

## 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

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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

## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 23, 2015

*As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.*  
— Joshua 24:15b



St. Patrick's young adults have an opportunity of a lifetime to travel to Rome and Poland July 2016 for World Youth Day!

Please support our young adults by purchasing a \$20 CharityMania football season ticket for your chance to win.

Tickets are available now for purchase from our young adults individually or after Mass on the 23rd and 30th. Please hold our World Youth Day Pilgrims in prayer as they spiritually prepare for this amazing experience.



### *"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

The Gospel this week is special to me in my own vocation journey as a priest. During my ten years of seminary formation to become a priest, there were a few times when things got really tough, and I thought about leaving. But, when those thoughts came, I would think almost immediately of St. Peter's response in today's Gospel - "**Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.**" By the counsel of the Holy Spirit and the light of Faith, I realized in these moments of discouragement and weakness that there is truly no other place on earth nor any other person to whom I could go to in order to have the deepest needs of my heart fulfilled. We can only find our true happiness, eternal life, when we follow the Lord's Holy Will for us and abandon ourselves to Him.

In the Gospel when our Lord Jesus clearly and repeatedly tells His audience they must "eat His Flesh and drink His Blood," most could not accept what He was telling them. To them, Jesus was asking to believe in the impossible. They said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" They were not able to trust our Lord and let go of their own thinking, preferences, or opinions. Sadly, the response was to leave Him and return to their old lives. This event, at which "many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him," shows us we too could be challenged in our trust of Christ. At some point, we will likely face obstacles that seem impossible to overcome in trying to follow the path God has chosen for us. We also could be resistant and even "shocked" by what He teaches us through His Church. There are times we may feel what God is asking of us is just too much to take. For all of us who have, at some time, been tempted to leave the path on which our Lord has called us, we are reminded that there is nothing better, nothing more assured of making us happy and receiving eternal life, than to follow His will even when we don't understand or are even "shocked" by what He is asking of us. It is very probable Peter was just as "shocked" as the rest of those who heard our Lord's teaching. Although at the time they may have not understood what Jesus was saying, Peter, and the other 11 Apostles who remained, still trusted that whatever Jesus was asking them to believe was true and necessary for eternal life. In my own experience, I am very happy I decided to continue to follow the Lord's will. I am so blessed to be a priest and to be serving here at our wonderful parish.



Master,  
to whom  
shall  
we go?

In addition to our struggle to be true to our vocation and all the teachings of Christ as faithfully declared in the teachings of the Church, the notion of staying with the Lord no matter what happens can apply in those situations where we are offended or hurt by others in a parish setting. Within any parish family, there are some people who have been offended or hurt because of what was said or done to them. In any group of people, including the closest of families, there is the possibility of taking offense at the words or actions of others. There are different levels of understanding, different personalities, and different life experiences that can lead to conflicts and result in hurtful feelings. Although we should always try to be kind, gentle, and merciful as our Lord has commanded us, there are times we may fail due to our weakness and sinfulness. In the most welcoming of parishes, in spite of our best efforts and intentions, it is possible that a person is treated without compassion and hurtful words are rashly uttered. Nonetheless, any offense received should never be a reason for a person to separate themselves from Christ and His Body, His Bride, the Church. If someone offends us in the parish, including the priest, and we feel like reacting by leaving the Catholic Church or no longer attending Mass, we can think about these words, "To whom shall we go Lord? You have the words of eternal life." There is no other place or worship community to go in order to truly receive the Bread of Life, to eat the Body and drink the Blood of Christ. Only in the Catholic Church will we find the true Presence of Christ, the Son of the living God, in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist!

A bit of sad news to report - Pat Fernandez has decided it is now time for her to retire from volunteering as a receptionist. She has faithfully served our parish as a volunteer for over 20 years. Pat currently lives in La Grange and has made the commute every Monday to the office in Sonora. On behalf of the entire parish, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to her for her many years of dedicated service. We will certainly miss her very much! She has such a vast knowledge of parish history, including knowing most if not all the old-time parish families. We continue to keep her in our prayers.

Let us pray with the intercession of the Virgin Mary and St. Patrick to never leave or abandon our Lord, especially when things get tough, but to continue to choose to trust Him and abandon ourselves to His Will for us.

*God bless, Fr. Sam West*



**Marriage is a journey!!**  
 A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend can help you enrich your marriage and add some pizzazz to your journey. Whether you've been married 1 year or 50, a Marriage Encounter Weekend may be just the thing you need to put a breath of fresh air into your relationship.

The next Marriage Encounter Weekends are:  
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**and Feb. 12-14, 2016 in Modesto, CA.**  
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[applications@stocktonwwme.org](mailto:applications@stocktonwwme.org)  
 or **209-691-0603**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**In August:**  
 Saturday, Aug. 29, 10:00 am ~  
 ~ Training for Lectors and Ushers

**In September:**  
 Saturday, Sept. 12, 5:00 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

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

We have a collection of various bowls, plates and containers that have been left in the parish hall after many different events. Please stop by the parish hall and claim your containers by August 24th. Any containers, bowls or serving ware that is left over 30 days will be put with the things to be sold at the Christmas Festival.

**Offerings**

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	8-2-15 Week 1	8-9-15 Week 2	8-16-15 Week 3	Month Totals
<b>General Offerings</b>				
St. Pat's	\$8,070	\$5,929	\$5,398	\$19,397
OLMC	\$1,469	\$1,159	\$1,309	\$3,937
E-giving	\$635	\$380	\$530	\$1,545
Total	\$10,174	\$7,468	\$7,237	\$24,879
<b>LAST YEAR</b>	<b>\$8,732</b>	<b>\$7,590</b>	<b>\$5,716</b>	<b>\$22,038</b>
<b>Maintenance Offerings</b>				
St. Pat's	\$529	\$227	\$101	\$857
OLMC	\$90	0	0	\$90
Total	\$619	\$227	\$101	\$947
<b>Parish Services:</b>				
<i>St. Pat's \$495.50 + OLMC \$188 = \$683.50</i>				
<b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:</b>				
<i>St. Pat's \$755 + OLMC \$80 = \$835</i>				
<b>Thank you for your generosity &amp; continued support!</b>				



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

The pantry hands out about 20 bags of food a week to those in need. We are in desperate need of the following items:  
 cereal (cold & hot),  
 pasta and spaghetti sauce,  
 soup, tuna, canned beans/chili and peanut butter.

*Thank you.*

## An Autumn Message About Child Protection

Autumn means back to school for children and back to work for those who have been on vacation. Amidst the hustle and bustle of this season, let us all keep sight of the importance of keeping our children and young people safe from danger.

Training requirements to safeguard children have been established in parishes throughout the Diocese of Stockton. These training requirements help ensure that all children and youth experience a safe environment in all parish activities and events.

**The Diocese of Stockton mandates that all people who work with children and youth in our parishes and schools must undergo child abuse prevention training through the guidelines established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.** This training includes being fingerprinted and background checked and completing an on-line training course entitled *Shield the Vulnerable*. If you are planning on helping or assisting in your child's school, you are required to complete this training.

For training information, contact your local parish/school Safe Environment Coordinator.

For particular help and questions you may call: *Linda Dillen, Manager of Benefits & Safe Environment for the Diocese of Stockton, at (209) 466-0636.*

## Un Mensaje de Otoño Sobre Protección Infantil

El otoño significa el regreso a la escuela para los niños y el regreso al trabajo para aquellos que han estado de vacaciones. En medio de todo el ajetreo de esta época, mantengamos en cuenta la importancia de mantener seguros y fuera de peligro a nuestros niños y jóvenes.

Se han establecido requisitos de capacitación para proteger a los niños en parroquias de la Diócesis de Stockton. Estos requisitos de capacitación ayudan a garantizar que todos los niños y los jóvenes experimentan un ambiente seguro en todas las actividades y eventos parroquiales.

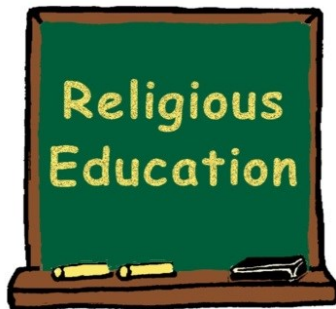
**La Diócesis de Stockton exige que todas las personas que trabajan con niños y jóvenes en nuestras escuelas y parroquias deberán someterse a un entrenamiento de prevención de abuso infantil a través de las normas establecidas por la Conferencia Católica de los Obispos de los Estados Unidos.** Esta capacitación incluye que le tomen huellas, revisen sus antecedentes y complete un curso de capacitación por internet titulado: *Shield the Vulnerable* (Proteger al Vulnerable). Si piensa ayudar o asistir en la escuela de su hijo, es obligatorio completar este entrenamiento.

Para más información sobre este entrenamiento, por favor comuníquese con el/la coordinador /a de Ambiente Seguro en su parroquia / escuela local.

Para ayuda y preguntas en particular, por favor comuníquese con: *Linda Dillen, Gerente de Beneficios y Ambiente Seguro para la Diócesis de Stockton, al (209) 466-0636.*

**Bulletin Notice:** Beginning the week after Labor Day (September 7), J. S. Paluch will be printing and folding St. Patrick's bulletin. This means that for items to go into the bulletin, they must be submitted by **Friday** of the previous week. Example: the deadline for the September 20th bulletin will be September 11. That is **ten days** before the bulletin date. The deadline will require planning ahead. Many other parishes rely on J.S. Paluch to print and deliver their bulletins. I am sure we as a parish can rise to the challenge. Ministries, please check your schedules to have plenty of time for announcements.

Thank you, Sandy Pasby



### 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 Kathy Casas ext. 110 or email [kathy@stpatssonora.org](mailto:kathy@stpatssonora.org).

# Mass Intentions

# Readings

## Saturday, August 22 thru Sunday, August 30, 2015

<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 pm	Pearl & Roger Kitto †
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	Margaret Wyman †
	11:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
	5:00 pm	Gamboa Family, Blessing of Family
<b>Please join us to say the rosary after all the 8:00 am weekday Masses.</b>		
Monday	8:00 am	Timothy Robert Mann † Carl Stephen King, Sr. †
Tuesday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	Health for Ralston Tower Residents
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Friday	8:00 am	Alex-Linda Balbuena † & Marcos Balbuena †
<b>Saturday</b>	5:00 pm	<b>OLMC</b> Hardoin Family †
	5:00 pm	<b>St. Pat</b> Jerry Kahl †
<b>Sunday</b>	7:30 am	All Parishioners Pat Dean †
	9:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
	11:00 am	Marie Schneider †
	5:00 pm	<i>No Intentions</i>

## Monday, August 24 thru Sunday, August 30, 2015

Mon.:	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Tues.:	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Weds.:	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thurs.:	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Fri.:	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Sat.:	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mk 6:17-29
Sun.	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Bartholomew
Tuesday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz
Thursday:	St. Monica
Friday:	St. Augustine
Saturday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist



*The parish website is being updated.  
Please be patient during the transition.  
Soon we will have a new improved website.*

## This Week at St. Patrick's

### Saturday, August 22 thru Sunday, August 30, 2015

- Friday 8/21, thru Sunday 8/23 ~  
**Catholic Men's Fellowship Retreat**
- Sunday 8/23 ~ **St. Patrick's Meet & Greet**  
hosted by **Knights of Columbus**
- Saturday 8/29 ~ **Altar Duty** ~  
**Donna Woodcock & Peggy Patin**

# Prayers

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

**Those needing your continued prayers:**

Violet Baran, Louise Bergesen, 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, Jean Richardson, Bob Riede, Bonnie Rodgers, Sue Slater, Marcie Sowa, Clay Sweeney, Richard Vandergrift, Judy Wilder, 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!





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