St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

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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Parish Administrator
Fr. Joseph Lawrence O.C.D.,
Parochial Vicar
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The Epiphany of the Lord

Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

“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
NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS WITH THE MAGI

I wish you all a very Happy New Year 2020! Happy Feast of the Epiphany!

For different groups and peoples, the encounter with the Birth of Jesus caused at least three reactions: hatred, indifference, and adoration: a) a group of people headed by Herod planned to destroy Jesus; b) another group, composed of priests and scribes, ignored Jesus; c) the members of a third group — shepherds and the Magi — adored Jesus and offered themselves to Him.

The destructive group: King Herod considered Jesus a potential threat to his kingship. Herod the Great was a cruel and selfish king who murdered his mother-in-law, wife, two brothers-in-law and three children on suspicion that they had plotted against him.

The group that ignored Christ: The scribes, the Pharisees and the Jewish priests knew that there were nearly 500 prophecies in the Hebrew Scriptures concerning the promised Messiah. They were able to tell Herod the exact time and place of Jesus’ birth. They were in the habit of concluding their reading from the prophets on the Sabbath day by saying, “We shall now pray for the speedy arrival of the Messiah.”

The group that adored Jesus and offered gifts: This group was composed of the shepherds and the Magi. The shepherds offered the only gifts they had: love, tears of joy, and probably woolen clothes and milk from their sheep. The Magi, probably Persian astrologers, were following the star that Balaam predicted would rise along with the ruler’s staff over the house of Jacob (Num. 24:17). The Magi offered gold, in recognition of Jesus as the King of the Jews; frankincense, in acknowledgment that he was God; and myrrh as a symbol of his human nature.

Like the Magi, every person has two great “Books” which provide the signs to guide our pilgrim journey: the Book of Creation and the Book of Sacred Scripture.

In this New Year, what are we going to be? What resolutions do we make? In this 2020 follow the “TWO BOOKS”:

Let us make sure that we belong always to the third group,

Let us plot a better course for our lives as the Magi did, choosing for ourselves a better way of life by allowing ourselves to be led by the guiding star, and

Let us in turn become stars, leading others to Jesus, as the star led the Magi to Him.

(“There are better things ahead than any we leave behind.” — C.S. Lewis)

In Christ, Fr. Joseph Lawrence

NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS

Adoration and Reconciliation
Will resume Wednesday, January 8th, 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)
This Week in our Parish

**Wednesday 1/8 ~ Adoration and Reconciliation**
6:30 pm St. Patrick’s

**Friday 1/10 ~ Encounter: Adoration, Worship & Praise**
6:30 - 7:30 pm, St. Patrick’s

**Saturday 1/11 ~ Spiritual Growth Presentation**
10:00 am - 3:00 pm, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

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January 1, 2020
Dear St. Patrick’s Parish Family and Friends,

Greetings of the season! I’m using our official Parish Logo for the first time to wish you all much Joy.

Our 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.

It is with your faith and your relationship with Jesus Christ that you all bring joy to this community. I wish to thank each and every one of you for your hard work. We are so Blessed to be part of this Community. As your Parish Administrator, I look forward to the next year and all of us serving the Lord!

In Christ and Joy,
Father Banka Parish Administrator

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**Spiritual Growth Opportunity**

**FOUR CATHOLIC WOMEN:**
**MYSTICAL DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH**

Saturday January 11th
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
with a 1-hour potluck lunch break around Noon
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

Experience insight and inspiration from
† St. Hildegard of Bingen
† St. Catherine of Siena
† St. Teresa of Avila
† St. Therese of Lisieux

Presented by Ramona Harris, M.A., M.P.S., Author, Diocesan faculty of the School of Ministry, & Spiritual Director. Donations for this event are appreciated.

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Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers, and Ushers:
The 1st Quarter (Jan-Feb-March) 2020 Ministry Mass Schedules are ready to be picked up. You will find them in the basket in the vestibule after Mass, alphabetical by last name. They will also be available on our website.

Thank you all for your ministry!
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

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

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

Please consider becoming an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. Our sick and homebound brothers and sisters in Christ need your help! If you can spare up to an hour a week to participate in this wonderful and rewarding ministry, please contact Gina Minners at (209) 532-4864 or gvwein@gmail.com for more information.

“I was sick, and you visited me.” (Matthew 25:36)

Movie Night at OLMC

When: 2nd and 4th Mondays @ 6:30 PM  
Where: OLMC Parish House Great Room  
Why: To get together with friends and family to share a movie.  
Cost: No cost but you may occasionally bring a “movie treat.”

Types of Movies: spiritual, inspirational, religious documentaries, moving or just “feel good” movies. Movie title will be sent out before the movie date. Movies shown previously include “God’s Not Dead,” “The Shack,” “On Golden Pond,” “Megan Leavey,” “An Interview with God,” and “The Snow Walker.”

Other: Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided along with other traditional snacks.

Disclaimer: Since these are "Hollywood" movies, they may not be biblically factual. We will be starting the movie promptly at 6:30 pm.

For more information, please contact:  
Warren Belisle at bellale@msn.com

Part-Time Employment Opportunity  
Mother Lode Catholic Magazine, whose mission is to evangelize Catholics who have strayed and be a testimony of our faith to the greater Mother Lode Community, is looking to hire a Content Facilitator. Duties include interviewing Catholic families, coordinating content, writing, and proofreading. For more information please contact Marleen Sullivan at 714-856-8794, or submit your resume to Marleen.Sullivan@gmail.com

Join us for the 2020 Walk for Life!  
Saturday, January 25th in San Francisco

We again have an opportunity to share a bus with St. Patrick’s in Angels Camp. We will meet in the Parking Lot at St. Patrick’s Angels Camp, and the Bus will depart at 8:00 am sharp! Bring your own lunch. Bus arrives in San Francisco at 1:30 pm. The Walk begins at the Civic Center Plaza in San Francisco. Bus will leave for Angels Camp at 4:00 pm, arriving back at St. Patrick’s in Angels Camp at 7:00 pm. Cost for the Bus is $20 per person. Please contact Madelyn Ruff (209-297-1613) or Kirsten Inks (701-580-4634) to sign up or for more info.

Don’t miss the most exciting Pro-life event in the country! Stand up for the littlest among us.

Visit www.walkforlifewc.com for details of the event.
January 5, 2020

The Epiphany of the Lord

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date
Saturday 1/11 ~ Spiritual Growth Presentation
   St. Patrick’s Parish Hall, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
   4 Catholic Women: Mystical Doctors of the Church
   Presented by Ramona Harris
Saturday 1/25 ~ Walk for Life West Coast
Wednesday 2/26 ~ Ash Wednesday
   Season of Lent begins
Sunday 3/8 ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins
Tuesday 3/17 ~ St. Patrick’s Day
Thursday 4/2 ~ Chrism Mass, Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton
Sunday 4/5 ~ Palm Sunday
Thursday 4/9 ~ Holy Thursday
Friday 4/10 ~ Good Friday
Saturday 4/11 ~ Easter Vigil
Sunday 4/12 ~ Easter Sunday

Mass for the Intentions of the Week

Saturday January 4 ~ Sunday January 12
Saturday 5:00 pm Thomas McVey
   Raul Gamboa
   OLMC 5:00 pm Nicole Rubio
Sunday 7:30 am Angela Brown
   Frank Louis
   9:00 am Catherine Bentz
   Alvena Leal
   11:00 am Ruth Callahan
   Samuel Wein
   5:00 pm Miguel Bernal
   Jose Ramirez Torres

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

Monday 8:00 am Souls in Purgatory
   Carey Bottom (Healing)
Tuesday 8:00 am Angie Price
   Margaret Wyman
Wednesday 8:00 am John Merel
   Thomas Merel
Thursday 8:00 am Thomas McVey
Friday 8:00 am Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 5:00 pm No Intentions
Sunday 7:30 am Josh Bihn
   9:00 am Thomas McVey
   Souls in Purgatory
   11:00 am No Intentions
   5:00 pm Jose Ramirez Torres

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday January 6 ~ Sunday January 12

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 - 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
   Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13;
   Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 - 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
   Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10;
   Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday January 5 ~ Saturday January 11

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
   National Migration Week
Monday: St. André Bessette
Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
   Julian Calendar Christmas

Weekly Offerings

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Last Year Total:

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Maintenance Offering

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Christmas: St. Pat’s $8382; OLMC $1696; St. Anne $1093
Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!