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
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,
This weekend’s readings speak to us about Life after Death. In the first reading from Maccabees, the story is told of the seven brothers who had the courage to remain faithful to the law and to embrace martyrdom. They did not put value in the things of earth, but looked forward to the promise of the resurrection after death. In the second reading, St. Paul writes to the Thessalonians and exhorts them to be persistent in their faith. He tells them that the Lord will encourage and strengthen them. He said that hope and love are God’s gifts and enable them to hope in Jesus and His Love.

The message of this weekend’s gospel may seem a bit strange. It deals with a question that is of importance to the believer and the nonbeliever equally. Is death the end of all? Is there any life after death? The Sadducees, the liberal Jewish experts, did not believe in the resurrection of the body. According to the Sadducees, there is no more life after death. So they asked a question to Jesus, perhaps to trick Jesus or to make fun of the Pharisees who believed in the resurrection: now tell us, a woman has married seven times, which one will be her husband at the resurrection? Jesus’s answer is clear and forceful. He quotes the book of Exodus and refers to Moses speaking of the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. These three patriarchs are alive with God, beyond the grave. God is not a God of the dead, but of the living, for to Him all of them are alive. All our dear departed ones are in the hands of God, they are living people: living with God. Life is a precious gift and God is the lover of life. He will lead us to eternal life if we put our whole trust in Him.

I am happy to inform you that we blessed all the graves in the cemetery after the Mass on All Souls day. And all the graves at OLMC cemetery have been blessed, too. If you have your loved ones’ graves in other cemeteries in Sonora, Columbia, Jamestown or Chinese Camp, you can call the office and request for a priest to bless them. We are open to do this for the whole month of November. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of Christ, Rest in Peace.

Thank You.
In the loving Mercy of Christ,
Fr. Banka

-- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

We must often draw the comparison of time and eternity. This is the remedy of all our troubles. How small will the present moment appear when we enter that great ocean!

Adoration and Reconciliation
Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

“The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.” (CCC #289)

Today . . . and every day . . .
we are grateful for our freedom.

Monday, November 11

VETERANS DAY
November 10, 2019

This Week in our Parish

**Monday 11/11 ~ Veteran’s Day, Parish Office closed**

**Wednesday 11/13 ~ Religious Study at OLMC**
4:00 - 5:30 pm, Parish House

**Wednesday 11/13 ~ 6:30 pm Adoration & Reconciliation, St. Patrick’s**

**Saturday 11/16 ~ Parent Retreat**
9:00 am - 12:00 pm, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

Parish Services Blanket Drive will run for at least two weekends, Nov 9-10 and Nov 16-17. Please bring new or gently used blankets to Mass and place them in the box marked “Blanket Drive.” You may also bring them to the Parish Office during the week. These blankets will help keep our homeless brothers and sisters warm this winter. Your donations this year will be divided up and given to the downtown homeless shelter, the women’s shelter, and to our guests at Matthew 25 breakfast. Thank you for your generosity!

**ATTENTION BAKERS!**
The Bake Sale Booth for the annual St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair needs your help to stock the booth with yummy goodies. Bring your baked goods to the Parish Hall on Friday, Nov 22nd so we can price and have the booth ready for the 7 am opening of the Fair. If you are bringing cookies, brownies, etc. please pack them in groups of three for sale. Also, if you are making something with nuts, please be sure to mark it clearly for people with allergies. Remember: There will be no refrigeration available at the booth itself, so we cannot accept any items that need to be kept cold. Signup sheets are at the Parish Office, or in the back of the Church, or contact YLI member Jan Opie (209-532-5955).

Parent Retreat - This Saturday!
Raising our children in the Faith is the most important role we have. To encourage you in your mission as parents, we invite you to a Parent Retreat on Saturday November 16th, from 9 am to 12 noon. Our guest speaker, John Sablan, is a devoted husband, father and Catholic evangelist.

This is a free retreat; all parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, Godparents, and confirmation sponsors are invited. Parents of confirmation students and confirmation sponsors are required to attend. Come be inspired, learn some of the struggles our children and youth face today and how we can more effectively pass on the Catholic Faith to them!!!

**Saturday, November 16**
9:00 am to Noon
Registration begins at 8:45 am
St. Patrick’s Church, Sonora

John Sablan, guest speaker

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How can you participate? Design a logo!
Not artistic? Provide a comment or suggestion!
Deadline for submission is **November 17**!
Please pick up a logo contest envelope after Mass or in the Parish Office. Details are provided on the form. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 209-532-7139 or email welcome@stpatssonora.org

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The Hill Top Musical Kids presents:
**Josie and the Jinglicious Dream Lamp**
Performances:
Friday November 15, at 7:00 pm
Saturday November 16, at 2:00pm

Where: Groveland EV Free Church
19172 Ferretti Rd., Groveland
No Admission Charge, but donations will be gratefully accepted.
For more information, please call Louise Turney at 209-484-9822

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

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

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

INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD,
we commend the souls of
Enriqueta Lit
Richard Cervantes
Mary Kay Clark
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Our final Cinnamon Sunday until spring will be held this Sunday November 10th after the 9 am Mass at OLMC. It is a welcome home brunch for Fr. Banka, and all are invited! Call Ellen (962-7617) or Jeanette Tew (763-228-0349) with any questions or suggestions.

Religious Study at OLMC!

What: The Sacraments of the Catholic Church (11 sessions)
Where: OLMC Parish House
When: Wednesday evenings
Time: 4:00 – 5:30 PM
DVD Speaker: Matthew Leonard

Contact Warren Belisle at 962-4309 or email: bellale@msn.com for more information

All are invited to meet Professor and Theologian Dr. Diana L. Hayes, Catholic author and lecturer in the United States, Europe and South Africa. Dr. Hayes will speak twice in Stockton about “Standing in the Shoes My Mother Made,” life shaping and interacting with faith. Dr. Hayes stands out among current scholars who bring their theological lens to issues of race, gender, class and religion.

Tuesday November 12, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Presentation Church
6715 Leesburg Place, Stockton

Wednesday November 13, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
O’Connor Woods West Hall, Stockton
3400 Wagner Heights Road
Both lectures are free and open to all.

At the October meeting, the Pastoral Council welcomed two new members: Peggy Patin and Deacon Mike Kubasek, both appointed by Fr. Banka. They are welcome additions to a Council that is working with teams of parishioners, undertaking a number of efforts:

- The Whole Person Care Ministry hosted a class on faith-based suicide prevention on November 9th.
- The Welcome Team is expanding and working with Fr. Banka to create an official logo for the parish. The team encourages all to participate by contributing ideas to this contest. Also, check out the Facebook site “stpatssonora.” It is inspiring!
- Fr. Banka is urging the Council to help the Parish be known as a family of faith, sharing joy in Christ. Council members are acting on his behalf to reach out, extending invitations to many to personally meet with him.

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 19th
6:30 p.m., Parish Hall Room 6

Christmas Baskets for St. Patrick’s Christmas Fair

Please return all Christmas Basket items no later than Thursday, November 14th to the Parish Office OR Sunday November 17th after the 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses. Carol Cashen and Debby Cushman will be on hand after these Masses to take your basket items, or Gail will take them anytime at the Parish Office during the coming weeks.
**The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

**Saturday November 9 ~ Sunday November 17**

**Saturday**
- 5:00 pm Donald & Rose Heller
- 7:30 am Sandy Pallante
- 9:00 am Carmen Mallare
- 11:00 am Jeff Diego (Healing)
- 5:00 pm Alicia Sanchez

**Sunday**
- 7:00 am Tete Arellano
- 9:00 am Adolfo Negrete
- 11:00 am Cooper Gookin
- 5:00 pm Lizbeth Gutierrez

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

**Monday**
- 8:00 am No Intentions

**Tuesday**
- 8:00 am Alicia Díaz

**Wednesday**
- 8:00 am No Intentions

**Thursday**
- 8:00 am Francisco Hernandez

**Friday**
- 8:00 am No Intentions

**Saturday**
- 5:00 pm No Intentions

**Sunday**
- 7:30 am Lupe Díaz
- 9:00 am Samuel Wein
- 11:00 am Jeff Diego (Healing)
- 5:00 pm John Kendall (Happy Birthday!)

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday November 10 ~ Saturday November 16**

**Sunday:**
- Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Veterans Day

**Monday:**
- St. Martin of Tours

**Tuesday:**
- St. Josaphat

**Wednesday:**
- St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

**Friday:**
- St. Albert the Great

**Saturday:**
- St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude; Blessed Virgin Mary

**Weekly Offerings**

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All Saints: St. Pat’s $558; OLMC $258
All Souls: St. Pat’s $2,610; OLMC $350
Parish Services: St. Pat’s $548; OLMC $114

Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!