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, Pastor
We give praise and glory to almighty God! In His infinite Mercy, He has given us the gift of Eternal life in the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus! We are so grateful to God for the new life our parish received in our newly baptized. We joyfully welcome Lindsay Mantzouranis, Travis Pingree, Jacob Pingree, and Samuel Pingree as fully initiated members of the mystical Body of Christ, the Holy Catholic Church. They received the gift of God’s eternal life by water and Holy Spirit in the font of Baptism at our beautiful Easter Vigil Liturgy last Saturday evening. All four received the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation and, for the very first time, received the gift of the Risen Lord’s Body and Blood in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. We praise God for the gift of these newest members of our parish family!

On this Second Sunday of Easter, known as DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, we celebrate in a special way God’s Mercy. God generously pours out, through the open heart of His Divine Son, all the grace needed to wash away every sin, all that holds us back from fully trusting and experiencing His infinite love for us. In the 1930s, our Risen Lord Jesus appeared to a nun in Krakow, Poland named Faustina Kowalska. He asked her to have a painting done showing Him as He appeared to her with two rays, a white ray and red ray, emanating from His Sacred Heart, with the words “Jesus, I trust in you!” written on the bottom of the image. This has become known as the image of “Divine Mercy.” In the Gospel this week, although Thomas doubted, the Risen Lord mercifully shows Thomas His wounds. “He said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.’” When we doubt in the Resurrection, we are invited by Jesus to touch His wounds and trust Him. We touch the wound in His side, from which water and blood flowed, in the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist (represented by the two rays in the Divine Mercy image). We touch the nail marks in His hands when we humbly confess our sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confession. Our Lord Jesus gave the gift of the forgiveness of sins to His Church through the Apostles and their successors, the Bishops when “He breathed on them and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.’” When we touch and feel the wounds He endured for us, we grow in trust of Jesus’s mercy and forgiveness. All sins are washed away in the ocean of His mercy.

In the devotion of the Chapel of Divine Mercy, we offer the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Lord Jesus to the Heavenly Father in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world. If we seek to touch our Lord’s wounds by faithfully participating in the sacraments, lovingly relieving the suffering of others, and trustingly offering ourselves in union with Jesus’ suffering, we will more fully trust our Lord’s resurrection and then can say with St. Thomas, “My Lord and my God!”

In honor of DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, you are invited to attend the special devotion that will take place at 3:00 pm this afternoon (Sunday, April 28th) in the Church.

Mary’s Mantle Consecration

On Holy Saturday, April 20th, almost 50 of our fellow parishioners did their Mary’s Mantle Consecration, entrusting their lives, families, and our parish under the maternal protection of our Blessed Mother. The consecration took place at our beautiful garden dedicated in honor of her, located on the west side of the parish’s Steinmetz House. I sincerely thank all who participated in the consecration. I would like to thank especially Dolores Schlichtmann who devoutly sent all participants inspiring email every day of the 46-day preparation for the consecration. The following are the words of the consecration we used to entrust all into the hands of our dear Mother:

“O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of the true God and Mother of the Church, who from this place reveal your clemency and your pity to all those who ask for your protection, hear the prayer that we address to you with filial trust, and present it to your Son Jesus, our sole Redeemer.

Mother of Mercy, teacher of hidden and silent sacrifice, to you, who come to meet us sinners, we consecrate on this day all our being and all our love. We also consecrate to you our life, our work, our joys, our infirmities and our sorrows. Grant peace, justice and prosperity to our peoples; for we entrust to your care all that we have and all that we are, our Lady and Mother. We wish to be entirely yours and to walk with you along the way of complete faithfulness to Jesus Christ in His Church; hold us always with your loving hand. Virgin of Guadalupe, Mother of the Americas, we pray to you for all the bishops, that they may lead the faithful along paths of intense Christian life, of love and humble service to God and souls.

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Father Sam's Message, cont.

Contemplate this immense harvest, and intercede with the Lord that He may instill a hunger for holiness in the whole people of God, and grant abundant vocations of priests and religious, strong in the faith and zealous dispensers of God’s mysteries.

Grant to our homes the grace of loving and respecting life in its beginnings, with the same love with which you conceived in your womb the life of the Son of God. Blessed Virgin Mary, protect our families, so that they may always be united, and bless the upbringing of our children.

Our hope, look upon us with compassion, teach us to go continually to Jesus and, if we fall, help us to rise again, to return to Him, by means of the confession of our faults and sins in the Sacrament of Penance, which gives peace to the soul.

We beg you to grant us a great love for all the holy Sacraments, which are, as it were, the signs that your Son left us on earth.

Thus, Most Holy Mother, with the peace of God in our conscience, with our hearts free from evil and hatred, we will be able to bring to all true joy and true peace, which come to us from your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.”

(Saint Pope John Paul II’s Prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mexico City, January 1979)

In Christ, Fr. Sam West

Knights of Columbus

Spaghetti Feast

Friday, May 3 ~ 6:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Choice of meat or vegetarian sauce
INCLUDES: Salad, Garlic Bread, Ice Cream
Adults $8.00 ~ Children 12 and under $5.00
Beer, wine, and sodas available
All proceeds go to Knights of Columbus programs which help the hungry, and to scholarships for our youth.
Tickets available in the Parish Office, or outside the church after all Masses this weekend.

This Week in our Parish

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Divine Mercy Sunday

Pope John Paul II declared the second Sunday of Easter (April 28) as Divine Mercy Sunday. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy was given to St. Faustina by Jesus. He told her to have the Novena of Divine Mercy prayed starting on Good Friday and through the first week of Easter, culminating on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated April 28 in the church with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and confession starting at 2:00 pm. At 3:00 pm we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song, alternating English and Spanish. This will be followed by the Litany of Divine Mercy followed by a benediction.

For further information call Cecilia Woosley at 602-7013 or Deborah Cushman at 533-2756

Encounter

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Worship and Praise Music

Monday evenings 6:30-7:45 pm
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Sonora
All are Welcome!
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Al Biedrzycki
Jalen Bozzo
Angela Brown
Katrina Garcia
Ed Hall
Joan Holland
A. J. Holmes
Bill Kiesling
Kristine Kitamura
Judi Maguire
Lois Marzocchi
Cindy Merritt
Michelle Mullen
Juan Pulido
Clay Sweeney
Dan Ward
Mitch & Trish Woods

To add or remove a name from this list or the prayer chain, please contact Sandy Pallante at 532-7625.

Grieving with Great HOPE

Grieving with Great HOPE is a five-week grief support workshop series that offers a prayerful, practical and personal approach for anyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one. If you have lost a spouse, a child, a grandchild, a parent, another family member or a friend, you are encouraged to attend. Presenters will include Cathi Ruiz and Martha Golay as well as John and Sandy O’Shaughnessy from Good Mourning Ministry, a Catholic bereavement apostolate. Contact Steve and Martha Golay for registration details and registration form at 209-588-2935 or email golaymartha@yahoo.com

Thursdays, May 9 – June 6, 6-7:30p.m.
St. Patrick Catholic Church ~ 127 Jackson Street, Sonora

There is a $15 fee for the workshop. This will be collected at the first meeting.
Advanced registration by April 30, 2019

Mother Lode Round-Up Parade
Downtown Sonora
Saturday, May 11th, 10:00 am

The theme of our float this year is Our Lady Of Fatima and the Three Shepherd Children.

Here’s how you can help out, and be a part of the fun:
† Walk with us & wear green!
† Donate artificial/silk flowers for the float! Please take them to the Parish Office.
† Buy a St Patrick’s Church T-shirt for only $10.00 each! Contact Jan DePaoli at the office to buy a T-shirt, or pick one up after Mass this weekend.

For more info, please contact Kary Hubbard at (209)728-7500.

La Fiesta de San Jose el Obrero
Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker
Sunday, May 5 ~ Domingo, 5 Mayo

Special Mass Time:
Mass 3:00 pm
Misa 3:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church
La Iglesia de San Patricio

Followed by potluck
Potluck despues de Misa
Please bring a dish to share
Estamos pidiendo por favor que traigan un platillo para compartir.

Mas Info: Salvador 559-9841 or Gerardo 454-7720

LEARN to give so much time to the IMPROVEMENT of yourself that you’ll have no time for the CRITICISM of others.
(Anonymous)
April 28, 2019

The Second Sunday of Easter ~ Divine Mercy Sunday

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Monday 5/6 ~ St. Patrick’s Altar & Rosary Society May Salad Luncheon, 11:30 am Parish Hall
Saturday 5/11 ~ Mother Lode Round-Up Parade
Sunday 5/12 ~ Mother’s Day
    Baby Bottle Boomerang begins
Wednesday 5/15 ~ Confirmation Mass
    6:00 pm, St. Patrick’s
Tuesday 5/21 ~ Pastoral Council Meeting 6:00 pm
Monday 5/27 ~ Memorial Day
Saturday 6/1 ~ Music Ministry Retreat
Sunday 6/9 ~ Pentecost
Sunday 6/16 ~ Father’s Day
    Baby Bottle Boomerang ends

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday April 29 ~ Sunday May 5
Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-7, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
    Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday April 28 ~ Saturday May 4
Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy); Julian Calendar Easter
Monday: St. Catherine of Siena
Tuesday: St. Pius V
Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker
Thursday: St. Anthanasius; National Day of Prayer;
    Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Friday: St. Philip and St. James; First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday

Weekly Offerings

Week 15 Participation 32%
Week 16 Participation 44%

April Totals to Date

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Holy Thursday: St. Pat’s $759; OLMC $306
Good Friday: St. Pat’s $1,128; OLMC $361
St. Anne’s Easter Sunday: $1,646
Thank you for your continued and generous offerings

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

Saturday April 27 ~ Sunday May 5

Saturday 5:00 pm Ed Dunne ✝
    Evelyn Brom ✝
OLMC 5:00 pm Rolene Kiesling ✝
Sunday 7:30 am Stevenson Family
    Roy Volpetti ✝
    9:00 am Vern Froehlich ✝
    Basilisa Santiago ✝
OLMC 9:00 am Judy McKenney ✝
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    11:00 am Jose Ramirez ✝
    Grace Grant ✝
    5:00 pm Adolfo Negrete ✝
    Alicia Sanchez ✝

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Monday 8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory ✝
    Josephine Barberini ✝
Tuesday 8:00 am Terry Julian Gray ✝
    Holy Souls in Purgatory ✝
Wednesday 8:00 am Stevenson Family
Thursday 8:00 am Lawrence Rodrigues, Jr. ✝
Friday 8:00 am No Intentions

Saturday 5:00 pm Evelyn Brom ✝
    Vern Froehlich ✝
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Weekly Goal
$10,000

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