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 frbanka@stpatssonora.org. God bless.

In Christ, Fr. Yesobu Banka, Parish Administrator
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

Father Banka’s Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

Lent is primarily the time of intense spiritual preparation for conquering our temptations, using the means Jesus used during His 40 days of preparation in the desert for His public life. It is also the time for renewing our lives for the celebration of Easter with our Risen Lord who conquered sin and death by His suffering, death and Resurrection. This weekend’s readings teach us that we are always tempted by the devil, by the world and by our own selfish interests. So we need to cooperate actively with God’s grace to conquer our temptations.

The first reading, taken from the book of Genesis describes the Original Temptation — “You will be like gods, knowing what is good and what is evil.” Adam and Eve were given the possibility of making a choice to live for God, dependent upon and obedient to His will, or to say no to God. The temptation to evil led Adam and Eve to an act of faithlessness and sin. In contrast, the Gospel reading from St. Matthew shows us how Jesus Christ conquered temptation by relying on Faith in God’s Word and authority. In the second reading, St. Paul describes how the disobedience of Adam, who fell to Satan’s Original Temptation, brought him and us sin, death, and a broken relationship with God. Paul explains that Christ regained for us the right relationship with God by His perfect obedience to God, His Father.

The Gospel teaches us how the desert experience of fasting, praying, and soul-strengthening enabled Jesus to confront His temptations successfully, and then to preach the Good News of salvation. The tempter urges Jesus to turn stones into loaves of bread. But Jesus rejects that temptation to mistrust His Father by satisfying his own immediate, temporal needs and thus reducing His Divine mission to self-satisfaction. The tempter then suggests that Jesus prove that He is really the Son of God by jumping off the parapet of the temple. Jesus rejects this as a temptation to act as God’s superior and demand He prove His Trustworthiness! Finally, Jesus rejects the temptation to idolatry, even if worshipping Satan would enrich and empower Jesus with all kingdoms of the world.

Fasting from food and material pleasure is one of the useful exercises of Lent. Fasting from food is not easy and that is why people generally look miserable when they are fasting. Fasting is not limited to food alone, but fasting from sin and from some bad words and habits. Pope Leo the Great explains a deeper meaning of fasting when he says, “Fasting is not simply a reduction in our food, but elimination of our evil habits.” In other words, fasting is about detaching ourselves from some worldly pleasures, activities and exercises in order to focus more on our relationship with God. I wish you all a very fruitful Lenten Season. Prayers for all of you! 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!

The Diocese of Stockton
Bishop’s Ministry Appeal
has ended, but you can still contribute.

Fr. Banka would like everyone to read the final insert in this Bulletin. If you have already made your contribution, thank you for your generosity!
**This Week in our Parish**

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| Wednesday 3/4| Religious study, 4:00-5:30 pm  
OLMC Parish House, Big Oak Flat                                  |
| Wednesday 3/4| Reconciliation/ Adoration, 6:30 pm  
St. Patrick’s                                      |
| Friday 3/6   | Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper  
5:00 pm OLMC; 6:00 pm St. Patrick’s               |
| Sunday 3/8   | Meet & Greet hosted by the YLI  
Daylight Saving Time begins                       |

**Life Matters** begins on Monday, March 2. 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. Please choose your hour, and sign up forms are in the Parish Office.

**Funerals**

Bonnie Patania  
Saturday, March 7  
1:00 pm

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.

**California Primary Election Day**

**Tuesday March 3**

It’s your Right  
It’s your Voice  
It’s your VOTE!

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!

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!!! I would love to get our youth group to hear this great speaker!!! Help me plan ahead early so we can get enough tickets!!! Thank You!!!

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

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. This is only a temporary measure. We will again distribute Communion from the Chalice as soon as Bishop Cotta informs us it is safe to do so. We pray that all in our community stay healthy this winter!
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

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

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**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.

**Lenten Penance Services**

- **Tuesday, March 24**
  - 6:30 pm
  - St. Patrick’s

- **Friday, March 27**
  - 4:00 pm
  - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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**33º CONGRESO CATOLICO JUVENIL**

Diócesis de Stockton

**Jóvenes, los invitamos al Congreso Juvenil.**

Habrá temas de interés para la juventud, música, teatro, oración, y un gran concierto con **Tony Melendez**. Conferencias para adolescentes, Jóvenes y Quinceañeras.

**Conferencistas:** Invitado especial el Obispo Myron J. Cotta y otros.

- **Fecha:** 14 de marzo, 2020
- **Horario:** 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM
- **Lugar:** Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 K. Street, Modesto
- **Costo:** $12.00 Incluye lunch y Concierto

Para más información comunique al [209] 466-0636 ext. 627 o 632; o vía email: jlopez@stocktondiocese.org
https://stocktondiocese.org/diocesan-departments/youth-youngadult-ministry/

**33rd Youth & Young Adults Catholic Conference**

Diocese of Stockton

Young people are invited to the Youth Congress. There will be music, plays, prayer, and a great concert with **TONY MELENDEZ**.

**Special guest Speakers:** Bishop Myron J. Cotta and others. Conferences for teenagers, Young Adults, and Quinceañeras.

- **Date:** March 14, 2020
- **Time:** 8:30 AM – 5:30 PM
- **Place:** Modesto Centre Plaza, 1000 K. Street, Modesto
- **Cost:** $12.00 includes lunch and concert.

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**Liturgical Ministers**

Lectors, EMHC, Altar Servers, and Ushers:

If there are any dates you know you are NOT available to minister during the 2nd Quarter of 2020 (April, May, June), please let Sandra Betti know by Friday, **March 6th**.

Please call 532-7139, ext. 109, or email your dates to sandra@stpatssonora.org, or leave a note in the Parish Office.

Thank you for your ministry!
March 1, 2020

The First Sunday of Lent

Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date
Sunday 3/8 ~ Daylight Saving Time Begins
Tuesday 3/17 ~ St. Patrick’s Day
Saturday 3/21 ~ Parish Mission 10:00 am - Noon
“Seven Words from the Cross”
Saturday 3/21 & Sunday 3/22 ~ Ministry Weekend
Sunday 3/22 ~ La Fiesta de San Jose, 3:00 pm Misa
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

Mass for the Week

Saturday February 29 ~ Sunday March 8
Saturday 5:00 pm Richard Davis 
Joseph Patania (Healing)
Sunday 7:30 am Catherine Bentz 
Bob Julian
9:00 am All Souls in Purgatory 
Jeff Fish 
11:00 am Tony Roma 
Walter Pineda 
5:00 pm Jose Torrez Ramirez
Miguel Bernal 

We say the rosary after each 8:00 am weekday Mass.
Monday 8:00 am
Blake Hartel (Healing)
Raul Gamboa 
Joseph Mattingly 
Tuesday 8:00 am
Joan Holland
Matt & Kimberly Cushman (Healing)
Wednesday 8:00 am
Kris Cadagan 
Thursday 8:00 am
No Intentions
Friday 8:00 am
Margarete & Gijsbert Spilt 
Saturday 5:00 pm
Bonnie Patania 
Margarita Gomez 
Sunday 7:30 am
Richard Lauterio 
Dick Underhill 
9:00 am Lawrence Rodrigues, Jr. 
Bessie Rapoza 
11:00 am
Mitch Woods 
Larry & Gwen Ulibarri
5:00 pm Jose Torrez Ramirez
Socorro Gandarilla 

Weekly Goal $10,000
Week 7 Participation 27%
Week 8 Participation 32%
February Totals

General Offerings
St. Pat’s $4,901 $9,770 $27,989
OLMC $6,473 $1,096 $10,558
E-giving $475 $900 $2,650
Total $11,849 $11,766 $41,197

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Maintenance Offering
St. Pat’s $78 $75 $1,227
OLMC $10 $0 $175
Total $88 $75 $1,402

Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday March 2 ~ Sunday March 8

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C.12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday March 1 ~ Saturday March 7
Sunday: First Sunday of Lent
Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins
Tuesday: St. Katharine Drexel
Wednesday: Julian Calendar Lent begins
Friday: World Day of Prayer; Abstinence;
First Friday
Saturday: St. Perpetua and St. Felicity; First Saturday

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