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The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

The cup of Salvation I will take up, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.
Psalm 116:13

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
Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ: ‘Remember’ and ‘do not forget’

One of the qualities that distinguishes us human beings from any other creature is our ability to feel and express gratitude, to say “Thank you!” However, as every parent knows, it’s not something that comes naturally. We are all born with an innate sense that the world revolves around me and everyone/everything is there to immediately respond to my needs, so there’s no natural tendency to say “thank you”- we instinctively expect our needs to be met. So from our earliest days, parents teach their children to be polite and remind the child constantly: “What do you say?”, whether the required response at any given time is “Excuse me”, “I’m sorry”, or “Thank you!” Gratitude is a “learned virtue”; but hopefully, once learned, we understand what an extremely important human and spiritual response gratitude is.

As we all know, we celebrated Mother’s Day on May 13th and will celebrate Father’s Day on June 17th. Through all the various ways that we observe these important days, what Father’s Day and Mother’s Day are really all about is saying “Thank You,” expressing our gratitude to all our fathers and mothers, living or deceased, for all that they have done, and continue to do, for us - their children.

In much the same way, Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ is all about saying: “Thank you dear Lord” for the great Gift of His unconditional Love for us, and the Gift of the Holy Eucharist as His way of remaining with us always.

In the First Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, we hear Moses speaking on behalf of God, like a father reminding his children, to be grateful to God for all that God had done for them and their ancestors in bringing them out of slavery in Egypt as they were now about to enter into the Promised Land - to remember to say “Thank you.” We hear Moses say it in two different ways: “Remember” and “Do not forget” what the Lord has done. What God had done was to deliver them from sure and certain death by guiding them through their long and dangerous pilgrimage through the desert, and by feeding them with the miraculous bread from heaven known as Manna. And so they should “remember” and “never forget” that without God they would have been dead, and so they should say “Thank you” from the depths of their beings, and furthermore, they should show their gratitude by being and remaining God’s faithful people.

In the Gospel, we hear Jesus give His most profoundly important and humanly challenging “I Am” statement of all. Jesus used many “I Am” statements to help His disciples to understand Him and the relationship He wanted to establish with us: “I Am the Vine; you are the Branches”; “I Am the Good Shepherd”; “I Am the Light of the World”; “I Am the Resurrection and the Life”, “I am the Bread.”

And so through this feast, we rejoice in this most special Gift of the Blessed Sacrament—the Body and Blood of Christ—our most important way to say “Thank you”.

But this “Food for the Journey” is not just given to me and you individually; it’s given to us as a community of faith, and it is intended to accomplish what we normally call it, that is, Holy Communion. We talk about receiving Holy Communion. But we not only “receive communion”, but we enter into that “holy communion”; and that “holy communion” is not just between me and Jesus, but it’s about the relationship that we all share as a Family of Faith.

And just as that “holy communion” is to deepen our relationship with Jesus, it is also to strengthen the bonds among us - to help us live together as brothers and sisters in the Body of Christ, as St. Paul reminded us in the Second Reading. Furthermore, this Holy Communion, the Gift of the Eucharist, is to equip and strengthen us to go forth and BE Christ to those in need. Just as in our human lives, we don’t just eat breakfast, lunch and dinner so that we can sit around all day doing nothing, but rather so that we can go forth with the strength/energy to fulfill our responsibilities; so too, the Eucharist is not just given to us to make us feel spiritually blessed, but rather it is our spiritual Food and Drink to give us the strength to fulfill our responsibilities of bringing the Love of Jesus to everyone we meet.

This Feast celebrates something unique to us as Catholics - the Holy Eucharist. As Pope St. John Paul II told us, the Eucharist is the “source and summit of our Faith”. And that is why we are “obliged” to come to Mass every Sunday, precisely so that we can stay connected to our Loving God as People of Faith, and so that we can be nourished by the reception of the Holy Eucharist. And so, as we celebrate this special and solemn Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ today, our hearts are filled with these two important spiritual realities: Gratitude - saying “Thank You” for all God’s blessings; Communion - through the precious Gift of the Eucharist, enjoying “communion” with the God of the Universe Who makes Himself Present to each of us; and growing in “communion” with us as we accompany one another on the Journey of Faith.

Therefore let us be obliged to-

Go to Mass, on Sundays and if possible daily.
Be in the church to thank, praise, and meet Him in silence.
Participate in all the Liturgy with mind and heart.
Feel the presence of the Community with me.
Receive the Lord reverently and feel His presence.
Spend some time with Him to say “Thank you Lord, I don’t forget You.”

Happy Feast of the Body and Blood of the Lord!!

In Christ, Fr. Joseph Lawrence
**This Week in our Parish**

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**St. Patrick’s Sanctuary ~ Pentecost 2018**

This year, for the first time, we celebrated the extended form of the Mass for Pentecost Vigil. About 15 minutes longer than the standard form, it includes additional Old Testament readings and Psalms. It was a marvelous experience, as we all entered into a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit, and how the Holy Spirit moves us and guides us throughout our lives. We highly encourage all parishioners to join us next year at the Pentecost Vigil!

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**Mini-Retreat**

**A Day with the Carmelites:**

**Come and Pray**

**When:** Saturday, June 23
8:30 am to 1:00 pm

**Where:** Our Lady of Fatima Parish
Old Hall, 505 W. Granger Ave.
Modesto, CA 95350

**Cost:** Free will offering

**Guest Speaker:** *Father Matthew Williams, OCD*

The day will include teaching and practice of prayer, focusing on Lectio Divina and fellowship. Lunch will be provided. Sponsored by the Modesto Community of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites.

**Pre-registration required by June 10**

To register:
Online: www.ocdsmodesto.com/events
Email: modestosecularcarmelites@gmail.com
Mail: Carmelites, PO Box 805, Linden, CA 95326
Phone: 209-639-8975

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**Attention all Lectors, EMHC, Altar Servers, and Ushers:**

If there are any dates you are NOT available to minister during the 3rd Quarter of 2018 (July - August - September), please let Sandra Betti know by **Friday, June 8th**. Please call 532-7139, ext. 109, or email your information to sandra@stpatssonora.org, or leave a note in the office.

Thank you for your ministry!

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**ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH, TWAIN HARTE**

**Vacation Bible School**

June 18-22
9:00 am -1:00 pm

All children from St. Patrick’s Parish are welcome!
For more information, please contact
Lina Marion @ 209-586-3161
Mass at 11:00 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.

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.

Don’t miss this wonderful day! Enjoy God’s beautiful creation with your fellow parishioners.

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

**Saturday June 2 ~ Sunday June 10**

**Saturday**
- 5:00 pm Matthew John Doherty 🙌
- 7:30 am All Parishioners

**Sunday**
- 7:30 am Marge Nath
- 9:00 am Edison Navarra 🙌
- 11:00 am Joan Oneto-Test 🙌
- 5:00 pm Lupe Diaz 🙌

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

**Monday**
- 8:00 am Joe Goicoechea 🙌
- 8:00 am Luis and Raul Gamboa 🙌

**Tuesday**
- 8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory 🙌
- 8:00 am Gary & Teresa Stevenson

**Wednesday**
- 8:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory 🙌
- 8:00 am No Intentions

**Thursday**
- 5:00 pm Ken Francek 🙌
- 7:30 am All Parishioners

**Friday**
- 8:00 am Eileen Hogan, Healing
- 9:00 am Tony Pallante 🙌
- 11:00 am Jeanne Kiely
- 5:00 pm Lupe Diaz 🙌

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

**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

**Thursday 6/14 ~** NEW Religious Study begins at OLMC, 4:00-5:30 pm, details to follow

**Saturday 6/16 ~** Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
- Applebee’s, 8:00 am - 10:00 am

**Saturday 6/23 ~** “A Day with the Carmelites” mini-retreat, Our Lady of Fatima, Modesto

**Sunday 6/24 ~** Parish Picnic! Pinecrest Lake

**Wednesday 7/4 ~** Special Independence Day Mass
- 9:00 am, St. Anne’s in Columbia

**Saturday 7/28 ~** Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne will be celebrated at St. Anne’s in Columbia, 9:00 am

**Friday 8/17 - Sunday 8/19 ~** Catholic Men’s Fellowship Fall Retreat, Old Oak Ranch, Sonora

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday June 4 ~ Sunday June 10**

**Monday:**
- 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-12

**Tuesday:**
- 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16;
- Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday:**
- 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday:**
- 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
- Mk 12:28b-34

**Friday:**
- Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6;
- Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

**Saturday:**
- 2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 2:41-51

**Sunday:**
- Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-8; 2 Cor 4:13 -- 5:1;
- Mk 3:20-35

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday June 3 ~ Saturday June 9**

**Sunday:**
- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

**Monday:**
- Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

**Tuesday:**
- St. Boniface

**Wednesday:**
- St. Norbert

**Friday:**
- The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**Saturday:**
- The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

It’s the START that stops most people. Sometimes, you just need to take a Leap of Faith!

**Weekly Offerings**

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Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!