St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lying at the rich man's door was a poor man named Lazarus.

Luke 16:20

September 29, 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 frsam@stpatssonora.org. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West, Pastor

Volume 8, Number 39
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Father Sam’s Message

Sadly, this is my last bulletin message as your pastor. Again, I want to express my sincere gratitude to each of you for all of your love and support for the five years I have been so blessed to have served your wonderful parish family. As I have said before, I will miss you and my greatest hope for each of you is that you continue to grow in the gift of your faith and in your relationship with our Lord Jesus through the intercession of our Blessed Mother.

In thinking about what I could write in “my farewell message,” I decided to use St. Paul’s words to Timothy from this week’s Second Reading. The reading is taken from the end of the Apostle’s first letter to the Gentiles, to his faithful disciple, St. Timothy, a man whom St. Paul converted, instructed, and encouraged in the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ. In the text, Paul reminds Timothy that he is a “man of God” and how he should live as such, belonging completely to God. I, too, strongly urge each one of you to remember that you have been chosen by our Merciful and Loving God and belong to Him as His beloved children. As Paul reminds us in another letter, we who are followers of Christ have been “crucified with Christ;” we have Jesus living in us and we no longer live for ourselves. He writes, “Yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me.” (Gal 2:20). If we belong to Christ, we should then, as Paul tells Timothy, “pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.” We do this when we make our relationship with the Lord Jesus the most important pursuit in our lives. We respond to God’s choosing us by fully, actively, and consciously practicing our Catholic faith. We are called to “compete well for the faith,” meaning, by God’s grace, to persevere in the noble and necessary struggle to overcome any obstacle – past sins, indifference, laziness, opposition of others, temptations, earthly trials, etc. – to our intimacy with Jesus, fighting against anything that holds us back from truly knowing His peace and joy. We, of course, receive all the grace we need to “win the race” by actively participating in the Sacrifice of the Mass and worthily receiving the Risen Lord Jesus’ Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. In addition, to “compete well,” we should allow God to forgive our sins by humbly and frequently going to the healing Sacrament of Confession. We want to spend time each day in prayer, obey all the teachings of the Church in every area of our lives, and offer our daily suffering to God in union with the Lord Jesus’ offering of Himself on the Cross. We also make every effort to perform the works of mercy for others, witness to the precious gift of every human person from conception to natural death, and to do “small things with great love.” By making our relationship with Jesus the main focus of our lives, the center of our minds and hearts, we will truly experience the heavenly peace and joy God desires for each of us!

Welcome Fr. Banka

Since the beginning of September, I have been working closely with your new parish administrator, our dear Fr. Banka, on his transition to lead St. Patrick’s parish. We have been getting him up to speed on the many ministries and projects we have underway. Together, we have met with a number of the parish staff to evaluate their ministries. Fr. Banka also attended our latest Pastoral Council meeting in September to review the work done so far to develop a clear and comprehensive vision for the parish. He also met with our Finance Council to get an update on the status of the parish finances, including the very positive results of our efforts to balance the parish budget, mainly due to the increase of weekly offertory by your ongoing generous financial support. In addition, we discussed the status of our front entrance renovation and new front doors. Regarding the latest on the new Church doors, we have ordered the new doors from a local company, approving with Fr. Banka’s help the final design plans, which will be the same as what was there. We are very hopeful our beautiful, brand new doors will be installed in the next three weeks.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may the Good Lord continue to bless all of you my dear, dear friends and your families in our Lord Jesus!

In Christ, Fr. Sam West
This Week in our Parish

**Sunday 9/29 ~** RCIA: Rite of Full Communion during 11:00 am Mass, St. Patrick’s

**Sunday 9/29 ~** Reception for Fr. Sam following the 11:00 am Mass, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

**Monday 9/30 ~** 6:30 pm Encounter, St. Patrick’s Adoration, Worship & Praise Music

**Tuesday 10/1 ~** RCIA, 7:00 pm, Parish Hall Rm. 1

**Wednesday 10/2 ~** 6:30 pm Adoration & Reconciliation, St. Patrick’s

**Saturday 10/5 & Sunday 10/6 ~** Parish Services Collection

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October is Respect Life Month

**40 Days for Life**

Our Catholic faith calls us to participate in our communities. That same faith calls us to protect life and to promote dignity and respect for all human beings, from conception to natural death. We at St. Patrick’s Church will participate in **40 Days for Life** on each Monday in October, starting October 7, by standing on the corner of Greenley and Mono Way from 9 am to 5 pm, as we give witness to the sanctity of all human life. We pray for the protection of the unborn, support for the mothers who carry this precious life, and an end to abortion. Please try to give us one hour per week. Sign-up sheets are in the Parish Office.

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Religious Education at St. Patrick’s

Religious Education classes will continue

**Wednesday, October 2nd**

6:30 pm

St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

Session #3 - Circle of Grace #1

Please contact Kathy Casas for more information:
(209)770-5987

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The Sonora Bach Festival presents:

A Gala Concert featuring

Mr. Jason Jeffrey

Organist and Pianist for the Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton

**Saturday, October 12th ~** St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Organ Recital 3:00 pm - in the Church

Piano Recital 4:00 pm - in the Parish Hall

Tickets: Organ Recital only $15

Organ Recital and Piano Recital $35 - includes dinner catered by Chef Dave Ingram

Reservations are required for Piano Recital and Dinner

Reservations are not required for the Organ recital only

For tickets and more information:

www.sonorabach.org

Or call 209-536-6330

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All are invited to wish a warm farewell to Fr. Sam West as he prepares to transfer to his new appointment as Pastor at St. Joseph’s in Modesto. We will have a potluck luncheon and reception this Sunday, September 29, after the 11:00 am Mass.

The Parish will provide the entree. We are asking everyone to bring either a salad or a dessert to share.

Please join us as we show our appreciation to Fr. Sam for all he has done for our Parish. Through him, we have all grown in our faith, our knowledge, our devotion to the Catholic Church, and in our own journey with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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All Weekend Masses, Daily Masses, all Adoration and Reconciliations at St. Patrick’s are back in the church! Please note, however, that the church will be closed after Daily Mass and remain closed during the day until the front doors have been replaced. Our apologies and, God willing, it should only be for a few more weeks.
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Jackie Boling  Lois Marzocchi
Mary Brown  Cindy Merritt
Anna Davidson  Marge Nath
Sally Forrest  Nuncy Patania
Jo Froehlich  Juan Pulido
Ed Hall  Mary Russell
Eileen Hogan  Clay Sweeney
A. J. Holmes  Dan Ward
Jeanne Kiely  Mitch & Trish Woods
Bill Kiesling  Cecilia Woosley

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

Lantern of Light
Faith-Based Suicide Prevention Ministry

Suicide is recognized as a serious community health problem worldwide. How can further deaths and injuries be prevented? How can we support people to choose life when something prevents them from seeing a way forward? The safeTALK suicide alertness training will teach skills to help make a life-saving connection that will support people to choose life.

When: November 9, 2019 (Saturday)
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
Where: St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Parish Hall
Fee: $15 for safeTALK materials and snacks
(Scholarships available upon request)
Registration: miwuk.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/276191
For more information or assistance:
Please call Martha Golay @ 209-588-2935

NEW Religious Study to begin at OLMC!

What: The Sacraments of the Catholic Church. (11 sessions)
Where: OLMC Parish House
When: Wednesdays starting on October 23, 2019
Time: 4:00 – 5:30 PM
DVD Speaker: Matthew Leonard

The seven sacraments are the heart of our Catholic faith. But do we really understand them? Do we truly grasp the incredible beauty of these amazing channels of grace and their life-changing power?

The Bible and the Sacraments is a dynamic video-based Bible study that explores the deeply scriptural roots of the sacraments. By illuminating the relationship between the Old and New Testaments and their connection to the rites of the Catholic Church, The Bible and the Sacraments reveals the sacramental nature of God’s plan for humanity.

The Bible and the Sacraments is unlike any other study on the sacraments. Certainly it looks at the basic teaching of the Church as to their meaning and origin, but it goes further. It investigates the deeper mystery of the sacraments as illuminated by Sacred Scripture.

By examining the rich relationship between the Old and New Testaments, it reveals the sacraments as more than mere earthly rituals. They are incredible “powers that come forth from the Body of Christ.” (CCC 1116)

This study will be based on a DVD presentation followed by a group discussion which will require minimal preparation. Please come to watch and discuss the material presented in the video. I want to mention that I want to keep this study stress free for everyone, so even if you do not have time to prepare for the lesson, come and join in with us anyhow!

Please sign up for this class as soon as possible to reserve your study materials!
Contact Warren Belisle at 962-4309 or email: bellale@msn.com for more information

The Blessing of the Animals
Sat, Oct 12
10:00 am

We will gather on the steps in front of St. Patrick’s for the blessing. For their own safety, please be sure your beloved pets are on a leash or in a crate.

“Ask the beasts, and they will teach you the beauty of this Earth.”

(St. Francis of Assisi)
Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date
Monday 10/7 ~ 40 Days for Life begins
Saturday 10/12 ~ Blessing of the Animals,
10:00 am St. Patrick’s
Saturday 10/12 ~ Organ Recital 3:00 pm
St. Patrick’s
Sat 10/12 & Sun 10/13 ~ Respect Life Sunday
Sat 10/19 & Sun 10/20 ~ World Mission Sunday
Friday 11/1 ~ All Saints Day
Saturday 11/2 ~ All Souls Day
Sunday 11/3 ~ Daylight Saving Time ends
Saturday 11/9 ~ Suicide Prevention Training
8:30 am - 12:30 pm, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Thursday 11/28 ~ Thanksgiving Day

Mass for the Week

Saturday September 28 ~ Sunday October 6

Saturday 5:00 pm Adolfo Negrete
Daniel Vanzzini

Sunday 7:30 am Rose Escarceja
9:00 am Marie Evans
Adolfo Negrete
11:00 am No Intentions
5:00 pm Alicia Sanchez
Domingo Diaz

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

Monday 8:00 am All Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 8:00 am Stevenson Family
Wednesday 8:00 am All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday 8:00 am Lupe Diaz
Marc & Catherine Stevenson
(Happy Anniversary!)

Friday 8:00 am Alex Ramirez
John & Emilia Andrye

Saturday 5:00 pm Angela Brown
Begonia Goicoechea
9:00 am Catherine Bentz
11:00 am Adolfo Negrete
Bernard Loiseau
5:00 pm Alicia Sanchez
Lizbeth Gutierrez

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday September 29 ~ Saturday October 5

Sunday: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Priesthood Sunday;
Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year 5780)

Monday: St. Jerome
Tuesday: St. Therese of the Child Jesus
Wednesday: The Holy Guardian Angels
Friday: St. Francis of Assisi; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos;
Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday September 30 ~ Sunday October 6

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23;
Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6, 10-11; Mt 18:1-5, 10
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11;
Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Hb 1:2-3, 2-2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9;
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

“We pray to the angels, for they are
given to us as guardians.”

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