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

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**Volume 8, Number 32**
Dear Students,
I hope you are having a great summer. As we quickly approach another academic year, I would like to remind you of two basic things as you get ready to continue your studies and reunite with your friends in the new school year.

First, I hope you have been faithful to prayer. Second, I hope you have attended Mass during your summer break. Our vacation time does not mean a “vacation time” away from prayer, nor away from Jesus who loves you. If for some reason this has happened, recommit yourselves to prayer and attending Mass with your family as you get back to your regular schedule and begin school. Prayer offers you the opportunity to speak to Jesus as your personal “best” friend. He desires, and is waiting for you to spend some time with him: “heart-to-heart.” As you attend Mass, you have the opportunity to listen to the Word of God, especially in the Gospel, and to receive Jesus in Holy Communion.

This year, as you experience an increase in knowledge through your ongoing education, know that it is even more important that you continue to grow in your faith and ongoing “spiritual” formation. This is important for all of you, but even more so, for those of you who received your First Holy Communion this year and those of you who were Confirmed.

Prayer and attending Mass is necessary in order to have a strong relationship with Jesus. He needs to be the center of your life. His Teachings, which he has given to the Church, are your guide in life. Listen to what Jesus has to say to you as you prepare to return to school.

Remember, as your Bishop, I am praying for all of you as you get ready to go back to school. As you step onto campus and enter the classroom, or step onto the playground or athletic field, may you take with you the “living presence” of Jesus. May you be the best reflection of a Christ-centered student that you can be. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Follow Jesus as a good disciple and call upon your Blessed Mother, Our Lady, to watch over you.

To all of you: from Kindergarten students to the Senior Classes of 2019-2020, and to you our College and University students, may God be with you as you commit yourselves to prayer and the Holy Eucharist throughout your school year.

In the Peace of Christ,
Bishop Cotta

Parents: Please read this message together with your children.
### This Week in our Parish

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### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

† RCIA is the pathway by which adults wishing to become Catholic are brought into the Church.

† If you have been previously baptized Catholic, but wish to complete your Sacraments of Initiation, this is the place for you.

† Learn more about the Catholic Faith during the **RCIA Inquiry** period, which starts on **Tuesday, August 27th**. The sessions are held on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall, Room 1.

For more information, please contact Linda Knapp: 925-231-5849

### Sunday, August 25th

- Mass at 11:30 am in the Movie Amphitheater.
- Picnic after Mass! We have reserved 2 picnic spots in the Day Use Area, “Fir” and “Pine”.
- Hamburgers & hot dogs, paper plates and plastic utensils will be provided by the Parish.
- Parking is not reserved—please park in the large lot and walk to the Day Use Area, or at the Commercial Center and take the shuttle to the lake.
- Please bring your own camping chairs, blankets, sunscreen, games, and beverages.
- Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you bring a salad, please keep it packed in ice.
- Pets are not allowed in the Day Use Area during the summer months.
- Please call the Parish Office to let us know you are attending, so we can have an accurate count.
- If you can bring an outdoor “pop-up” to provide shade, please call the Parish Office.

**Don’t miss this wonderful day!**

*Enjoy God’s beautiful creation with your fellow parishioners.*
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Al Biedrzycki  Bill Kiesling
Jackie Boling  Kristine Kitamura
Jalen Bozzo  Lois McLain
Mary Brown  Lois Marzocchi
Matt & Kim Cushman  Rebecca & Joe Nichols
Anna Davison  Angela Pinocchio
Ed Hall  Juan Pulido
Eileen Hogan  Clay Sweeney
A. J. Holmes  Dan Ward
Jeanne Kiely  Mitch & Trish Woods

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

What: Invitation to a Religious Study of The Parables of Jesus (6 sessions)
Where: OLMC Parish House
When: Wednesdays starting on August 7th
Time: 4:00 – 5:30 PM
DVD Speaker: Several Speakers

Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid, and engaging stories. Woven from the stuff of everyday life, the parables of Jesus made the Kingdom of God understandable and accessible to his listeners. Gain new insights into Jesus' parables and their meanings that will help you to appreciate more fully their relevance in your own life.

This study will be based on a DVD presentation followed by a group discussion which will require minimal preparation. Each session is presented by a different instructor and consists of the following components:

- Historical and cultural background information
- An engaging, close look at the biblical text and its meaning
- Accurate, encouraging, and challenging applications of the Bible's message to life today

Please sign up for this class as soon as possible. Contact Warren Belisle at 962-4309 or email: bellale@msn.com

OLMC Parish Services
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Services is an organization within the parish which provides assistance to our community. We are guided by the wisdom of the Spirit to follow our Catholic tradition of caring for those in need by providing the physical and financial needs of our parishioners and the community.

The phone number to call to request assistance or information is 209 532-7139 Ext 111 and is on the front page of the church bulletin. This phone number is monitored by our Core Group. We could use one or two more volunteers on our Core Group. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please call the number above and a member will return your call. If you would be available to prepare food for sick or funerals, light home repairs, light yard work or social visits, please fill out a form which are available at the Parish Service box at the back of the church and put it in the box. Thank you for your past support.

An Applebee’s Lumberjack Breakfast:
Pancakes, bacon, eggs, potatoes, and a drink.
A Fundraiser to Support:
Young Ladies Institute (YLI)
Patricia # 79
$8 per person
Saturday, August 24
8 am to 10 am

Sonora, CA
Tickets available at the door, or by calling 532-5955
Tickets will also be available from YLI Members after all Masses this weekend!

YLI Patricia #79
Baked Potato Bar Luncheon/ Bunco Games
Saturday, Sept 21
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Doors open at 11:30 am
All Adults welcome!
$15 per person

Advance tickets or reservations suggested
For more information, call Vicki @ 532-6010
Bunco prizes ~ Drawing ~ Good food ~ Lots of fun!
Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Saturday 8/24 ~ YLI Fundraiser Breakfast at Applebee’s
Sunday 8/25 ~ Parish Picnic, Pinecrest Lake
Monday 9/2 ~ Labor Day, Parish Office closed
Saturday 9/7 & Sunday 9/8 ~ Second Collection for the Catholic University of America
Friday 9/13 - Sunday 9/15 ~ Catholic Men’s Fellowship Retreat
Saturday 9/21 ~ YLI Bunco and Luncheon
Sunday 9/22 ~ Catholic Charities Sunday
Saturday 9/28 ~ St. Patrick’s Ice Cream Social
Sunday 10/6 ~ Respect Life Sunday
Saturday 10/12 ~ Jason Jeffrey, organist at the Cathedral of the Annunciation, will perform a short organ recital at St. Patrick’s Church at 3:00 pm, as part of the Sonora Bach Festival.
Friday 11/1 ~ All Saints Day
Saturday 11/2 ~ All Souls Day
Sunday 11/3 ~ Daylight Saving Time ends
Thursday 11/8 ~ Thanksgiving Day
Sunday 12/1 ~ First Sunday of Advent

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday August 12 ~ Sunday August 18

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday August 11 ~ Saturday August 17

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Tuesday: St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus
Wednesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
Thursday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Weekly Offerings

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Parish Services: St. Pat’s $494, OLMC $228
Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!