

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.

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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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The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 4, 2015

*Let the children come to me;
do not prevent them,
for the kingdom of God
belongs to such as these.*

— Mark 10:14



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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

*We are asking 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.

"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

We experienced a real gift of God's love for us in the visit of the Holy Father. It was truly amazing to see the response to his historic visit. The Holy Father's encouraging words and humble gestures of authentic love have touched so many people. I would like to say a few words about how we can move forward now by heeding Pope Francis' urgent call to work together as disciples of Christ in continuing the mission, which God has entrusted to us – the mission to proclaim and live the message of the Gospel, a message of peace, love, and joy for all people.

In watching the news coverage and reading commentaries of this historic event, we may have heard some who have mistakenly tried to claim the Pope's messages endorse a "liberal" or "progressive" political agenda. The aim of his visit was not to "push" for any political party or ideology. His object was to fulfill his mission to proclaim the Joy of the Gospel, the teachings of Christ. These are the teachings that have always been the teachings of the Catholic Church, teachings which transcend any humanly established political or economic system. Even within the Church, it is easy for us to misapply the political labels of "liberal" or "conservative." Using such labels to describe our own or another person's "brand" of Catholicism is not helpful in building up and experiencing the unity of the Catholic Church. I think the Pope would probably agree. In reality, there is no such thing as a "liberal Catholic" or "conservative Catholic." There is just Catholic, which means Universal, embracing all of humanity and history – all peoples, languages, cultures, etc. A Catholic "meme," which is a picture with a clever saying, I saw on the Internet over the weekend describes it best when it comes to the Church's position above the rhetoric of politics. "The Church looks neither to the right or the left, she looks up!" She always looks to her Divine Spouse, our Lord Jesus. The practice of the Catholic Faith should not be seen through the political labels. The real question is either we are practicing the Faith in its entirety by following all the teachings of the Church or we are not. We do not just follow the teachings we like or agree with, but the whole truth of Deposit of Faith received from our Lord. We can't only love part of Christ; we should love the whole Christ. We can't just love certain people; we need to love all people, even those who are not fully practicing the Faith or who oppose us when we try to practice our Faith.

In his visit, Pope Francis taught us how we are to really practice and live out the gift of our Faith. He encouraged us with his gentle words and showed us by his humble actions to have compassion for those who are poor and to be sympathetic to the struggles of immigrants who have come to contribute to the good of our nation. He reminded us of our obligation to care and help those in need. He also, like our previous pope, Benedict XVI, reminded us of our responsibility to be good stewards of our common home, planet earth. In addition, along with the need for solidarity with those who are suffering, the Holy Father reminded us of the gift of our religious freedom, the gift of every human life (at every stage of life), and the essential role of marriage and the family in society. The Holy Father did not tell us how we are to specifically deal with the many pressing problems our country and the world face. He was simply reminding us of our call and responsibility to work together in a spirit of fraternity, solidarity, and love. He was trying to heal the divisions, which we have experienced, within our society, our Church, and our families that hold us back from growing in the love and unity to which God is calling us, the unity in Christ. Without this unity, which is grounded in God's love for all and lived out by keeping God's commandments revealed through the gift of our Faith and clearly explained in the teachings of His Church, we will not achieve the desired justice and peace for everyone.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus is very clear on what is His plan and desire for the gift of marriage, which, as Pope Francis has continually reminded us, is essential for a more just and peaceful society. Jesus' teaching on marriage, which is the lifelong covenant between one man and one woman, is unmistakable. To fulfill our calling to live out fully our Catholic Faith, we faithfully adhere and vigorously support our Lord's teaching in its entirety. With God's grace and the support of our shepherd, Pope Francis, we will continue to obediently follow and joyfully proclaim with the utmost love the Truth about what is a marriage in spite of any opposition we encounter in our society.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and our patron St. Patrick, may the Good Lord continue to bless our dear Pope and help us to support him by fully living the gift of our Faith.

God bless, Fr. Sam West

World Youth Day Pilgrim Profile



My name is
Jamie Ulibarri.

I am 18 years old,
and I have been with the
parish for 7 years.

I have been involved
with the youth group
and choir for the past
five years
and the young adult
group for this past year.

TA4C ~ Teen Apostles 4 Christ & Young Adults Ministries

Meetings have begun and both groups are meeting (separately) on Mondays at 6:30 pm in the Steinmetz House. Next week, Monday, October 5th we are planning to have an exciting game night for both groups. The Young Adults (not in high school) are planning on going out for a bowling night to Black Oak Casino on Monday, October 12th.

For more information, contact,
youngadults@stpatssonora.org and
teens@stpatssonora.org.
Follow us on Facebook

Coming Events

In October:

Saturday, Oct. 10 ~

11:00 am ~ Bunco/Luncheon in Parish Hall

12:00 pm ~ Public Square Rosary Crusade

Come and join us in praying the rosary publicly for our nation at Court House Park. Bring your family, bring a friend.

Sunday, Oct. 18 ~ White Mass ~ 9:00 & 11:00 am

Blessings for those involved in Medical Positions

Please invite your doctor, nurse, radiologist, and/or friends who serve in the medical professions to come to one of these Masses and receive a special blessing.

Tuesday, Oct. 20 ~ 11:00 am ~ Skyline Place Mass

In November:

Saturday, Nov. 14 ~ Parish Christmas Festival

November 18 thru 22 and/or again

December 2 thru 6 ~ Appointments available for a portrait setting for the new Parish Directory.

Bunco ~ YLI Patricia #79

Join us for a fun afternoon!

Next Saturday, October 10, 2015

St. Patrick's Parish Hall

Baked Potato Bar Luncheon/Bunco Games

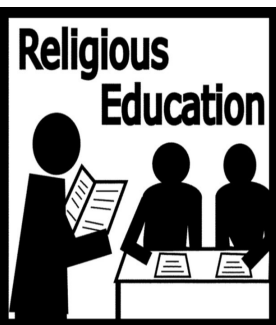
Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

\$15 per person.

All adults welcome.



Advance tickets or reservations suggested. Vicki @ 532-6010



Classes Have Started!

It's not too late to join us!
Wednesday nights 6:30 - 7:30 pm
An **Adult Program** is also being offered, at the same time, upstairs in the hall.

Adoration and the
Sacrament of Reconciliation
are available in the church
during the same time.

KINDLY SEEKING RAFFLE DONATIONS

We are in need of donations that can be used for raffle prizes at the Christmas Festival. We are looking for things like use of timeshares, airline frequent flyer miles, gift certificates for dinners, sport event tickets, performance tickets, etc. Please contact Ron Ivey at 209-532-7139 ext. 103 or email ron@stpatssonors.org. Thank you.



Please bring new or clean, gently used blankets of any size to donate to the needy in our community. A box for your donations will be at the front of the church or you may drop them off at the parish office.

Parish Services Blanket Drive

October 24 thru November 1

Respect Life Sunday

2nd Collection ~ October 4, 2015

Your donation to the Respect Life efforts in our diocese is essential to a ministry that offers:

- * outreach to pregnant and parenting teens;
- * post-abortion reconciliation and healing;
- * Natural Family Planning education;
- * support for parish committees promoting the dignity of all life;
- * education outreach on all life issues.

Thank you for your generous support for the continued work of our diocesan Respect Life Office.

Natural Family Planning

Tom and Mary-Lynn Ott are excited to share NFP with all couples. We are hosting an afternoon of sharing the "good news" of marriage and NFP.

We are having an open house on October 18, between 2:00 pm & 4:00 pm.

RSVP: 209-572-5136 or jmjottfamily@gmail.com.

In Christ, Tom and Mary-Lynn Ott, CCL Certified NFP Teachers

St. Patrick's celebrated a blessing of the animals on Saturday, September 26 in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. For those of you who could not attend, here is a blessing you may use for your pets.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

O God, you have done all things wisely; in your goodness you have made us in your image and given us care over other living things.

Reach out with your right hand and grant that these animals may serve our needs and that your bounty in the resources of this life may move us to seek more confidently the goal of eternal life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. +Amen

Charity Mania Winner

Congratulations to Sofia Ruiz, our first Charity Mania winner of the football season! Thank you and to all for supporting our young adults in their fundraiser for WYD. There are still tickets available for those who are interested. Contact the parish office or Margaret Smith at [209-352-0034](tel:209-352-0034).



INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD,

we commend the souls of our recently departed, especially

Bill Butler

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Christmas Festival

If you have taken a basket for the Christmas Festival Basket Booth, the committee is asking you to PLEASE return your basket with the items you wish to donate as soon as possible. You may drop them off at the office on 116 Bradford St, Sonora. The festival is getting closer, and the committee needs to get a start on them. Thank you.

Christmas Festival Meeting

The next Christmas Festival Meeting is on Monday, Oct 12th at 6:00 pm. All chairpersons of booths are asked to attend. This is a potluck dinner in the parish hall.

Weekly Offering

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	9-20-15 Week 3	9-27-15 Week 4	Monthly Totals
General Offerings			
St. Pat's	\$4,852	\$5,736	\$25,395
OLMC	\$1,372	\$1,109	\$6,024
E-giving	\$565	\$235	\$1,850
Total	\$6,789	\$7,080	\$33,269
LAST YEAR	\$7,007	\$6,873	\$31,292

Maintenance Offerings

St. Pat's	\$34	\$335	\$1,283
OLMC	\$4	0	\$164
Total	\$38	\$335	\$1,447

Parish Services:

St. Pat \$563 + OLMC \$160.20 Total \$723.20

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St. Pat \$675 + OLMC \$137.75 = Total \$812.75

Thank you for your generosity & continued support!

Mass Intentions

Saturday, Oct. 3 thru Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015

Saturday 5:00 pm Jerry Kahl ☩
Sunday 7:30 am All Parishioners
 9:00 am **OLMC** Thomas & Patricia Rut,
Happy Anniversary
 9:00 am **St. Pat** Rita Brown
 11:00 am Bill Butler ☩ Joe Huante ☩
 5:00 pm Luis & Raul Gamboa ☩

Join us to say the rosary after the 8:00 am weekday Masses.

Monday 8:00 am *No Intentions*
 Tuesday 8:00 am *No Intentions*
 Wednesday 8:00 am Louise Bergesen,
Prayers answered for good health!
Thank you.
 Thursday 8:00 am *No Intentions*
 Friday 8:00 am *No Intentions*
Saturday 5:00 pm Leroy Egan ☩ George Oliver ☩
Sunday 7:30 am All Parishioners
 9:00 am Hezzy Arellano ☩
 11:00 am *No Intentions*
 5:00 pm Glen Gandee ☩

Readings

Monday, Oct. 5 thru Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
 Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
 Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
 Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
 Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;
 Lk 11:15-26
 Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
 Lk 11:27-28
 Sunday: Wis 7:7-11; Ps 90:12-17; Heb 4:12-13;
 Mk 10:17-30 [17-27]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Respect Life Sunday
 Monday: Simhat Torah (Jewish observance)
 begins at sunset
 Tuesday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher
 Wednesday: Our Lady of the Rosary
 Friday: St. Denis and Companions;
 St. John Leonardi
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Liturgical Ministers: Schedules for the 4th quarter are ready to be picked up in the church vestibule or the parish office during the week.

This Week at St. Patrick's

Saturday, Oct. 3 thru Sunday, Oct. 11, 2015

Sat 10/3 & Sun 10/4 ~ Special Collections
 Respect Life & Parish Services
Sun 10/4 ~ Meet & Greet hosted by Ministers to the Sick
Sat 10/10 ~ Altar Duty ~
 Joan Holland & Louise Goicoechea
Sun 10/11 ~ Meet & Greet hosted by YLI

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. For regularly scheduled meetings please check this calendar.

Thank you for your patience during this transition.

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

Those needing your continued prayers:

Ruth Callahan, Carole Canepa,
 David Todd Cardiff, David Brian Cardiff, Joyce Cardiff,
 Jill McClintock-Cole, Peggy Dossi, 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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