖ books ❖ religious articles ❖ working small household appliances ❖ Christmas decorations ❖ dishes ❖ serving platters ❖ other kitchen utensils ❖ gently used tablecloths and napkins ❖ other miscellaneous items that can be sold ~

please bring them to the Parish Office between 8:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. Thank you.

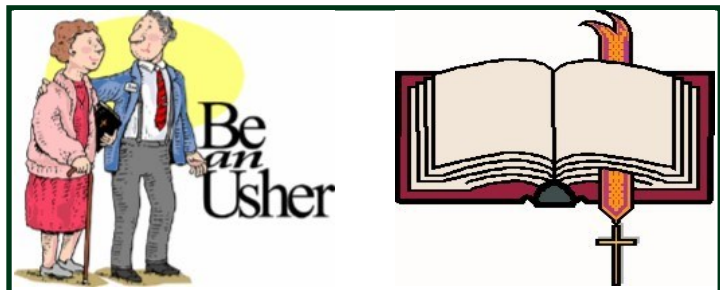


Respect Life Jewelry Booth

Help us stock the jewelry booth at the Christmas Festival on 11/14. We are looking for beautiful jewelry to sell at the Festival. Check the bottom of your jewelry box for all those bracelets, necklaces and rings you no longer wear and bring them to the office. Thank you. Joan Madsen

Note: There will be new Parish Directory this year. All ordered prints will be in before Christmas... more details to come.

Save the date for an appointment for a portrait setting from November 18 thru 22 and again December 2 thru 6.



Are you interested in being an usher or lector at Mass?

If so, you are invited to attend the training session taking place on Saturday, August 29 at 10:00 am. Come and see if you would be eligible for one of these important opportunities to serve your parish.



Marriage is a journey!!

MARRIED COUPLES: Pope John Paul II said, "I place much of my hope for the future in **Marriage Encounter**." Aren't you anxious to know why?

The next Marriage Encounter Weekends are:

Oct 2-4, 2015 in Modesto, CA
and Feb 12-14, 2016 in Modesto, CA.

Early registration is highly recommended.

For more information visit our website at:

<http://www.stocktonwwme.org>

or contact John & Angelica at

applications@stocktonwwme.org

or [209-691-0603](tel:209-691-0603)

Ladies Guild Retreat

The Ladies Guild at All Saints would like to invite St Patrick's parishioners to their Annual Retreat with Sister Wanda from the Stockton Diocese on Tuesday 8/18 from 10 am to 2 pm. The Retreat will be held at Eagles Rest Cottage in Twain Harte, with carpool from the Church parking lot. The \$10 donation includes lunch.

If interested, please call Suzanne Patterson [\(209\)965-4260](tel:209-965-4260)

GOVERNING OUR PASSIONS

Whoever governs their passions is master of the world. We must either command them, or be commanded by them. It is better to be the hammer than the anvil. —St. Dominic

Offerings

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	7-5-15 Week 1	7-12-15 Week 2	7-19-15 Week 3	7-26-2015 Week 4	Month Totals
General Offerings					
St. Pat's	\$7,573	\$7,156	\$4,907	\$4,724	\$24,360
OLMC	\$1,934	\$1,137	\$1,130	\$1,202	\$5,403
E-giving	\$670	\$530	\$255	\$53	\$1,508
St. Anne's	0	0	0	\$677	\$677
Total	\$10,177	\$8,823	\$6,292	\$6,656	\$31,948
LAST YEAR	\$9,668	\$9,185	\$7,024	\$7,189	\$33,066
Maintenance Offerings					
St. Pat's	\$1,669	NA	\$279	\$32	\$1,980
OLMC	\$195	\$53	\$10	0	\$258
Total	\$1,864	\$53	\$289	\$32	\$2,238
Parish Services: St. Pat's \$483 + OLMC \$213 = \$696					
Carmelite Mission Appeal \$3,140					
Thank you for your generous donation.					
Thank you for your generosity & continued support!					

Pastoral Council

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The Pastoral Council is working on completing a project begun by the previous Council. The Council recognized the need for a better way for senior and handicapped parishioners to load and unload behind the church. Through the efforts of Duke York, the City of Sonora agreed to designate two parking places on Yaney St. as loading areas on Saturday and Sunday only. The Church will pay for the sign and the City will enforce the no parking in the loading area on Saturday and Sunday. We believe this will be a safer and more convenient way for those requiring help to attend Mass.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 1 thru Sunday, August 9, 2015

Saturday	5:00 pm	<i>No Intentions</i>
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
	11:00 am	Betty Regelin † Rosalie Fish †
	5:00 pm	Luis & Raul Gamboa † Familia Diaz Tovalin, <i>Special intentions</i>

**Please join us to say the rosary after
all the 8:00 am weekday Masses.**

Monday	8:00 am	Edison Navarra †
Tuesday	8:00 am	Evelyn Webb
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Saturday	5:00 pm	Leroy Egan † Lucille & Fred Kahl †
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	Hezzy Arellano †
	11:00 am	Joy Pasby † Theresa Modglin †
	5:00 pm	<i>No Intentions</i>

Readings

Monday, August 3 thru Sunday, August 9, 2015

Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. John Vianney
Wednesday:	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

Thursday:



Thursday:	Hiroshima Memorial Day
Friday:	St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Dominic

Prayers

Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members. New this week: Jean Richardson and Louise Bergesen

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, Mary Kingsley, Lovey Macdonald, Helena Mayhan, Cari McQuinn, Bill Mierop, Joseph Murtagh, Carmella Peller, Carolyn Peterson, Judy Reiman, Bob Riede, Bonnie Rodgers, Sue Slater, Marcie Sowa, Clay Sweeney, Richard Vandergrift, Judy Wilder, Cecilla Woosley, 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!



A SECRET

The secret of happiness is to count your blessings while others are adding up their troubles. —Anonymous

This Week at St. Patrick's

Saturday, August 1 thru Sunday, August 9, 2015

Saturday 8/1 & Sunday 8/2 ~
Parish Services Collection after all Masses

Sunday 8/2 ~ **Meet & Greet hosted by
Ministers to the Sick**

Saturday 8/8 ~ **Altar Duty ~
Marge Clennon & Ruth Garretson**

Sunday 8/9 ~ **Meet & Greet hosted by YLI**



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