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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.

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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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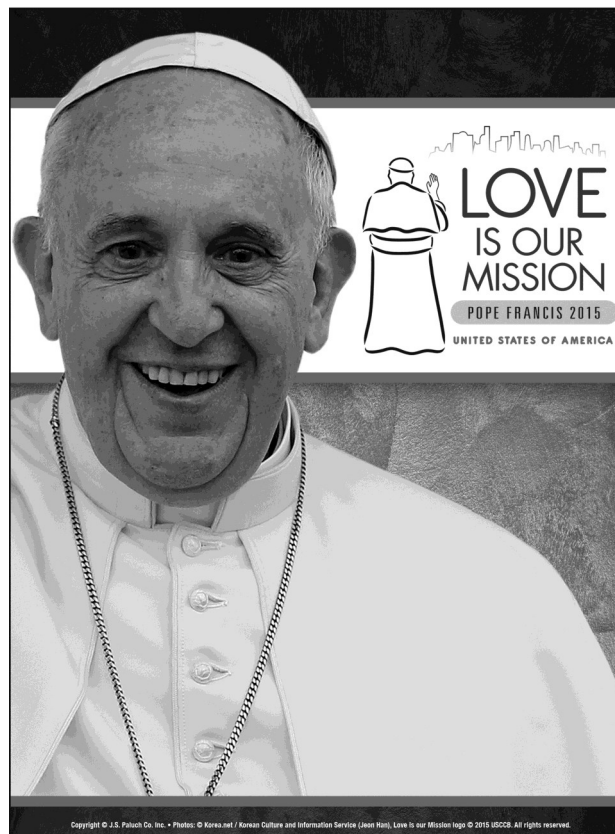
St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Sonora, California

The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 20, 2015

*The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace.— James 3:18*



"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

In preparation of Pope Francis' upcoming visit to the United States, which starts on Tuesday, I would like to write about the Holy Father as the Supreme leader of the Catholic Church. In His infinite wisdom, our Lord Jesus knew He needed to establish a clear, visible hierarchy with real authority to best teach, sanctify, and govern His Church. Our Lord established His Church on His Apostle Peter's confession of faith - "*You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God*" (Mt. 16:16). Our Lord responds, "*And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church*" (Mt 16:18). In the Gospel of John, after His Resurrection, Jesus commanded Peter "to feed His sheep" giving him the responsibility of caring for the entire Church as our first of 266 successive Popes. The Pope is called the "Vicar of Christ" because Christ gave St. Peter the authority to represent Him on earth as the visible sign of unity among the bishops, who are the successors of the Apostles.

Although Christ entrusted tremendous authority to the office of the Papacy, the Pope's power is not absolute. The Pope's authority extends to protecting, clarifying, and declaring what is revealed Truth (Dogma) and what is not. No authority on earth, including a Pope, can ever change what has already been revealed and defined as Divine Truth, including the Church's teachings on the Seven Sacraments. A couple of weeks ago, Pope Francis, completely in line with his prerogative as Pope, decided to make changes to parts of the Code of Canon Law, the law of the Church, which had to do with the process of judging if a marriage is valid, known more commonly as "annulments." Among many other aspects of life in the Church, Canon Law governs the administration and protection of the Sacraments. By changing the codes that regulate this complex process, the Pope has not changed, nor would he ever change, the Sacrament of Marriage itself. Marriage, as taught by Jesus Himself and defended by Pope Francis, is an unbreakable, lifelong bond between one man and one woman, and this truth can never change. What the Holy Father has done is to simplify the Code of Canon Law to reorganize the processing of annulments, particularly "formal" annulment cases. An annulment is a judgment by a Church Tribunal that one of the essential elements for a valid marriage was not present at the time of consent and, therefore, a valid marriage bond never existed from the beginning of the marriage. A valid Catholic marriage results from five elements: (1) the spouses (one man and one woman) are free to marry; (2) they freely exchange their consent; (3) in consenting to marry, they have the intention to marry for life, to be

faithful to one another and be open to children; (4) they intend the good of each other; and (5) their consent is given in the presence of two witnesses and before a properly authorized Church minister.

Church law safeguards the indissolubility of the sacrament of marriage. The law presumes a marriage valid until proven otherwise (c.1060). So, in order for a marriage to be judged invalid, there has to be real proof, including witnesses, and not just a person's subjective experience to show there was something lacking in any of the "essential elements" at the time of the marriage. Particular forms of behavior such as physical abuse, alcohol and drug abuse, deviant sexual behavior, criminal activity, grave irresponsibility, mental illness, and persistent infidelity may indicate that valid marital consent was not exchanged by one or both parties. Beliefs about marriage contrary to Catholic doctrine may also indicate invalid consent. An intention to exclude children and/or contrary views about the permanence of marriage and fidelity may also show that consent was not exchanged validly. Any infringement of a person's free choice to marry, fraud, error regarding the identity of the spouse, or extreme internal or external pressure to marry may also indicate that consent was not exchanged validly.

In cases where a person is just no longer able to communicate with their spouse, who is no longer "in love" with their spouse, or has found someone else who really understands them are not reasons a marriage is invalid. If a person got married knowing what marriage is, a lifelong covenant between one man and one woman, knowing the truth about their spouse, and both parties were capable of making a commitment to be married for the rest of their life or spouse's life by giving full, free consent, then they are in a valid marriage. If the marriage is valid, it means any human authority, including the Pope, cannot ever dissolve the marriage. If the marriage is valid, a person who leaves their spouse and then attempts to marry another person commits the sin of adultery. It is important to note, simply leaving a troubled marriage, particularly if there is violence or abuse, is NOT A SIN. Actually, a person has a responsibility to separate from an abusive spouse for their personal safety and the safety of their children. The sin is trying to get married to someone while already married. Annulments do not give a Catholic, who has gone through a civil divorce, a right to "remarry" because if the previous marriage or marriages are proven to be invalid as part of the annulment process,

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then any marriage after the annulment is considered to be the first and only marriage. I know this can be very confusing. So, if you any have questions or need more information about how to petition to see if a previous marriage was invalid, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Banka or myself.

Let us, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, continue to pray for our dear Pope Francis on His mission to the United States.

God bless, Fr. Sam West

World Youth Day Pilgrim Profile

My name is Luke Christian Ulibarri, I am 21 and I have been a member of St. Patrick's parish for 7 years. I have been a part of the parish youth group for 4 years, 4 years in the youth choir and 1 year in the parish young adult group. I am also a 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus, as well as a lector.



Weekly Offering

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	9-6-15 Week 1	9-13-15 Week 2	Monthly Totals
General Offerings			
St. Pat's	\$8,608	\$6,199	\$14,807
OLMC	\$2,220	\$1,323	\$3,543
E-giving	\$520	\$530	\$1,050
Total	\$11,348	\$8,052	\$19,400
LAST YEAR	\$8,884	\$8,528	\$17,412
Maintenance Offerings			
St. Pat's	\$782	\$132	\$912
OLMC	\$135	\$25	\$160
Total	\$917	\$157	\$1,072
Parish Services: St. Pat \$563 + OLMC \$160.20 Total \$723.20			
Catholic University of America St. Pat \$675 + OLMC \$137.75 =Total \$812.75			
Thank you for your generosity & continued support!			

Coming Events

In September:

Sunday, Sept. 20 ~ Catechetical Sunday ~

11:00 am ~ catechists commissioned

Monday, Sept. 21 ~ Teen/Youth Group meetings begin

6:30 pm ~ Steinmetz House Teen Center

Saturday, Sept. 26 ~ 8:00 am to 10:00 am

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast at 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

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.



Catholic University of America

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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.



Divine Mercy Conference
Saturday October 3, 2015
 At Divine Mercy Parish
 2231 Club Center Dr.,
 Sacramento, CA
 9:30 am – 4:30 pm
 (\$20 advanced reg.,
 \$25 at the door)

All are invited to the parish morning Mass at 8:30 am & the vigil Mass at 5:00 pm Register at: www.DivineMercySacramento.org or through your parish Point of Contact. Marcia Watts has \$20 tickets available. Call Marcia at 209-533-3662.

A Divine Mercy Support Network of Sacramento program PO Box 124, Shingle Springs, CA 95682 Call Mellie at (916) 541-5142



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.

YLI Patricia #79

Join us for a fun afternoon!
Saturday, October 10, 2015
 St. Patrick's Parish Hall ~
 127 W. Jackson St. Sonora, CA
 Baked Potato Bar
 Luncheon/ Bunco Games
 Doors open at 11:30 a.m. \$15 per person.
 All adults welcome.
 Advance tickets or reservations suggested.
 Vicki @ 532-6010



What's Bunco? It's lots of fun!
If you can throw dice and count, you can play bunco.

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.

Confirmation Classes

7th Grade thru High School

We are offering two sections of Confirmation classes this year. You may select the section that better fits your schedule. Both sections will share a common Mini Retreat set for Sunday, January 10th, beginning with the 9:00 am Mass and ending at 8:00 pm. There is also a weekend NET Retreat, held at St. Patrick's Church in Angels Camp later in the year.

The two sections will be offered as follows:

1. Wednesday Evening 6:30-7:45 pm Starts: **September 30th** in Steinmetz House
2. Two Sundays/month after the 11:00 am Mass, 12:15 until 4:15 (We'll share lunch.)
 First session starts: **October 18th**

Contact Kathy Casas for more details and to register for one of the sessions, 532-7139 ext. 110 or 770-5987

Mass Intentions

Readings

Saturday, Sept. 19 thru Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015

Saturday	5:00 pm	<i>No Intentions</i>
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners Arthur Duffy †
	9:00 am	Deceased members of YLI
	11:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
	5:00 pm	Josefina Balbuena Marcos Balbuena †
Join us to say the rosary after the 8:00 am weekday Masses.		
Monday	8:00 am	Ernesto Roxas † Peggy Patin, <i>Profession of vows</i>
Tuesday	8:00 am	Frank & Vi Latone †
Wednesday	8:00 am	James & Gloria Traverso †
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>No Intentions</i>
Saturday	5:00 pm	Health for Ralston Tower Rosary Group Pearl & Roger Kitto †
Sunday	7:30 am	All Parishioners
	9:00 am	OLMC Octavia "Tay" Lefman † St. Pat Bill Kiefer †
	11:00 am	Warren Depew † Peter & Marian Chiochia †
	5:00 pm	<i>No Intentions</i>

Monday, Sept. 21 thru Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015

Monday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday:	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday:	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday:	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday:	Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday:	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday:	Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday:	St. Matthew
Tuesday:	World Meeting of Families begins; Yom Kippur (Jewish day of atonement) begins at sunset
Wednesday:	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio); Autumn begins
Saturday:	Ss. Cosmas and Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary

This Week at St. Patrick's

Saturday, Sept. 19 thru Sunday, Sept. 27, 2015

Sun 9/20 ~ Meet & Greet ~

Teen & Young Adults & Religious Ed

Sat 9/26 ~ Altar Duty ~ Jeane Kiely & Martha Gandee

8:00 am ~ Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
at Applebee's

9:30 am ~ Foothill Pregnancy Center Walk (see page 3)

10:00 am ~ Blessing of Animals ~ church lawn

Sun 9/27 ~ Meet & Greet hosted by Knight of Columbus

As you may have heard, we lost control of our website as we knew it, due to a change in ownership of the hosting company. We are in the process of researching a new website to meet the current needs of the parish. In the meantime, we have a temporary website that can allow access to our bulletins, and master calendar. If you click on the "View Website" link on the left side of the main page, it will take you directly to the Master Calendar. If you have calendar requests or need to make changes to your current calendared items, please email ron@stpatssonroa.org your request.

Thank you for your patience during this transition.

Prayers

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

New this week: Peggy Dossi.

Those needing your continued prayers:

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, Rita Vigil, 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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