St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News

...in Our Parish

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

Staff
Fr. Sam West, Pastor
Fr. Joseph Lawrence, Parochial Vicar
Mike Kubasek, Deacon
Ron Ivey, Business Manager
Marie Dahlstrand, Coordinator of Liturgy
Sandra Betti, Music Director
Kathy Casas, Religious Education
Katie McClintock, Youth Ministry Leader
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Jan DePaoli, Administrative Asst.
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“...The grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.”

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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 22, 2018

I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep.

John 10:14-15

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My Dear People of God,

A Happy and Blessed Easter Season to All!

First of all, I would like to thank all of you for the warm welcome that I received on my installation as Bishop of Stockton. Thank you for your messages of greetings, congratulations and for your kind gifts. As I settle in and get acquainted with my new position, I continue to experience that “Valley sense” of your great welcome and hospitality, especially, as I visit the parishes during this season of Confirmations.

The Easter Season is a perfect time to celebrate the great Sacrament of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the youth of our diocese. As they are “sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit,” it is amazing to see the potential within our young people to witness to their faith. It is in witnessing to the Faith, that they will help to lift up this fallen world as “missionary disciples” of the 21st century.

As they receive the anointing of the “oil of gladness,” Holy Chrism, it is an opportunity for the rest of us to renew our relationship with the Holy Spirit, and to recall the day of our Confirmation.

By the way, “What do we remember of the day when we were confirmed? How do we recall the experience of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? How has this Sacrament made a difference in our lives? Have we established a personal relationship with the Gift of the Father, the Holy Spirit? Do we call upon the Spirit for his “gifts and fruits” to empower us to live as disciples of Christ or not? Do we permit the Holy Spirit to help reveal the truth about the Teaching of the Church that we might have a difficulty understanding or believing? It’s all about God’s agenda, not ours!

My friends, we need to own what has been given to us and to put it into action in order to build up the Kingdom of God in our Diocese of Stockton - in our homes, at school, at work, in our ministry, in our communities, in our everyday lives!

Again, the potential is beyond our imagining! As we approach Pentecost: allow, permit and desire that the Holy Spirit will make a difference in your life. You will be amazed! I share with you, what I have been sharing with your sons and daughters at their Confirmations: the Holy Spirit is a “God of surprises”

A Happy Easter Season to all as we anticipate the great Solemnity of Pentecost!

Bishop Myron J. Cotta
April 22, 2018

This Week in our Parish

Sun 4/22 ~ Meet & Greet: Knights of Columbus

Sun 4/22 ~ Youth Mass, 11:00 am

Wed 4/25 ~ Financial Peace University, 6:00 pm
   St. Patrick’s Parish Hall, Rm. 4

Wed 4/25 ~ OLMC Religious Study, Parish House
   4:00 pm - 5:30 pm, OLMC Big Oak Flat

Wed 4/25 ~ Teens! Steinmetz House, 6:00 pm

Sat 4/28 ~ Altar Duty: Janet Hart, Beatriz Gamboa

Sat 4/28 ~ Spiritual Growth Session, “Queen of Heaven”, 10:00 - 12:00 St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

Sat 4/28 & Sun 4/29 ~ Second Collection for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal

Sun 4/29 ~ Meet & Greet: Altar Society

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The Feast of St. Joseph the Worker
La Fiesta de San Jose el Obrero

Sunday, May 6th ~ Domingo, 6 Mayo
3:00 pm Mass ~ 3:00 pm Misa

Potluck in the Parish Hall after the Mass
Potluck despues de Misa en el Salon

Please bring a dish to share
Estamos pidiendo por favor que traigan un platillo para compartir

For more information ~ Mas info
Call Salvador @559-9841 or Gerardo @984-4381

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Final Session
Wednesday, April 25th
OLMC Religious Study:
The Bible and the Virgin Mary
OLMC Parish House Great Room
4:00 - 5:30 pm

For more information, please contact:
Warren Belisle @ 209-962-4394

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Spiritual Growth ~ "Queen of Heaven: Mary’s Battle for Souls"
Continues on Saturday, April 28
10:00 am - 12:00 pm,
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

This series gives us the intriguing story of Mary, this gentle and perfect mother, and her battle for our souls with Lucifer, the fallen angel. It also delves into the deeper meaning of her annunciation, her sorrows and her “dark night of the soul.” We learn why she is our Queen, and the Mother of our Church.

This series will run for four weeks, finishing right around Mother’s Day. What better way to honor our Blessed Mother!

For more information, please contact Cynthia Dragun @ 209-984-5726.
Email: atonewiththespirit@gmail.com

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St. Patrick’s Altar & Rosary Society
Luncheon and Bingo!
Monday, May 7th ~ Parish Hall
Doors open at 11:30 am
Lunch at 12:00, followed by Bingo

Lunch: $6.00 per person
Bingo: 3-card game $1.00

Tickets: Available now by calling Marge Nath @ 532-2229 or Deb Cushman @533-2756, or you may purchase tickets on April 29th after all Masses in the Parish Hall.

Everyone is welcome! Black Out is for $100!

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We are asking all our talented bakers to volunteer to create and donate baked and/or homemade goods. It would be helpful if items were individually wrapped for sale. You can drop-off your baked goods in the Parish Hall on either Saturday May 5th before the 5:00 pm Mass, or the morning of Sunday May 6th.

All proceeds support future retreats and spiritual growth sessions.

If you have questions or need assistance in delivering your baked goods, please contact Cynthia Dragun @ 209-984-5726.
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

Leanne Abbe-Alcioti  A. J. Holmes
Tete Arellano        Bill & Rolene Kiesling
Catherine Bentz      Kristine Kitamura
Al Biedrzycki        Lois Marzocchi
Beverly Brainard     Dorothy McCargar
Carolyn Bruning      Letty Molinari
Jan Buck             Pat Newton
Margaret Corotto     Barbara North
Vern & Jo Froehlich  Lee O’Shaughnessy
Mitch & Patti Gerner Joseph Perez
Bill Gookin          Mike Schirmer
Ed Hall              Clay Sweeney
Joan Holland

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

Into Your Hands, O Lord, we commend the soul of
Dorothy Maechler
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Congratulations to all the children who received First Holy Communion!
April 15, 2018

Hailey Campbell
Iker Casillas
Gavin Insilan
Lizbeth Lopez
Tyr Morgan
Carmen Ramos
Jose Rosas
Mauricio Rosas Garcia

A “cenacle” is a study and prayer group. We study St. Faustina’s Diary, the catechism of the Catholic Church, and the Bible using the Divine Mercy Cenacle book as our guide. We end the class by praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, followed by fellowship. Come join us for the book one class! We meet the second and fourth Monday at 11:00 am in classroom 1, in the Parish Hall. Please come join us or just check it out. We would love to have you take part in this vibrant group.

For more information: Cecilia Woosley @ 536-4020 or Deb Cushman @ 533-2756

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 for 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.

Parish Services picks up the food donated each week at Mass and delivers it to the EV Free Church who distributes it to people in need in the Groveland – Big Oak Flat Area. We have made cash donations to the Baptist Church, the Seventh Day Adventist Church and the EV Free Church for their food distribution programs.

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 the sick or for funerals, do light home repairs and/or yard work, or provide social visits, please fill out a form which is available at the Parish Service box at the back of the church and put it in the box.

Thank you for your past support!
**Mass for the Week**

**Saturday April 21 ~ Sunday April 29**

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<td>Saturday</td>
<td>5:00 pm</td>
<td>Ken Francek, Marcos Balbuena</td>
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| Sunday    | 7:30 am | All Parishioners         
|           | 9:00 am | Gloria Patania, *Happy Birthday!* |
|           | 11:00 am | Curt & Carol Cashen, *Healing* |
|           | 5:00 pm | Lupe Diaz, Alex & Herlinda Balbuena |

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

**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

- **Saturday 5/5 & Sunday 5/6 ~** Spiritual Growth Team Bake Sale, Parish Hall
- **Sunday 5/6 ~** Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker
  - 3:00 pm Mass, followed by Potluck in the Parish Hall
- **Monday 5/7 ~** Altar & Rosary Society Luncheon & Bingo, Parish Hall; doors open 11:30
- **Saturday 5/12 ~** Mother Lode Round-Up Parade
- **Sunday 5/13 ~** Mother’s Day
- **Monday 5/28 ~** Memorial Day
- **Sunday 6/24 ~** Parish Picnic! Pinecrest Lake
- **Saturday 7/28 ~** Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne will be celebrated at St. Anne’s in Columbia, 9 am

- For regularly scheduled meetings, please check the Master Calendar at www.stpatssonora.org. If you have calendar requests or need to make changes, please email ron@stpatssonora.org.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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**Saints and Special Observances**

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<td>Sunday 22</td>
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<td>Monday 23</td>
<td>St. George; St. Adalbert</td>
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<td>Tuesday 24</td>
<td>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen</td>
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<td>Wednesday 25</td>
<td>St. Mark; Administrative Professionals Day</td>
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<td>Friday 26</td>
<td>Arbor Day</td>
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<td>Saturday 27</td>
<td>St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort</td>
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**Weekly Offerings**

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<td>$1,529</td>
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<td>E-giving</td>
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<td>$8,377</td>
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<td><strong>LAST YEAR</strong></td>
<td>$8,700</td>
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**Maintenance Offerings**

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*Easter (Additional): St. Pat’s $145; OLMC $5*

Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!