St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News

... in Our Parish

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
Angela Cordes,
Coordinator of Youth Ministry
Gail Andrus, Receptionist
Jan DePaoli, Administrative Asst.
Emergency Intercessions “8”

Contact Us
Office: 116 W. Bradford St., Sonora, California 95370
Hours: Mon-Thu: 8:30-4:00
Fridays: Closed
Phone: 209-532-7139
FAX: 209-817-8879
Web: www.StPatsSonora.org
Email: StPats@StPatsSonora.org
Bulletin: GoodNews@StPatsSonora.org
Parish Services:
Sonora: 209-532-7139 Ext. 107
Big Oak Flat: 209-532-7139 Ext. 111

“...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
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Father Sam’s Message

Once again, we can hear the theme of rejoicing in this week’s readings. We experience joy and rejoice when we hear God’s Word, understand God’s Word, and live by God’s Word. The first reading recounts how Israel, the people of God, were instructed by Nehemiah to “not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength.” The people are instructed to “rejoice” after they hear the “law of God” proclaimed and then fully explained. “Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so all could understand what was read.” The description of the priest Ezra standing up on a “wood platform” “before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand... read out of the book” should sound familiar because this is what we do at every Mass. There are two main parts of the Mass - the “Liturgy of the Word” and the “Liturgy of the Eucharist.” In the “Liturgy of the Word,” we hear God’s Word, Sacred Scripture, proclaimed and in the homily, that Word we just heard proclaimed is interpreted. Our experience of joy at Mass will increase and overflow the more we “listen attentively,” understand, and agree to live the truth God has revealed to us. I realize this is not always easy to do at Mass, particularly on Sundays. Many distractions confront us. If we allow ourselves to be drawn away by them, we lose out on the joy God wants us to experience in His Word. To minimize the sway of the inevitable distractions during the celebration of the “Liturgy of the Word,” we should carefully and slowly read the readings before the Mass. I suggest reading them several days before the upcoming Sunday then spend quiet time thinking and praying over them. Although I pray with the guidance of the Holy Spirit and we priests make every effort within our power, we cannot always adequately explain or relate the readings so that “all could understand” as Ezra was able to do. To help with understanding the readings, there are many good resources on the Internet. In the near future, I hope to provide links on our parish website to have access to more explanation and application of the Sunday readings. One site that comes to mind is Bishop Robert Barron’s website “wordonfire.org.” You can hear Bishop Barron’s homilies on the upcoming readings under the resources tab on the home page.

Ezra’s reading of “the law of God” and Nehemiah’s exhortation to “rejoice” is not given just to one person at a time but to an entire group of people gathered together at the same time. This reminds us we must be part of the assembly to correctly understand God’s revelation, what He is telling us. Our word for “church” originally comes from the Greek word “ecclesia,” which means an “assembly of citizens.” We hear of the unity of the assembly of believers and how each member is related to one another in the second reading from St. Paul’s letter to the Corinthians. Paul describes how the assembly, the Church, with its many different members is united together as one just like the human body, also having different parts, is one. Each part of a human body has its unique role and importance in the good of the whole body. We must remain in the one Body of Christ, His Church, to truly hear, interpret, and live out God’s Word.

Each of us are members of the one “Christ’s Body,” the Church, and every one of us has an indispensable role in our Lord Jesus’ mission as we hear from today’s Gospel to “bring glad tidings to the poor... proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” We grow in our joy in Christ by being an active part of a community of believers and fulfilling our part as members of His Body. We are an important part of the “One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic” Church lived out locally here at our parish. “If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.” We are called to worship together as one, as Christ’s Body, and are committed to help build each other up, helping each to know God. We faithfully fulfil our role when we ourselves follow and adhere to the Word God revealed to us.

Update on Offertory Program

After our latest Finance Council Meeting, I am very pleased to report an update on the progress (and success!) of our recent offertory program. Since our campaign began in the fall, we have had an increase in the total number of parish families contributing consistently each week. There are now between 190 to 200 families who are giving weekly as compared to before the program when 130 to 140 families gave. Also, looking at the total weekly offertory received in the first half of our current 2018/2019 fiscal year (July to December) compared to the first half of last fiscal year, we have had an increase of almost $22,200 for St. Patrick’s! That is a 13.2% increase from the same period last year. This is great news! Finally, we had a very good weekly collection last month, December 2018. We saw a 24% ($7,900) increase for St. Patrick’s and 14.5% ($892) increase for Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mission as compared with last December. This increase does not even include the Christmas Collections. I sincerely thank every one of you who contribute to the collection and are keeping up with your weekly commitments. With your generous help, the parish is in a much better financial position than we were just a few months ago. By God’s grace, let’s keep it up!

Let us pray, with the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we can more attentively listen to Her Son, God’s Word, and live out more fully our part as a member of His Body, the Church.

In Christ, Fr. Samuel West
Candlemas

Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple for the rites of purification and dedication as prescribed by the Torah. Simeon took the Child Jesus into his arms, blessed God, and said,

“Now, Master, You may let Your servant go in peace, according to Your word, for my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for Your people Israel.”

Luke 2:29-32

Saturday, February 2

Candlemas will be celebrated with Mass at 9:00 am
St. Patrick’s Church, Sonora

At all Masses during the weekend of February 2-3, we will have a special blessing of the throats, using the blessed candles from Candlemas.
Please Pray for the Sick in our Parish, and their family members.

Diane Abdelnour
Rich Abdelnour, Jr.
Al Biedrzycki
Jackie Bolling
Jan Buck
Vern & Jo Froehlich
Bill Gookin
Ed Hall
A. J. Holmes
Donald C. Kellogg
Bill & Rolene Kiesling
Kristine Kitamura
Lois Marzocchi
Judy Maguire
Cindy Merritt
Joseph Murtagh
Bob Nath
Juan Pinela
Juan Pulido
Gary Pizl
Mike Schirmer
Clay Sweeney
Roy Volpetti
Judy & Kerry Wilder
Mitch & Trish Woods

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
Catherine Bentz
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Our group going on the pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City will take your prayers with them, and offer them at the Basilica. Please write your prayers on a piece of paper, and you can either fold the paper in half and seal it with tape, or put it in a small, sealed envelope. Look for the wooden box marked “Prayers for Our Lady of Guadalupe” after Masses on January 26th - 27th, and put your prayers in the box. The group leaves for Mexico on January 30th.

Come support Catholic Charities!

STOCKTON HEAT HOCKEY GAME
Friday, February 1st @ 7:00 pm at the Stockton Arena

Up to $6 of every ticket purchase goes to Catholic Charities’ Programs!

To purchase tickets visit: groupmatics.events/event/dos or call 209-373-1521

IFVenga a apoyar a los Servicios de Caridades Católicas!

JUEGO DE HOCKEY DE LOS STOCKTON HEAT
Viernes, 1 de Febrero a las 7:00 pm en el Stockton Arena

¡Hasta $6 de cada boleto comprado regresara a los Programas de Caridades Católicas!

Para comprar boletos, visite: groupmatics.events/event/dos o llame al 209-373-1521

Spiritual Direction at Saint Patrick’s

Spiritual Directors are trained companions who join a seeker on his/her spiritual journey and help in the discernment of where God’s spirit is leading.

The following members of St. Patrick’s Catholic Church have been trained as Spiritual Directors through the Institute for Catholic Spirituality & Spiritual Direction, and are available to the faith community.

If interested in learning more, contact any one of the following:
† Cynthia Dragun: (805) 490-6147
† Barbara Fish: (209) 743-8919
† Carol Gabbert: (775) 771-6297
† Connie Jacob: (209) 591-7978
† Christina Welch: (541) 447-7998

If you have a basket from the Christmas Fair you no longer need or want, please take it to the office so it can be used again next year. Thank you for your support for this great annual holiday event.
Mass Intentsions for the Week

Saturday January 26 ~ Sunday February 3
Saturday 5:00 pm Ramona Tamaresis
Marcie & Stan Sowa
Sunday 7:30 am Hal Channey
Adolfo Negrete
9:00 am Ed & Mamie Soares
Irene May
11:00 am Margaret Calcaterra
Marnie Banks
5:00 pm Lizbeth Gutierrez
Alicia Sanchez
We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.

Monday 8:00 am Susan Pagni
Pamela Prime (Healing)
Tuesday 8:00 am Souls in Purgatory
(Especially Foss)
Merlyne Verceles
(Happy Birthday!)
Wednesday 8:00 am Souls in Purgatory
(Especially Foss)
Thursday 8:00 am Gaetane Andrews
Mitch & Trish Woods
Friday 8:00 am Emily Moore
Saturday 5:00 pm William Schrag
Mary Ann Wiederman
Sunday 7:30 am Pat Bove
9:00 am Mitch & Patti Gerner
(Happy Anniversary!)
Raul Gamboa
11:00 am Aurora Andre
Lupe Diaz
5:00 pm Alicia Sanchez
Adolfo Negrete

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date
Thursday 2/14 ~ St. Valentine’s Day
Monday 2/18 ~ Parish Office closed
Wednesday 3/6 ~ Ash Wednesday, Lent begins
Sunday 3/17 ~ St. Patrick’s Day
Thursday 4/11 ~ Chrism Mass, Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton
Thursday 4/18 ~ Holy Thursday
Friday 4/19 ~ Good Friday
Saturday 4/20 ~ Easter Vigil
Sunday 4/21 ~ Easter Sunday
Saturday 5/11 ~ Mother Lode Round-Up Parade
Sunday 5/12 ~ Mother’s Day
Wednesday 5/15 ~ Confirmation Mass, 6:00 pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday January 28 ~ Sunday February 3
Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17;
1 Cor 12:31 -- 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday January 27 ~ Saturday February 2
Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week
Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas
Thursday: St. John Bosco
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; First Saturday; World Day for Consecrated Life

Weekly Offerings

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Weekly Goal $ 10,000</th>
<th>1-13-19 Week 2 Participation 27%</th>
<th>1-20-19 Week 3 Participation 26%</th>
<th>January Totals To Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>General Offerings</td>
<td>St. Pat’s $6,832</td>
<td>$5,382</td>
<td>$19,474</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>OLMC $883</td>
<td>$6,652</td>
<td>$8,745</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>E-giving $873</td>
<td>$300</td>
<td>$3,111</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Total $8,588</td>
<td>$12,334</td>
<td>$31,330</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>LAST YEAR $8,684</td>
<td>$6,264</td>
<td>$23,396</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maintenance Offering</td>
<td>St. Pat’s $21</td>
<td>$60</td>
<td>$1,028</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>OLMC $45</td>
<td>$0</td>
<td>$135</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Total $66</td>
<td>$60</td>
<td>$1,163</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!
TERZICH & WILSON
FUNERAL HOME
Our Family Serving Your Family Since 1940
225 E. Rose at Lyons
532-3131

BHAKARHAYEATHAWAY | California Realty
Home Services
- St. Pat’s Parishioners & Local Real Estate Professionals

768-2275

Christopher’s City Hotel Restaurant & What Cheer Saloon

CatholicMatch California

CatholicMatch.com/myCA

WHY IS IT
A man wakes up after sleeping under an ADVERTISED blanket and puts off ADVERTISED pajamas in an ADVERTISED shower with an ADVERTISED razor and brushes his teeth with ADVERTISED toothpaste. He puts on ADVERTISED clothes, drinks a cup of ADVERTISED coffee and drives to work in an ADVERTISED car. Then he refuses to ADVERTISE believing it doesn’t pay. Later if business is poor he ADVERTISES it for sale.

TERZICH & WILSON
FUNERAL HOME
Our Family Serving Your Family Since 1940
225 E. Rose at Lyons
532-3131

BHAKARHAYEATHAWAY | California Realty
Home Services
- St. Pat’s Parishioners & Local Real Estate Professionals

768-2275

Christopher’s City Hotel Restaurant & What Cheer Saloon

CatholicMatch California

CatholicMatch.com/myCA

WHY IS IT
A man wakes up after sleeping under an ADVERTISED blanket and puts off ADVERTISED pajamas in an ADVERTISED shower with an ADVERTISED razor and brushes his teeth with ADVERTISED toothpaste. He puts on ADVERTISED clothes, drinks a cup of ADVERTISED coffee and drives to work in an ADVERTISED car. Then he refuses to ADVERTISE believing it doesn’t pay. Later if business is poor he ADVERTISES it for sale.

TERZICH & WILSON
FUNERAL HOME
Our Family Serving Your Family Since 1940
225 E. Rose at Lyons
532-3131

BHAKARHAYEATHAWAY | California Realty
Home Services
- St. Pat’s Parishioners & Local Real Estate Professionals

768-2275

Christopher’s City Hotel Restaurant & What Cheer Saloon

CatholicMatch California

CatholicMatch.com/myCA

WHY IS IT
A man wakes up after sleeping under an ADVERTISED blanket and puts off ADVERTISED pajamas in an ADVERTISED shower with an ADVERTISED razor and brushes his teeth with ADVERTISED toothpaste. He puts on ADVERTISED clothes, drinks a cup of ADVERTISED coffee and drives to work in an ADVERTISED car. Then he refuses to ADVERTISE believing it doesn’t pay. Later if business is poor he ADVERTISES it for sale.

TERZICH & WILSON
FUNERAL HOME
Our Family Serving Your Family Since 1940
225 E. Rose at Lyons
532-3131

BHAKARHAYEATHAWAY | California Realty
Home Services
- St. Pat’s Parishioners & Local Real Estate Professionals

768-2275

Christopher’s City Hotel Restaurant & What Cheer Saloon

CatholicMatch California

CatholicMatch.com/myCA

WHY IS IT
A man wakes up after sleeping under an ADVERTISED blanket and puts off ADVERTISED pajamas in an ADVERTISED shower with an ADVERTISED razor and brushes his teeth with ADVERTISED toothpaste. He puts on ADVERTISED clothes, drinks a cup of ADVERTISED coffee and drives to work in an ADVERTISED car. Then he refuses to ADVERTISE believing it doesn’t pay. Later if business is poor he ADVERTISES it for sale.