

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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Big Oak Flat, CA



Mass Times:

Sat 5:00 pm
Sun 9:00 am

Reconciliation:

Sat 4:30 pm

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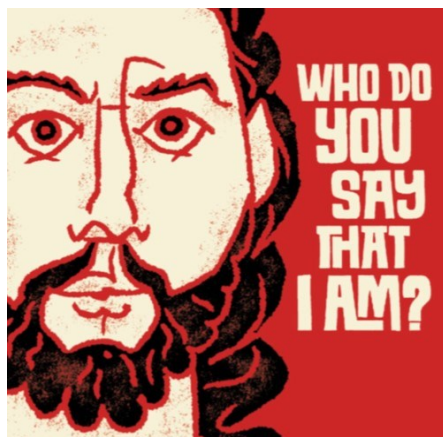
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St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Sonora, California

The GOOD News

... in Our Parish



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 13, 2015

*The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.*

— Isaiah 50:7

On Fire!!!

Would you like to join us on a trip to Six Flags?

TEENS & YOUNG ADULTS!!! Are you On Fire?!

Join us on Saturday, September 19 & Sunday, September 20.

Cost is \$75 per person. Contact Ron Ivey at the parish office for more information, 532-7139 ext. 103.

Don't miss out on this great event!!

Tickets are limited. Don't wait.



"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

Referring to this week's Gospel, I remember hearing Archbishop Fulton Sheen amusingly say once Jesus conducted the world's first-ever opinion poll when asking His apostles, "Who do the people say that am I?" As with most opinion polls, the people's responses varied and were not correct; some thought Jesus was "John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets." They did not yet know Jesus as the true "Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Mt. 16:16) because their expectations of the hoped-for Messiah was their own idea of someone who was to free them from their enemies, their Roman occupiers, and restore the former glory of the Kingdom of David.

The Hebrew word "Messiah" means the "Anointed One" and the title "Christ" comes from the Greek translation of "Messiah." So, "Christ" means the One who is chosen and anointed by God to lead His people of Israel. In asking the Apostles this question, our Lord Jesus was not so much interested in who "the people" thought He was. After all, Jesus did not carry out His mission and preaching based on the results of opinion polls. He wanted to see if His own apostles, representing the Church, understood He was the One sent by God to bring eternal salvation and not to give them earthly successes, not just to the nation of Israel, but to the whole world. At first, Peter responds correctly, "*You are the Christ.*" In other words, he says to Jesus, "You are the Messiah, the one we have hoped to come to save us." But after Jesus tells them that He, the real Messiah, will be rejected, killed, and "rise after three days," Peter falls into the same error as the people and rejects the idea that Jesus as the Messiah will not live up to the expectations of earthly success – power, glory, and prosperity. When Jesus rebukes Peter, He says, "*You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.*" Jesus was telling them the "Son of Man," the Real Messiah, was not going to save and free them with the sword, but save with His Cross. By suffering and dying, our Lord would destroy the real enemies of sin and death. In His rising, Jesus would then give them, and us, a share in the real success of eternal life.

We, too, can "think like human beings," making God fit our expectations and opinions of Him, thinking only of our own idea of what He should do for us or even who He is. To not make this critical error, we listen carefully to our Lord's words in the Gospel today: "*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.*" We "deny ourselves" by setting aside our opinions and ways of thinking that prevent us from knowing who Jesus truly is, the Son of God, the 2nd person of the Most Holy Trinity, God become One of us. We "take up" our Crosses by sacrificing our wants and desires to God in union with Jesus' sacrifice, seeking to do His will in obeying the teachings of the Church in every area of our lives. We "follow Him" by being faithful to Him, the Church, and our own vocation, in spite of all the hardships, struggles, trials, and oppression we will encounter as Disciples of Christ. If we do this, always seeking His strength in the Sacraments and prayer, we will "save" our lives for eternal life.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, let us pray to "think as God does," seeing our lives in view of our heavenly destiny to be in union with God forever and not to rely on our own opinions of God and the illusion of happiness in earthly success.

As a reminder, I am encouraging all of our families to "adopt" one of our young adult pilgrims who will be attending World Youth Day with Pope Francis and millions of other young adults from around the world next summer. The sponsorship forms are available in the vestibule of the church or you can pick one up at the office. You also have the option of sponsoring the young adults with a financial contribution. Rather than sponsoring one or two pilgrims, you can choose to make a donation that will be used for all the young adults on the pilgrimage. In the next several weeks, we will continue to profile a different pilgrim in this section.

God bless, Fr. Sam West



World Youth Day Pilgrim Profile

Theresa Woods, age 19, second year electrical engineering student at the University of San Diego, has been a parishioner of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel and St. Patrick's since birth. She was actively involved in Youth Group for 4 years during high school (2010-2014) as a member and a leader. She has also been intensely involved as a teen choir member and cantor, and she attended and participated in six-plus Catholic teen leadership conferences during that time.



**Kindergarten thru
6th grade
Opening Night ~
Wednesday,
September 30th
~ 6:30 -7:30 pm**

Registration forms are available in the church entrance and at the parish office. They may be placed in the designated box after weekend Masses (located in the sacristy where the priests and altar servers vest). We encourage you to leave a message that you will be attending if you are not yet able to register, so we can order the correct number of textbooks and supplies (grade levels and last name).

**Contact Kathy Casas 770-5987 or
kathy@stpatssonora.org or 532-7139 ext. 110.**

**Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser
Breakfast to support
Knights of Columbus Tuolumne Co.
Council 2165
Saturday, September 26, 2015
from 8:00 am-10:00 am at**



**The Cost is \$5.
Tickets will available after all
Masses on September 20.**

Thank You

Dear St. Patrick's Parishioners, Our family is so joyously overwhelmed by the outpouring of prayers, support, and your generous donations and gifts on August 30th. We are so grateful to those of you who came and helped celebrate the upcoming birth of our twins! I would especially like to thank Cynthia Dragun and her family, and Kathy Casas for making it all happen and putting it on. Our hearts are overjoyed and it means so much to us to know we have wonderful people who are there to help us in our time of need. May the Lord bless you all abundantly as He has continued to bless us.

With much love and gratitude,

Katie and Matt McClintock and all our girls!

**Coming
Events**

In September:

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 11:00 am ~ Skyline Place Mass
Sunday, Sept. 20 ~ Catechetical Sunday ~
11:00 am ~ catechists commissioned
Saturday, Sept. 26 ~ 8:00 am to 10:00 am ~
Knight's of Columbus Pancake Breakfast ~ Applebee's
10:00 am ~ Blessing of the Animals (front of church)

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
12:00 pm ~ Public Square Rosary Crusade
Sunday, Oct. 18 ~ White Mass ~9:00 & 11:00 am
Blessings for those involved in Medical Positions
Tuesday, Oct. 20, 11:00 am ~ Skyline Place Mass

In November:

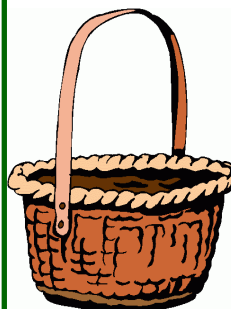
Saturday, Nov. 14 ~ Parish Christmas Festival
**Appointments available for a portrait setting from
November 18 thru 22 and/or again
December 2 thru 6 for the new Parish Directory.**

Public Square Rosary Crusade

Come and join us in praying publicly for our nation on October 10, 12:00 pm at Court House Park to pray the rosary. This is discipleship; this is evangelization. There will be over 14,000 crusades across the nation. Bring your family, bring a friend.

Christmas Festival News

Pick-up a basket to fill for the Gift Basket Booth
Baskets are available in the vestibule of the church
beginning September 13.



Fill the basket with items and return
the basket to the parish office by
Friday, October 16th.

Contact Marge Nath for more
information at 532-2229.

October is Respect Life Month

All of October will be devoted to Respect Life issues. As a preview, on Saturday, September 26, Foothill Pregnancy Center will hold their annual two-mile walk down Washington Street. All are welcome to join the Foothill walkers to bring to mind this important issue. Registration begins at 9:00 am with the Walk beginning at 9:30 am. Meet at the Center at 427 N. Hwy 49 in Sonora



to show your support as we walk through downtown historic Sonora. It's a fun event for the entire family! Kids can dress up as a super hero! For more information and to get your Walk brochure, call the Center at 536-9262.

Saturday, Oct. 3 & Sunday, Oct. 4 is Respect Life Weekend. There will be a second collection at each Mass for the Diocese Respect Life Office.



We are asking for parishioners to participate in 40 Days for Life each Monday in October. The focus of 40 Days for Life is to stand for Life through peaceful, prayerful and public witness on the busiest corner in Sonora. The dates for participating are October 5, 12, 19 and 26. Please join us on the corner of Mono Way and Greenley for one hour a week between 9:00 am and 6:00 pm. Look for sign-up sheets in the office and after the Sunday Masses.

This Week at St. Patrick's

Saturday, Sept. 12 thru Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015

Sat 9/12 ~ Altar Duty ~ Lori Feign & Carmen Fleck
Special Collection ~ Catholic University of America
Special Mass ~ 5:00 pm ~ Pine Mountain Lake

Sun 9/13 ~ Meet & Greet hosted by YLI
Special Collection ~ Catholic University of America

Mon 9/14 ~ 11:00 am ~ Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy ~ room 1
1:00 pm Altar Society meeting ~ room 1
5:30 pm ~ Catholic Men's Fellowship ~ room 3 & 4
5:30 pm ~ Ladies Faith & Friendship ~ room 6
6:30 pm ~ Young Adults ~ Steinmetz Teen Center

Tues 9/15 ~ 6:30 am ~ Matthew 25 Breakfast
11:00 am ~ Skyline Place Mass
4:30 pm ~ Teen Choir Practice ~ hall
6:00 pm ~ Adult Choir Practice ~ hall
6:00 pm ~ Hispanic Choir Practice ~ rooms 3 & 4
7:00 pm ~ OLMC ~ Bible Study ~ Parish House
7:00 pm ~ RCIA ~ room 1

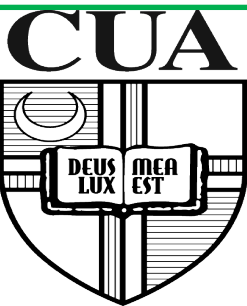
Wed 9/16 ~ 5:45 pm ~ Family Rosary ~ church
6:30 pm ~ Reconciliation ~ church
6:30 pm ~ Youth Ministry ~ Teen Center

Thurs 9/17 ~ 6:30 am ~ Matthew 25 Breakfast

Fri 9/18 ~ 1:00 pm ~ Ladies Faith & Friendship ~ room 1
7:00 pm ~ Spanish Prayer Group ~ room 3 & 4

Sat 9/19 ~ Altar Duty ~ Judy Wilder

Sun 9/20 ~ Meet & Greet



Catholic University of America

I appeal to you today to give generously to the National Collection for The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. Catholic University is the national university of the Catholic Church, and the only institution of higher education founded by the U.S. bishops and chartered by the Vatican.

Catholic University educates clergy, religious, and young laymen and women from our community, every geographical region of the country, and from far-reaching corners of the globe. CUA is faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ as handed on by the Church and dedicated to advancing the dialogue between faith and reason. The University seeks to discover and impart the truth through excellence in teaching and research, all in service to the Church, the nation, and the world.

The National Collection for The Catholic University of America is a foundational source of support for CUA. Contributions from the faithful have benefitted generations of students, and we must perpetuate this legacy. Your gift will ensure that students and graduates can continue to shine God's light in our world.

Mass Intentions

Readings

Saturday, Sept. 12 thru Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015

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| Saturday | 5:00 pm | Leroy Egan ☩ Pat Dean Girard ☩ |
| Sunday | 7:30 am | All Parishioners |
| | 9:00 am | OLMC Norvel Clark ☩ |
| | 9:00 am | St. Pat Weston Family |
| | 11:00 am | <i>No Intentions</i> |
| | 5:00 pm | Alicia Diaz ☩ |
| Please join us to say the rosary after all the 8:00 am weekday Masses. | | |
| Monday | 8:00 am | <i>No Intentions</i> |
| Tuesday | 8:00 am | Margarete & Gijsbert Spilt ☩ |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am | Jim Hassay Family |
| Thursday | 8:00 am | Paula Wolfe ☩ |
| Friday | 8:00 am | Fred Rodriquez ☩ |
| Saturday | 5:00 pm | <i>No Intentions</i> |
| Sunday | 7:30 am | All Parishioners |
| | 9:00 am | Deceased members of YLI |
| | 11:00 am | <i>No Intentions</i> |
| | 5:00 pm | Marcos Balbuena ☩ Josefina Balbuena |

Monday, Sept. 14 thru Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015

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| Monday: | Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35 |
| Thursday: | 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50 |
| Friday: | 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3 |
| Saturday: | 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15 |
| Sunday: | Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37 |

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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|------------|--|
| Sunday: | Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day; Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5776) begins at sunset |
| Monday: | The Exaltation of the Holy Cross |
| Tuesday: | Our Lady of Sorrows |
| Wednesday: | Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian |
| Thursday: | St. Robert Bellarmine |
| Saturday: | St. Januarius; Blessed Virgin Mary |

Prayers

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

New this week: Rita Vigil

Those needing your continued prayers:

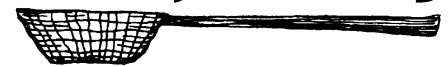
Violet Baran, Louise Bergesen, Ruth Callahan,
Carole Canepa, David Todd Cardiff, David Brian Cardiff, Joyce Cardiff,
Jill McClintock-Cole, Phil Fish,Carolynn Gregory,
Irene Hatcher, Audrey (A. J.) Holmes, Dixie Huber,
Mary Kingsley, Dorothy McCargar, Helena Mayhan,
Cari McQuinn, Bill Mierop, Joseph Murtagh,
Carmella Peller, Carolyn Peterson, 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!

Weekly Offering



| Weekly Goal \$ 10,000 | 9-6-15 Week 1 |
|---|------------------|
| General Offerings | |
| St. Pat's | \$8,608 |
| OLMC | \$2,220 |
| E-giving | \$520 |
| Total | \$11,348 |
| LAST YEAR | \$8,884 |
| Maintenance Offerings | |
| St. Pat's | \$782 |
| OLMC | \$135 |
| Total | \$917 |
| Parish Services: | |
| St. Pat' \$563 + OLMC \$160.20 Total \$723.20 | |
| Thank you for your generosity & continued support! | |



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE
*Our sincere sympathies to the family of
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