

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

SECOND

Sunday of Advent

On that day,
a shoot shall sprout
from the stump of Jesse,
and from his roots
a bud shall blossom.

Isaiah 11:1

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December 8, 2019

"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 frbanka@stpatssonora.org. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Yesobu Banka, Parish Administrator



Father Banka's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

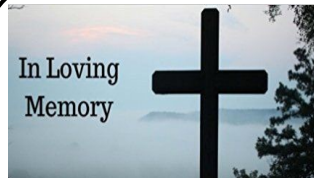
This weekend's theme is: "Prepare the way for the Lord." John the Baptist was the voice of God. His message held out a threat and a promise at the same time. He calls the Pharisees and Sadducees a brood of vipers. He warns the people as he calls for a radical conversion. The Greek word *metanoia* means in the Biblical context a "change of heart" and mind. It is necessary to recognize and experience this transformative change of heart, especially spiritual conversion, in order to enter God's Kingdom.

In the first reading, in a prophetic vision, Isaiah describes the end of time. Christ, the ultimate end of all creation, will establish peace between God and man. And in the second reading, St. Paul speaks of Jews and Gentiles and people of all nations coming together in harmony and peace to glorify God because He is God of all.

John's aim was to motivate us to observe the celebration of the coming of the Lord in the right way... Preparing ourselves for Christmas means preparing the way for the Lord in our hearts. If we ourselves do not possess the Spirit of the Lord, how can we give it to others? We must go beyond the outward preparations and bring the peace and joy of Christmas to our family and to our community. The infant born in Bethlehem changed the world. So we too have a mission to change ourselves and then reach out to others. The season of Advent is also known as the season of preparation for the coming of the Lord. Let us offer a personal welcome to Christ as we pray: "O God, open our hearts and remove the things that prevent us from receiving You into our hearts."

I am so happy for our new doors which look beautiful. As I announced last Sunday, we will have a blessing of the doors on Sunday, December 15, at the 11 am Mass. Fr. Sam is very happy to join us to celebrate Mass and bless the doors. A reception in the hall will follow. Kindly make time to be present for this wonderful celebration of the blessing of the new doors. On a final note, I look forward to playing soccer with our Confirmation class this Sunday from 1:00-2:00 pm at the Sonora High School field. Hope to see you there! Thank You.

In the Merciful Christ,
Fr. Banka

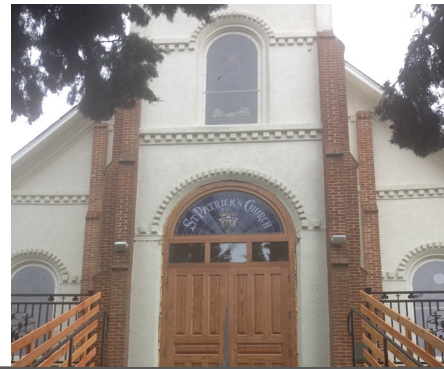


INTO YOUR HANDS,
O LORD,
we commend the soul of
Mitch Woods

Funeral Mass to be celebrated on
Saturday, December 14, at 11:00 am.
St. Patrick's Catholic Church

St. Patrick's Blessing of the Doors

Sunday, December 15th ~ 11:00 am Mass
Fr. Sam West will give the Blessing
Reception to follow



Saint Patrick's Parish Logo 2019

Father Banka, our Parish Administrator, and the Welcoming Team prayerfully and proudly announce to our joyful Parish Family the collaborative winners of the 2019 Parish Logo Contest. We want to thank all of the parishioners who participated. The Welcoming Team has voted on the first official Parish Logo for our beautiful Mother Lode Parish that was founded in 1851.

The official Logo was inspired by the stained glass window at the entrance of St. Patrick's Church and the nineteen logos submitted in the Parish Logo Contest. The symbolism of this Blessed Parish Logo is as follows:

The Celtic Cross represents the strength of the four churches in Saint Patrick's Parish as one in Christ. The golden crown proudly hangs on the Celtic Cross symbolizing the sun with its circular shape as the light of Jesus. Four shining jewels on the crown are tied together representing the joy of each Church's liturgical colors. Saint Patrick's Church is green, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Mission Church is blue, Historic Saint Anne's is red, and Saint Francis Xavier Church is purple. A shamrock placed in the center of the crown represents Saint Patrick and the Holy Trinity.

DECEMBER 8, 2019

This Week in our Parish

Sunday 12/8 ~ Fiesta for Our Lady of Guadalupe
Mass at 3:00 pm, Fiesta in the Parish Hall after Mass

Monday 12/9 ~ Immaculate Conception Masses at
8:00 am and 6:30 pm St. Patrick's; 4:00 pm OLMC

Tuesday 12/10 ~ Advent Penance Service
St. Patrick's 6:30 pm

Friday 12/13 ~ Advent Penance Service
OLMC 4:00 pm

Saturday 12/14 & Sunday 12/15 ~ Second Collection
Retirement Fund for Religious



Advent Penance Services in the Mother Lode

- † Monday Dec 9, 6:30 pm, St. Patrick's, Angels Camp
- † **Tuesday Dec 10, 6:30 pm, St. Patrick's, Sonora**
- † Wednesday Dec 11, 6:30 pm St. Andrew's,
San Andreas
- † Thursday Dec 12, All Saints, Twain Harte
(time TBA)
- † **Friday Dec 13, 4:00 pm, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Big Oak Flat**



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

is on the wall in the Church vestibule and ready for you to give a Christmas gift wrapped in joy and filled with love. This year we partner with the Foothill Pregnancy Center to help the children of those in need. Please stop by the Giving Tree after Mass and choose your ornament tag. Purchase your gift and return it to the Parish Office with the ornament tag attached. Do not wrap the gift.

Your love will help many infants, siblings, and parents. Imagine the face of a child receiving an unexpected gift this Christmas, or parents receiving some badly needed necessities for their newborn. You can make that happen.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 209-532-7139.

God bless you for your help in this Advent season!

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"That the most Blessed Virgin Mary, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege from Almighty God and in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, was kept free of every stain of original sin." *Pope Pius IX, "Ineffabilis Deus"*



Monday, December 9

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Masses at 8:00 am and 6:30 pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Mass at 4:00 pm



La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

La fiesta de nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, en la Iglesia Católica de San Patricio, se celebrará el domingo 8 de diciembre con una misa a las 3:00 p.m. Después de la misa, habrá un potluck y fiesta en el salón de la parroquia. Habrá mariachi, comida y camaradería. Todos son bienvenidos – por favor, traiga un platillo para compartir.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday, December 8
Mass at 3:00 PM

Potluck and Mariachi will follow in the Parish Hall!

Everyone is welcome - please bring a dish to share.



Share the spirit of Christmas Adopt-A-Family

If you would like to share the Joy of Christ's birth with those in need, you have a chance this Advent season to "Adopt a Family." If you would like to adopt a family, or if you know of any families in need in our Parish, please call the Parish Office at 209-532-7139 and leave a message for Deacon Mike.

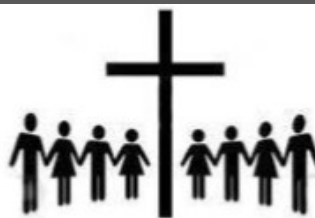
WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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

Jackie Boling	Lois Marzocchi
RaeAnn Bozzo	Rosie Napier
Anna Davidson	Jan Opie
Aldo Diaz	Gloria Patania
Claudia Day Fossum	Nuncy Patania
Diane Goodspeed	Chuck & Pat Pesha
Ed Hall	Juan Pulido
Eileen Hogan	Mary Russell
A. J. Holmes	Connie Scott
Jeanne Kiely	Clay Sweeney
Rosemarie Lapan	Dan Ward
Ashlie Lotz	

To add or remove a name from this list, please contact the Parish Office at 209-532-7139.



Pastoral Council

November meeting Update:
St. Patrick's Pastoral Council began to consider how it can best advise Fr. Banka on our Pastoral Council Statutes: Proclaiming God's word, celebrating the sacraments, caring for the faithful, promoting the mission of the Church to the world, and being a good steward of parish resources.

Two specific actions are being considered for the near future: 1.) Naming three additional council members from Our Lady of Mount Carmel mission to focus on the needs of that part of the parish, and 2.) Holding an open house in January to introduce current Council members, review the past year's Council efforts, and to hear from parishioners about their concerns, needs and recommendations to further the Parish's growth into a joy-filled community of Christ.

All Council meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will be held December 17th, at 6:30 pm in Room 6 of the Parish Hall in Sonora.



Advent Blessing of the Home

In preparation for the Advent season, Fr. Banka and Fr. Joseph would like to extend to our parishioners an opportunity to have a Blessing of the Home. They encourage you to invite your family and friends to this Blessing, as you gather together to say prayers, sing songs, and hear reflections on Advent.

Please call the Parish Office to set up a time, and either one of our Priests or our Deacon will come to your home for the Blessing.

The winners of St. Patrick's Altar Society Silent Whist Raffle were:

Bernie Frost
Helena Mayhan
Hilda Gomes
Theresa Quinn-George
Jerry Lynn
Lynn Howell
Kathleen Breland
Margaret Grolle



Congratulations to all!

Encounter has moved to Friday



Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament
for Families

Worship and Praise Music
Friday evenings 6:30-7:30 pm
St. Patrick's Catholic Church,
Sonora

All are Welcome!

As we enter the holy season of Advent, let us remember those less fortunate, especially as the weather grows colder. The St. Patrick's Food Pantry is in need of donations. Any contribution of food is welcome, but what the Pantry needs most right now is: **pasta, pasta sauce, soups** (canned or packaged), **jelly/jam** (small jars), and boxed dinners such as **Rice-A-Roni, Mac & Cheese**. You can put the items in the large basket inside the Church during Mass, drop them off in the Parish Office, or call Sandy Tannhauser @ 532-3899.



Mass & Intentions for the Week

Saturday December 7 ~ Sunday December 15

Saturday 5:00 pm Jack McCoy ☩
Bill & Pam Stout (*Healing*)

Sunday 7:30 am Adolfo Negrete ☩
9:00 am Tete Arellano ☩
Stevenson Family
11:00 am Pierrette Loiseau ☩
Carol Ann Cervac ☩
5:00 pm Lupe Diaz ☩
Alicia Sanchez ☩

We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.

Monday 8:00 am Kad Clifton (*Healing*)
6:30 pm *No Intentions*

Tuesday 8:00 am Souls in Purgatory ☩

Wednesday 8:00 am Kaya Jean Rossum
(*Happy Birthday!*)

Thursday 8:00 am Alicia and Sophia Diaz ☩
Lupe Diaz ☩

Friday 8:00 am Joe Broglio ☩

Saturday 5:00 pm Souls in Purgatory ☩

Sunday 7:30 am John Alonzo ☩
9:00 am Deceased Members of the YLI ☩
Adolfo Negrete ☩
11:00 am Joan Holland ☩
Lawrence Rodrigues ☩
5:00 pm Lizbeth Gutierrez ☩

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday December 9 ~ Sunday December 15

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2a, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday December 8 ~ Saturday December 14

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: International Human Rights Day

Wednesday: St. Damasus I

Thursday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday: St. Lucy

Saturday: St. John of the Cross

SEASON OF ADVENT



Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Sunday 12/15 ~ Blessing of the new Church doors!
After the 11:00 am Mass, St. Patrick's

Tuesday 12/17 ~ Mass at Skyline, 10:00 am

Tuesday 12/17 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting,
6:30 pm, Parish Hall Rm. 6

Tuesday 12/24 ~ Christmas Eve, OLMC Mass at
4:00 pm; St. Patrick's 5:00 pm and Midnight

Wednesday 12/25 ~ Christmas Day Mass 9:00 am
OLMC; 10:00 am St. Patrick's; Noon St. Anne's

Tuesday 12/31 ~ New Year's Eve,
Adoration 11:00 pm ~ Mass at Midnight
St. Patrick's

Wednesday 1/1/2020 ~ New Year's Day
Mass at 9:00 am, St. Patrick's
Mass at 9:00 am, OLMC



Weekly Offerings

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	11-24-19 Week 47 Participation 26%	November Totals	12-1-19 Week 48 Participation 23%
General Offerings			
St. Pat's	\$5,832	\$24,698	\$4,856
OLMC	\$977	\$4,904	\$1,024
E-giving	\$580	\$3,570	\$1,155
Total	\$7,389	\$33,172	\$7,035
LAST YEAR	\$6,774	\$31,882	\$11,117
Maintenance Offering			
St. Pat's	\$40	\$1,079	\$582
OLMC	\$0	\$150	\$175
Total	\$40	\$1,229	\$757
Thanksgiving: St. Pat's \$771 ; OLMC \$105 Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!			

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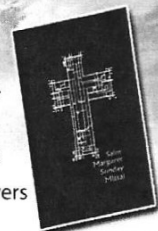
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