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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

This week’s readings invite us to work with the assistance of the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent, and to radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord which we all received by our Spirit-filled lives.

The First Reading describes the transformation of a pagan patriarch into a believer in the one God. His name will be transformed from Abram to Abraham and his small family into a great nation. All Abram has to do is to obey the Lord God’s command, and he does so.

The Second Reading, taken from St. Paul’s second letter to Timothy, explains the type of Lenten transformation expected of us. We are transformed when we recognize the hand of a loving, providing and disciplining God behind all our hardships, pain and suffering. We try our best to grow in holiness by cooperating with the grace of God given to us through Jesus and His Gospel.

In the Transfiguration story in the Gospel, Jesus is revealed as a glorious figure, with Moses and Elijah. The primary purpose of Jesus’ Transfiguration was to allow Jesus to consult His Heavenly Father in order to ascertain His plan for His Son’s suffering, death and Resurrection. The secondary purpose was to make His chosen disciples aware of Jesus’ Divine glory, so that they might discard their worldly ambitions and dreams of a conquering, political Messiah and might be strengthened in their time of trial. On the mountain, Jesus is identified by the Heavenly Voice as the Son of God. Thus, the transfiguration narrative is Christological, that is, a manifestation or revelation of who Jesus really is. Describing the Transfiguration, the Gospel gives us a glimpse of the Heavenly glory awaiting those who do God’s will by putting their trusting Faith in Jesus Christ.

A message from these readings for all of us is hope and encouragement. In moments of doubt, pain and suffering, disappointment and despair, we need mountain-top experiences to reach out to God and listen to His consoling words: “This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased.” Our “Lenten penance” will lead us to the “Easter joy.”

Please consider encouraging your children or grandchildren to be altar servers. I will be training them before Easter. They need to have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confession and Communion. Children who wish to be Altar Servers have to have that desire to serve at the Altar and Our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank You!

In the Merciful Christ,
Fr. Banka

St. Patrick’s Parish Lenten Mission
Saturday March 21
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Fr. Yesobu Banka presents:
Seven Words from the Cross

Please join us for a time of inspiration and spiritual growth, as we reflect on the spoken words of Christ while on the Cross.

All are welcome!

Census 2020
Census numbers shape how political power and federal tax dollars are shared in the U.S. over the next 10 years, including federal funding for faith communities and other public services. Please see the Catholic Social Teaching website for information and guidance by the U.S. Bishops, and other related sources, and ensure that you are counted.

www.stocktondiocese.org/cst
This Week in our Parish

**Sunday 3/8 ~** Meet & Greet hosted by the YLI
Daylight Saving Time begins

**Monday 3/9 ~** 40 Days for Life continues

**Wednesday 3/11 ~** Religious study, 4:00-5:30 pm
OLMC Parish House, Big Oak Flat

**Wednesday 3/11 ~** Reconciliation/ Adoration,
6:30 pm St. Patrick’s

**Friday 3/13 ~** Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper
5:00 pm OLMC; 6:00 pm St. Patrick’s

**Sunday 3/15 ~** St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon, after the
11:00 am Mass, St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

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Join us for a special event in honor of our Patron
St. Patrick’s Parish Annual

**St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon**
Traditional Irish food prepared by the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, March 15th
Following the 11:00 am Mass
Please bring a dessert to share.

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**OLMC Religious Study for Lent**

**NO GREATER LOVE**
“A Biblical Walk through Christ’s Passion”
Wednesday, 4:00-5:30 pm
OLMC Parish House

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Dear Parents,

St. Patrick’s is greatly in need of more children to serve as Altar Servers during Mass. As an Altar Server, your child will assist the Priest during Mass, learn more about the significance of the order of Mass, develop a deeper understanding of the Eucharist, and most importantly be serving the Lord! If you feel the Holy Spirit is calling you to encourage and support your child in this great ministry, please talk to Fr. Banka after Mass, or call the Parish office and leave a message and Fr. Banka will call you back. God Bless you!

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World famous Catholic Speaker Chris Stefanick is coming to Turlock for a youth event on
**Wed March 11**
7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

The event is called Reboot, focusing on renewing our faith and growing closer to Christ. We need parents to volunteer to be drivers for this event! If you are interested and can drive a few teens in your car, please reach out to me so I can get you the paperwork and we can plan carpools!

Thank You!
Angela Cordes, Youth Ministry Coordinator
angela@stpatssonora.org
(760) 399-0438

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St. Patrick’s Parish is following Bishop Cotta and the Diocese of Stockton’s recommendations to suspend Communion from the Chalice during this flu season and the growing concern of the coronavirus. We also recommend no shaking hands during the Sign of Peace, or holding hands during the Lord’s Prayer. If you are feeling unwell, or have any symptoms of the flu or common cold, you are not obliged to attend Mass.

We pray that all in our community stay healthy!
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

Jackie Boling  Lois Marzocchi
David Costa    Lee O’Shaughnessy
Aldo Diaz      Jan Opie
Eileen Hogan   Gloria & Nuncy Patania
David & Carol James  Juan Pulido
Jeanne Kiely    Mary Russell
Bill Kiesling   Connie Scott
Rosemarie Lapan Clay Sweeney
Kathy Lopez     Dan Ward
Ashlie Lotz

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

Lent is like a long “retreat” during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, in order to defeat the temptations of the Evil One. It is a period of spiritual combat which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but by using the arms of faith: prayer, listening to the word of God and penance. In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism.” -- Pope Benedict XVI

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers for their Ombudsman program. A 36-hour State Certification Training begins on March 18th. Interested parties should call 209-532-7632.

St. Patrick’s Knights of Columbus Council #2165

Spring Breakfast Fundraiser!

Sunday March 29
after all morning Masses
Adults, $10
Children under 12, $7
French toast, sausage, fruit, scrambled eggs, coffee or juice

All proceeds go to support the efforts of the Knights of Columbus in our community.
Tickets may be purchased from any member of the KOC.

The Sacrament of Baptism
We joyfully welcome

Timothy Hallock
Ronin John Dilbeck
Alejandro Alberto Ramirez-Padilla
Baptized January-February 2020

Forty Days for Life continues on Monday, March 9. We will stand on the corner of Mono Way and Greenley every Monday in Lent, from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm. All participants are asked to stand for one hour. Be the voice for those who have no voice. We must protect the innocent, and give true support to the women who carry them. If you haven’t already signed-up, please choose your hour, and sign-up forms are in the Parish Office.

We pray the Stations of the Cross and then come together for a Lenten Soup Supper every Friday evening in Lent.  
5:00 pm OLMC
6:00 pm St. Patrick’s

Please join us for this wonderful tradition and beautiful time of fellowship in Christ. If you want to take soup home with you, please bring a container.

St. Patrick’s Pastoral Council
PARISH ASSEMBLY
Following all Masses on
Saturday March 28 and
Sunday March 29
St. Patrick’s Parish Hall

Members of the Pastoral Council will be on hand to meet, speak and listen to you, the parishioners of St. Patrick’s Parish.
Bring your questions, concerns, and ideas on how to make our Parish even more vibrant.
Together, we thrive!
March 8, 2020

The Second Sunday of Lent

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Tuesday 3/17 ~ St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon 12:00 St. Patrick’s Parish Hall
Saturday 3/21 ~ Parish Mission 10:00 am - Noon “Seven Words from the Cross”
Sunday 3/22 ~ La Fiesta de San Jose, 3:00 pm Misa
Sat & Sun 3/28 & 3/29 ~ Pastoral Council Parish Assembly
Tuesday 3/24 ~ Lenten Penance Service, 6:30 pm St. Patrick’s
Friday 3/27 ~ Lenten Penance Service, 4:00 pm OLMC
Thursday 4/2 ~ Chrism Mass, Cathedral of the Annunciation, Stockton, 6:00 pm
Sunday 4/5 ~ Palm Sunday
Thursday 4/9 ~ Holy Thursday
Friday 4/10 ~ Good Friday
Saturday 4/11 ~ Easter Vigil
Sunday 4/12 ~ Easter Sunday

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday March 9 ~ Sunday March 15

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 8, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; rom 5:1-2, 5-9; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday March 8 ~ Saturday March 14

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent
Daylight Saving Time begins;
International Women’s Day

Monday: St. Francis of Rome;
Purim (Jewish observation) begins at sunset

Friday: Abstinence

Weekly Offerings

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Ash Wednesday: $1,619

Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!