

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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St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Sonora, California

The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 6, 2015

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom? — James 2:5



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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 a chance to win.



Tickets are available now for purchase from our young adults individually or after Mass on September 6. Please hold our World Youth Day Pilgrims in prayer as they spiritually prepare for this amazing experience.



Parish Office Closed

"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

Pope St. John Paul II, in 1981, promulgated the Encyclical entitled "*Laborem Exercens*" which was about the dignity of human labor and the importance work has in our human existence. In the opening words, the Pope writes, "Man is made to be in the visible universe an image and likeness of God himself, and he is placed in it in order to subdue the earth. From the beginning therefore he is *called to work*." He continues, "Work is a good thing for man—a good thing for his humanity—because through work man *not only transforms nature*, adapting it to his own needs, but he also *achieves fulfillment* as a human being and indeed, in a sense, becomes 'more a human being.'" (#9)

In sharing in our human lives, our Lord Jesus was no stranger to hard work. In His "hidden life" in Nazareth, He worked as a carpenter like His foster-father, St. Joseph. Even in His public ministry, we see Jesus continues to work. But now He is doing the work of His Divine Father, God the Father. Jesus works tirelessly to bring the healing power of God's love to those in need as we see in the healing of a deaf man in this week's Gospel. Christ has come to redeem our work, and He can use all our efforts, small and large alike, in His ongoing work of salvation. St. Pope John Paul II writes, "Christ, 'undergoing death itself for all of us sinners, taught us by example that we too must shoulder that cross which the world and the flesh inflict upon those

who pursue peace and justice'; but also, at the same time, 'appointed Lord by *his Resurrection* and given all authority in heaven and on earth, Christ is now at work in people's hearts through the power of his Spirit... He animates, purifies, and strengthens those noble longings too, by which the human family strives *to make its life more human* and to render the whole earth submissive to this goal.'" (#27)

Therefore, any type of work we do, including work around our own homes, should be seen as a way we can participate in Christ's work of building of His Kingdom of Love and Peace. Like Christ, we should first be motivated to work by doing the will of the Father, which means doing good for others. If it is paid work, our work should not be only focused on a paycheck. Don't take me wrong. Every person who honestly works should receive a just wage, a wage in which they can exercise their human dignity and earn enough to raise a family. Our Lord teaches us we should work, no matter what type of work it is, for Him and for the good of others.

So, let us this weekend give thanks to God for allowing us, each in our own way, to participate in His work. We ask for the intercession of St. Joseph to help us appreciate the gift of work and help all who seek a job obtain employment with a satisfactory wage.

God bless, Fr. Sam West

World Youth Day Pilgrim Profile



Greetings Friends and Parishioners, my name is Daniel Cordes. I am twenty years old and I have been a parishioner at St. Patrick's for over two years. In that time, it has been my privilege to help out as an altar server and sacristan. I have been active in the youth group as well. Right now I am attending Jr. College at Columbia and working summers doing landscaping. It is a deep honor and privilege to have this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to attend this holy and unforgettable gathering of the 2016 World Youth Day in Poland. It is my sincere hope that by being a part of this life changing event, I will have a greater understanding of the Universal Body of Christ in the Catholic Church and the means to better share it with others. I know it will be an incredible experience for me to travel as a pilgrim to the holy shrines in Poland and Rome. And what a blessing it will be to bring the prayer requests of the Parish with us to the holy sites. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you.

Confirmation Information/Candidate Parent Meeting

7th grade thru high school ~ Wednesday Sept 9th 6:30 pm in the parish hall

Please bring your teens' calendars (sports, dance, 4-H, music, etc.). We will design class sessions around what works best for our young people. That means we need your in-put and theirs.

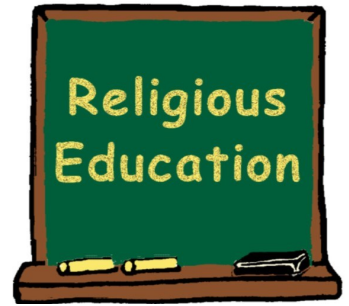
Religious Education Classes ~ Kindergarten-6th grade

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.



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, October 3 & Sunday, October 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.

On Fire

The On Fire trip is September 19-20. It is open to all high school and young adults. Cost is \$75. Contact Ron Ivey at the parish office for more information, 532-7139.

Catholic University of America

The Catholic University of America is the national University of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by the Catholic intellectual tradition to nearly 7,000 students every year. Over 4,000 directly receive scholarship aid from the Collection, including many from our diocese. Next week is the National collection for the Catholic University of America. Please be generous.

Mass at Pine Mountain Lake Marina



Our Lady of Mt. Carmel will be hosting "Mass at Pine Mountain Lake Marina" followed by a potluck supper, Saturday, September 12th at 5:00 pm.

If you have ever been to one of these Masses, you won't want to miss it. If you have never been, **MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!!!!!!**

Please bring chairs, a potluck dish to share with 12 and your own table service.

Set up time is 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

I can use some helpers.

Please call Louise Turney [\(209\) 484-9822](tel:2094849822).



**Attention all Lectors,
Extraordinary Ministers
of Holy Communion,
Altar Servers,
and Ushers**

If there are any dates you know you will NOT be available to minister during the fourth quarter (October, November, December), please let Sandra Betti know by September 10th. The Q4 Schedule will be finalized by September 17th.

Please either email your information to sandra@stpatssonora.org or call the office. Sandra's extension is 109. Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE

In September:

Monday, Sept. 7 ~ Labor Day ~ Office Closed
 Tuesday, Sept. 8 ~ 2:15 pm ~ Unit 7 Mass
 Saturday, Sept. 12, 5:00 pm ~
 Mass at Pine Mountain Lake
 Tuesday, Sept. 15, 11:00 am ~ Skyline Place Mass
 Sunday, Sept. 20 ~ Catechetical Sunday ~
 11:00 am ~ catechists commissioned
 Saturday, Sept. 26 ~ 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
 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
**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.**

Public Square Rosary Crusade

America is at a historic crossroad. Secularists are trying to push God from the public square. Without God, where will our leaders get the wisdom to solve the great problems we as a nation face? Prayer is the answer. Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer. Please join the parish on October 10, 12:00 pm at Court House Park to pray the rosary.

Offerings

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	8-2-15 Week 1	8-9-15 Week 2	8-16-15 Week 3	8-23-15 Week 4	8-30-15 Week 5	Month Totals
<i>General Offerings</i>						
St. Pat's	\$8,070	\$5,929	\$5,398	\$5,194	\$5,288	\$29,879
OLMC	\$1,469	\$1,159	\$1,309	\$1,391	\$1,207	\$6,535
E-giving	\$635	\$380	\$530	\$565	\$335	\$2,445
Total	\$10,174	\$7,468	\$7,237	\$7,150	\$6,830	\$38,859
LAST YEAR	\$8,732	\$7,590	\$5,716	\$6,724	\$8,173	\$36,935
<i>Maintenance Offerings</i>						
St. Pat's	\$529	\$227	\$101	\$168	\$54	\$1,079
OLMC	\$90	0	0	\$25	0	\$115
Total	\$619	\$227	\$101	\$193	\$54	\$1,194
Parish Services: St. Pat's \$495.50 + OLMC \$188 = \$683.50						
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: St. Pat's \$855 + OLMC \$85 = \$940						
Thank you for your generosity & continued support!						

Bulletin Notice

Beginning next week, 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

Mass Intentions

Readings

Saturday, Sept. 5 thru Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015

Saturday	5:00 pm	Loraine Neider ☩
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners
		Francis John Ambrosoli ☩
	9:00 am	Hezzy Arellano ☩
	11:00 am	Health for Ralston Tower
		Rosary Group
	5:00 pm	Raul & Manuel Gamboa ☩
		Olga Argentina De Awners ☩
Please join us to say the rosary after all the 8:00 am weekday Masses.		
Monday	8:00 am	Labor Day Aaron & Janine Latone
Tuesday	8:00 am	Jacob & Trang Latone
Wednesday	8:00 am	Irene Bryant
		Margarete & Gijsbert Spilt ☩
Thursday	8:00 am	Bill Latone
Friday	8:00 am	Bill Latone
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 ☩

Monday, Sept. 7 thru Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015

Mon:	Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos.907-911
Tues:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Wed:	Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thurs:	Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
Fri:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Sat:	1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sun:	Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun:	Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon:	Labor Day
Tues:	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wed:	St. Peter Claver
Fri:	Patriot Day
Sat:	The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary

*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

Sunday, Sept. 6 thru Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015

Sun 9/6	~ Meet & Greet hosted by Ministers to the Sick Special Collection ~ Parish Services Collection
Mon 9/7	~ Labor Day ~ OFFICE CLOSED ~ normally scheduled meetings cancelled for today
Tues 9/8	~ 6:30 am ~ Matthew 25 Breakfast 2:15 pm ~ Unit 7 Mass 4:30 pm ~ Teen Choir Practice ~ hall 6:00 pm ~ Adult Choir Practice ~ hall 6:00 pm ~ Hispanic Choir Practice ~ rooms 3 & 4
Wed 9/9	~ 5:45 pm ~ Family Rosary ~ church 6:30 pm ~ Reconciliation ~ church 6:30 pm ~ Youth Ministry ~ Teen Center
Thurs 9/10	~ 6:30 am ~ Matthew 25 Breakfast 7:00 pm ~ Knights of Columbus ~ room 1 7:00 pm ~ Young Ladies Institute ~ hall
Fri 9/11	~ 1:00 pm ~ Ladies Faith & Friendship ~ room 1 7:00 pm ~ Spanish Prayer Group ~ room 3 & 4
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

Prayers

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

New this week:

Phil Fish & Dorothy McCargar

Those needing your continued prayers:

Violet Baran, Louise Bergesen, 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, 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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