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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

<u>Reconciliation</u>

Sat 4:00 pm Wed 6:30 pm Or by appt.

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Sat 4:30 pm

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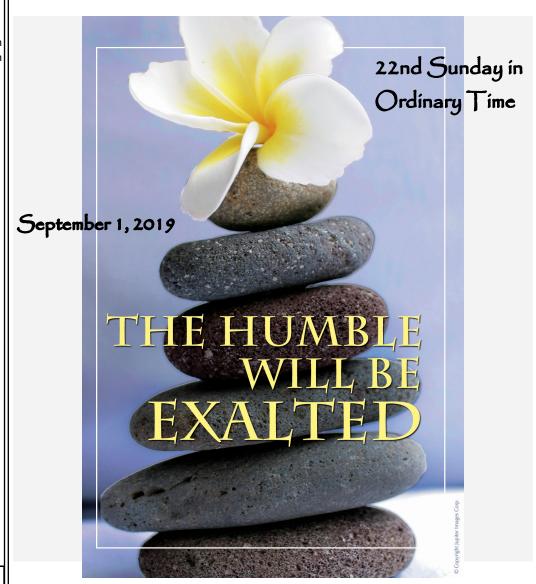
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St. Patrick's Catholic Parish Sonora, California

The GOOD News

... in Our Parish



"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 frsam@stpatssonora.org. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West, Pastor



Father Sam's Message

In this week's Gospel, our Lord Jesus reminds us, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus tells us to first take the "lowest place" when invited to "a wedding banquet." A wedding banquet arouses thoughts of joy and communion with others. In Scriptures, the image of a wedding feast is used to describe in human terms the overwhelming experience of being in the presence of God in heaven. Jesus reminds us in this Gospel just as there are human expectations and protocols of how to behave, including in one of His other parables even what we are to wear at an important event like a wedding banquet, there are also expectations of how we are to respond to God's invitation to His banquet. The first of these expectations is the virtue of humility, knowing we are not deserving on our own merits of reclining at His table. It is only by His gracious Love and Mercy we are able to be with Him at the "wedding feast of the Lamb." The next expectation is we are prepared to participate in the heavenly festivities signified by being dressed in the proper garment.

The Eucharist, the celebration of the Mass, is truly the foretaste of the indescribable beauty, joy, and peace of the heavenly wedding banquet. In approaching Jesus in Holy Communion, we should not assume a "place of honor" by thinking of ourselves as deserving or having "the right" to receive our Lord's sacred Body and Blood. Rather, we should "take the lowest place" by acknowledging we are not worthy when approaching our God, the Creator of all things. However, we should not do this self-assessment of our unworthiness in a way that we belittle or denigrate ourselves. On the contrary, we look at ourselves tenderly and honestly, seeing ourselves as little children before God, accepting we are "the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind" who God, in His Mercy, invites to the banquet of His Son's Body and Blood. Humbling ourselves before God, taking "the lowest place" at the Heavenly table, is done by preparing to receive Holy Communion with sincere, intentional, and focused prayer. Also, we make sure we are always dressed in the pure wedding garment washed in the Blood of the Lamb we received at our baptism. This means we come to receive Jesus free from the stain of sin, especially serious sin. We always recognize it is only by His grace we can receive Him worthily and only by His Word we are healed. In approaching Jesus in the Eucharist reverently, devoutly, and humbly, we then will be invited by God, our Host, to "move up to a higher place" in spite of our lowliness and sin.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Mother and our Patron St. Patrick, let us ask God for the grace needed to humbly respond to His invitation to participate in His heavenly banquet of the Eucharist.

Update on the Front Entrance Project

Our new front entrance to the Church is nearly done. We are hoping to have all the metal handrails and guardrails installed by the end of this upcoming week, Friday, September 6^{th} . If all goes according to plan, we will return to having our celebration of Mass in the Church on the weekend of September 7^{th} & 8^{th} .

We are all very excited to see how this phase of the project turns out. In addition to being much easier to enter the Church, the design of the custom guard railing, which includes images of shamrocks and crosses in the top area of the guardrail and three unique historic and spiritual scenes cut into metal plates inset in the six sections of the railing, along with six small brick pillars matching the brick pillars on the Church building, will enhance the beauty of the entrance area.

Once we are able to celebrate Masses in the Church, work still will need to be done to finally replace the front doors. To keep the project moving forward, we are now planning to have the old doors removed, including the door frame and stained glass window, this upcoming week. The doors and frame need to be removed to get the most accurate measurements for the new doors and frame set. But this approach will leave the vestibule (the area just inside the church) exposed. The area will remain open while we wait for the new doors and new frame to be made locally. We have been told it will take four weeks. In the meantime, because we will not have front doors on the church, the two inner doors (the ones from the vestibule to the main body of the Church) will become the outside doors. This is probably not going to look too pretty, but it seems to be the most efficient and quickest way to get the doors replaced while, at the same time, getting us back into the Church. So I ask for your continued patience and please "pardon our dust." I sincerely feel all this will be well worth it, both practically and aesthetically.

Father Sam's Message, cont.

Although by God's grace and your generosity we have the funds to cover all expenses of the remodel of the front entrance (the concrete flat work, handrails, and guardrails), the parish is still seeking donations for the doors and new frame. We have donors who have already pledged some of the required funds. However, we will need to raise more money with future fundraisers, including possibly using the wood of the old doors to build small crosses / crucifixes that may be "purchased" for a donation. If you are interested in making a donation, particularly "In Memory of a loved one," please contact Mr. Ron Ivey, our Business Manager, at 209-532-7139 or by email at ron@stpatssonora.org.

Parish Picnic

Finally, I am very grateful to all of you who attended our Annual Parish Picnic last Sunday at Pinecrest Lake. We praise our Merciful God for this wonderful opportunity to experience His love in the beauty of His creation and sharing in His love as a parish family. We had a perfect 80 -degree sunny day! A good number of us were able to relax, enjoy one another's company, and share in a meal. On behalf of our entire parish family, I sincerely thank all of you who organized, set up, attended, and cleaned up. A special thank you goes to our Knights of Columbus Council who cooked the hamburgers and hot dogs. If you missed out on this enjoyable parish event, please plan on joining us for next year's picnic!

In Christ, Fr. Sam West

We will have our first Christmas Fair meeting on Wednesday, September 4, at 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Here we will begin planning our strategy and organizing for the Fair, which will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2019. Anyone who is interested in being a part of this very popular event in our Parish is welcome to come to the meeting. This includes a potluck dinner, so please bring a dish to share.



Altar & Rosary Society Luncheon

Monday, September 9th 11:30 am

St. Patrick's Parish Hall
Potluck: Please bring your favorite
salad to share.

New members are welcome to attend! Please call President Marge Nath for more information. 209-532-2229 THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Week in our Parish

Saturday 8/31 & Sunday 9/1 ~ All weekend Masses are in the Parish Hall

Monday 9/2 ~ Labor Day, Parish Office is closed

Monday 9/2 ~ 6:30 pm Encounter, Parish Hall Rm. 3

Wednesday 9/4 ~ 6:30 pm Adoration & Reconciliation, St. Patrick's Parish Hall Rm. 3

Wednesday 9/4 ~ Religious Study, 4:00 - 5:30pm OLMC

Saturday 9/7 & Sunday 9/8 ~ Parish Services Collection



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

fers If there are any dates you know you are NOT available to minister

during the 4th Quarter of 2019 (October, November, December), please let Sandra Betti know by Thursday, **September 5th**. Please call 532-7139, ext. 109, or email your dates to sandra@stpatssonora.org, or leave a note in the office.

Thank you for your ministry!



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

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Bill Kiesling Kristine Kitamura Lois Marzocchi Rebecca & Joe Nichols Angela Pinocchio Juan Pulido Clay Sweeney Dan Ward Mitch & Trish Woods

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

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



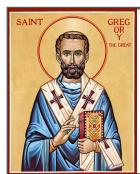
Advance tickets or reservations suggested For more information, call Vicki @ 532-6010

Bunco prizes ~ Drawing ~ Good food ~ Lots of fun!



Any contribution of food is welcome, Pantry but what the Pantry needs most right **Needs** now is: **cereal, canned fruit** (pull-top lids preferred on canned items), peanut

butter, jelly/jam (small jars), pasta, pasta sauce, and boxed dinners such as Rice-A-Roni, Tuna/Hamburger Helper, etc. You can put the items in the large basket inside the Parish Hall during Mass, drop them off in the Parish Office, or call Sandy Tannhauser @ 532-3899.



The proof of love is in the works. Where love exists, it works great things. But when it ceases to act, it ceases to exist.

> St. Gregory the Great Feast Day September 3

Parish Services



Every month, on the first full weekend of each month, we ask you to donate to Parish Services, and our ushers stand outside after Mass with special baskets to collect your spare change (or dollar bills!)

Here is where those donations go:

Deacon Mike and seven other volunteers form the committee for St. Patrick's Parish Services, and are the stewards of your generous monthly donations. They monitor the requests for help on a case by case basis. Help with rent, utilities, and lodging are the main requests each month. While the primary focus is St. Patrick's parishioners, some emergency help is also extended to community members who are not parishioners. Unfortunately, it is not possible to fully fund every request, so the Parish Services committee must decide the best way to use our parishioners' generous donations. In any given quarter we average \$400-500 in assistance with utilities, \$800-900 for housing, \$300-400 for transportation and \$700-800 in general assistance. Everyone who benefits from our Parish Services program always extends a heartfelt "Thank you!" to everyone at St. Patrick's Parish for their generosity. Thank you for your continued support!

The next Parish Services collection is September 7-8.

And the King said, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:40

Religious Education at St. Patrick's

The necessity of passing on our faith is ever so important during these days when society's focus is mainly to honor self, rather than honor the God who created us.



Young people need the help of faith-filled adults among us to know God, so they can, in turn, ove and serve Him. They need adults who are willing to share their own love for God, and teach them how magnificent a relationship with Him can be.

> Religious Education classes will begin Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 pm St. Patrick's Parish Hall

This first opening night session is for Registration and to meet your teacher. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

Please contact Kathy Casas for more information: (209)770-5987

Mass for the Intentions Week

Saturday August 31 ~ Sunday September 8

Saturday 5:00 pm No Intentions

Sunday 7:30 am Angela Brown ⊕

Eldon O'Brien 🕆

9:00 am Catherine Bentz &

William Parenti

11:00 am Tony Roma 🕆

Clark Gomez 🕆

5:00 pm Alicia Sanchez 🕆

Jose Lopez 🕆

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

Monday	8:00 am	Lorenzo Mallare	
Tuesday	8:00 am	No Intentions	
Wednesday	8:00 am	Walter Rolander 🕆	
Thursday	8:00 am	No Intentions	
Friday	8:00 am	No Intentions	
Saturday	5:00 pm	Adolfo Negrete 🕆	
		George Kahl 🕆	
Sunday	7:30 am	Alfredo & Gasima Balinggan &	
		Lorenzo Mallare 🕆	
9:00 am The Stevenson Family		The Stevenson Family	
		Eldon O'Brien &	
	11:00 am	Barbara Rose 🕆	
	5:00 pm	Alicia Sanchez 🕏	

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday September 2 ~ Sunday September 8

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13;

Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44Thursday:Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11Friday:Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39Saturday:Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5Sunday:Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17;

Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday September 1 ~ Saturday September 7

Sunday: Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time;

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: St. Gregory the Great

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Adolfo Negrete ₽

Wednesday 9/4 ~ Christmas Fair planning meeting 5:30 pm, Parish Hall, includes potluck

Monday 9/9 ~ Altar & Rosary Society Luncheon 11:30 am Parish Hall

Friday 9/13 - Sunday 9/15 ~ Catholic Men's

Fellowship Retreat

Saturday 9/14 & Sunday 9/15 ~ Second Collection for the Catholic University of America

Saturday 9/21 ~ YLI Bunco and Luncheon, 11:30 am

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

Weekly Offerings

Weekly Goal \$ 10,000	8-18-19 Week 33 Participation 27%	8-25-19 Week 34 Participation 23%	August Totals to Date		
General Offerings					
St. Pat's	\$9,536	\$3,935	\$25,292		
OLMC	\$950	\$1,240	\$5,411		
E-giving	\$313	\$813	\$3,392		
Total	\$10,799	\$5,988	\$34,095		
LAST YEAR	\$6,041	\$6,057	\$27,865		
Maintenance Offering					
St. Pat's	\$208	\$80	\$1,161		
OLMC	\$0	\$10	\$223		
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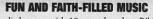
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