

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



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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 16, 2015



*Unless you eat the flesh of
the Son of Man and drink
his blood, you do not have
life within you.*

— John 6:53

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 the weekend of August 22nd.

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. 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](tel:2095327139) or email frsam@stpatssonora.org. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West, Parish Administrator



Father Sam's Message

The Countdown to Poland Begins!

I have returned from a couple weeks on vacation, and I am happy to be home. By God's grace, I was blessed to have a restful and relaxing time away. With your help and support, I am looking forward to continuing the mission the Lord Jesus has asked us do – to make real His Love and His Mercy in our lives and the lives of others.

One way to help bring our Lord's love in our world, especially to the young adults of our parish, is to go on a pilgrimage. I am very pleased to announce our parish is planning to have young adults, from the ages of 18 to 35 years old, attend World Youth Day in Poland next summer 2016. Started by Saint Pope John Paul II in 1985, World Youth Day is an incredible and amazing event at which millions of youth and young adults from every nation and peoples on earth come together in one place to celebrate the gift of our Catholic Faith, the gift of Jesus Christ. The last World Youth Day took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 2013. At the closing Mass on the famous Copacabana Beach, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, presided at the closing Mass at which there were an estimated 3 million people in attendance! World Youth Day is a pilgrimage to help those who participate to grow in their relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Our pilgrims have been reminded this trip to Rome and then on to Krakow, Poland is not a vacation. Although we hope they have a very joy-filled experience, they have been taught pilgrimages are for the purpose to grow in our relationship with God. They take discipline, sacrifice, perseverance, and patience. Going on a religious pilgrimage reminds us of the same struggles and responses needed in our pilgrimage of earthly life to get to our heavenly homeland. For those who participate, a pilgrimage is a way to strengthen their faith and grow in their trust of God in all circumstances in life.

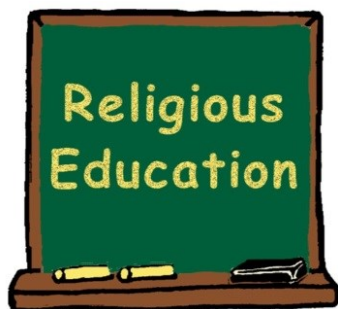
In addition to the spiritual benefits for the young adult pilgrims who are attending, World Youth Day is a beautiful opportunity for our entire parish to experience the magnificence, the unity, and the truly universal nature of our Church. Therefore, I encourage everyone in

the parish to participate in this pilgrimage, which takes place in the recently declared "Year of Mercy." Although you may not be able to physically go on the pilgrimage, you can still journey with our young pilgrims. You can spiritually accompany these young adults first of all with your prayers and fasting and, if possible, with a financial contribution. Although we are still finalizing the travel plans, the total cost of the pilgrimage for each pilgrim is \$3,250. Those who are planning on attending are asked to pay \$250 toward the cost and are expected to work very hard on various fundraisers to take place over the next eleven months. We are hoping through these efforts to raise at least \$1,000 for each of the pilgrims. This still leaves a balance of \$2,000. So, I am inviting our families to also participate in the pilgrimage by making a contribution to sponsor or "adopt" one or more pilgrims. If you are interested, we have more details on sponsorship and a special form with photos and small bio on each of the pilgrims. The idea is that a family can choose the pilgrim they would like to support and any financial contributions made would be credited to that pilgrim's account at the parish. Please note - no money will go directly to any individual. All funds collected in the fundraisers and sponsorships stays at the parish, and all expenses will be paid directly by the parish.

In return for your support, the pilgrim will be given the contact information of the families who are sponsoring them, and then will keep those families updated on the progress of their pilgrimage from their year-long preparation through their return from the final Mass with the Holy Father. However, if a family chooses to remain anonymous, that is certainly an option. Please look for the sponsorship forms and support our World Youth Day pilgrims.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our Patron St. Patrick, we pray for the success of this pilgrimage opportunity. We also pray for all the youth and young adults of our parish that they will continue to grow in love of Christ and His Church.

God bless, Fr. Sam West



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.

RCLIA

Christian Formation Process

**Jesus asked the two disciples,
“What are you looking for?”**

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

Please see the parish website @www.stpatssonora.org for meetings and scheduled events.

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.

SAVE THE DATE

In August:

Tuesday, Aug. 18, 11:00 am ~ Skyline Place 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, 5:00 pm ~
 Mass at Pine Mountain Lake
 Tuesday, Sept. 15, 11:00 am ~ Skyline Place Mass

In October:

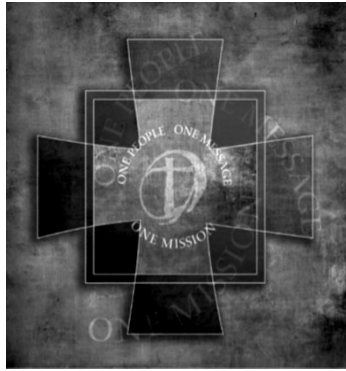
Friday, Oct. 2 through Sunday Oct. 4, 2015
 ~ St. Patrick’s Women’s Retreat
 Saturday, Oct. 10, 11:00 am ~
 Bunco/Luncheon in Parish Hall
 Tuesday, Oct. 20, 11:00 am ~ Skyline Place Mass

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.

Offerings

| Weekly Goal \$ 10,000 | 8-2-15 Week 1 | 8-9-15 Week 2 | Month Totals |
|---|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| General Offerings | | | |
| St. Pat’s | \$8,070 | \$5,929 | \$13,999 |
| OLMC | \$1,469 | \$1,159 | \$2,628 |
| E-giving | \$635 | \$380 | \$1,015 |
| Total | \$10,174 | \$7,468 | \$17,642 |
| LAST YEAR | \$8,732 | \$7,590 | \$16,322 |
| Maintenance Offerings | | | |
| St. Pat’s | \$529 | \$227 | \$756 |
| OLMC | \$90 | 0 | \$90 |
| Total | \$619 | \$227 | \$846 |
| Parish Services: St. Pat’s \$495.50 + OLMC \$188 = \$683.50 | | | |
| Thank you for your generosity & continued support! | | | |



ONE PEOPLE ONE MESSAGE ONE MISSION

You are invited to
the diocesan
Social Justice Gathering
Saturday August 22nd
8:00 am - 4:30 pm
St. Michael's parish,
Stockton

**Social justice is a basic part of our faith
calling us to work with others.**

Come and explore the challenge of exercising our ministry as one united parish family. Led by experts in bi-lingual/multicultural ministry, Greg Walgenbach and Maria Arroyo, we will discover what it means to be one people, with one message and one mission. Presentations will be given in both Spanish and English.

There is no charge and lunch will be provided.
For further information contact Mike Wofford:
mike.wofford@dhcs.ca.gov or Liliana Bobadilla:
lbobadilla@stocktondiocese.org



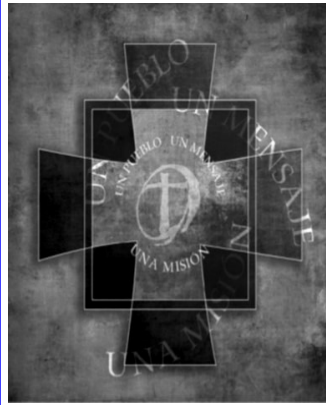
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taking for granted.

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**



UN PUEBLO UN MENSAJE UNA MISIÓN

Les hacemos una cordial
invitación a la Reunión
Diocesana de Justicia Social
Sábado 22 de agosto de
2015, 8:00 am a 4:30 pm
Iglesia San Miguel
5882 North Ashley Lane
Stockton, CA

**La Justicia Social es parte
fundamental de nuestra fe
y nos llama a trabajar con otros.**

Venga y explore el reto de ejercer nuestro ministerio como una familia parroquial unida. Dirigido por expertos del Ministerio bilingüe y multicultural, Greg Walgenbach y Maria Arroyo, vamos a descubrir lo que significa ser un pueblo, con un mensaje y una misión. Las presentaciones se impartirán en español e inglés.

No hay ningún costo y el almuerzo
será proporcionado.

Para más información comuníquese con
Mike Wofford al mike.wofford@dhcs.ca.gov o
Liliana Bobadilla al
lbobadilla@stocktondiocese.org
o por teléfono 209-466-0636

***Thank you all for your past generous
donations to St. Patrick's Food Pantry***
*The pantry hands out approximately 20 bags
of food a week to those in need.*



Food Pantry

*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.

Mass Intentions

Readings

Saturday, August 15 thru Sunday, August 23, 2015

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| Saturday | 9:00 am | Feast of the Assumption Of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| | 5:00 pm | Jack McCoy † Jack & LaVon Woodcock † |
| Sunday | 7:30 am | All Parishioners |
| | 9:00 am | Deceased Members of YLI Paul Duarte † |
| | 11:00 am | Charlotte Dunne † |
| | 5:00 pm | <i>No Intentions</i> |
| 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 | Kermit Fish † |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am | <i>No Intentions</i> |
| Thursday | 8:00 am | Gary Fisher |
| Friday | 8:00 am | Gertrude F. Anderson |
| Saturday | 5:00 pm | Pearl & Roger Kitto † |
| Sunday | 7:30 am | All Parishioners |
| | 9:00 am | Margaret Wyman † |
| | 11:00 am | <i>No Intentions</i> |
| | 5:00 pm | <i>No Intentions</i> |

Monday, August 17 thru Sunday, August 23, 2015

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| Monday: | Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22 |
| Tuesday: | Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30 |
| Wednesday: | Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16 |
| Thursday: | Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14 |
| Friday: | Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40 |
| Saturday: | Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12 |
| Sunday: | Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-21; Eph 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]; Jn 6:60-69 |

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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| Sunday: | Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time |
| Wednesday: | St. John Eudes |
| Thursday: | St. Bernard |
| Friday: | St. Pius X |
| Saturday: | The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary |



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!



This Week at St. Patrick's

Saturday, August 15 thru Sunday, August 23, 2015

Sunday 8/16 ~ **Meet & Greet
cancelled due to carpet cleaning**

Tuesday 8/18 ~ **RCIA begins, 7:00 pm**

Friday 8/21, thru Sunday 8/23 ~
Catholic Men's Fellowship Retreat

Saturday 8/22 ~ **Altar Duty ~
Sandy Pallante & Angelina DePew**

Sunday 8/23 ~ **St. Patrick's Meet & Greet
hosted by Knights of Columbus**



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