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
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

This weekend’s readings are centered on Baptism and new life. Living water represents God’s Spirit Who comes to us in Baptism, penetrating every aspect of our lives and quenching our spiritual thirst. The Word of God, the Holy Spirit of God, and the Sacraments of God in the Church are the primary sources of the living water of Divine Grace.

We assemble in the Church to drink this water of eternal life and salvation. Washed in it at Baptism, renewed by its abundance at each Eucharist, invited to it in every proclamation of the Word, and daily empowered by the anointing of the Spirit, we are challenged by today’s Gospel to remain thirsty for the living water, which only God can give.

The first reading describes how God provided water to the ungrateful complainers of Israel, thus placing Jesus’ promise within the context of the Exodus account of water coming from the rock at Horeb. In the second reading, Saint Paul asserts that, as the Savior of humankind, Jesus poured the living water of the gift of the Holy Spirit into our hearts.

In the Gospel, an unclean and outcast Samaritan woman is given an opportunity to receive the living water. Jesus awakened in the woman at the well a thirst for the wholeness and integrity which she had lost, a thirst which He had come to satisfy. This Gospel passage also gives us Jesus’s revelation about Himself as the Source of Living Water and teaches us that we need the grace of Jesus Christ for eternal life because He is that life-giving water.

This last Monday I attended a seminar at St. Joseph’s Medical Center, Stockton. There was great input and information about what precautions we all should observe throughout the parish during this active coronavirus outbreak. It is highly recommended that common sense precautions be observed. Please observe preventive behaviors like minimizing close contact at our liturgical services and public events. Anyone who is sick or feels symptoms of sickness should stay home and they are given exemption from the obligation of attending Mass. Try to use alcohol-based sanitizers and no physical contact at the sign of peace. Please help yourself and others during this time of this virus outbreak. I thank you all for your kind cooperation.

In the Merciful Christ,
Fr. Banka

May you always walk in sunshine, may you never want for more. May angels rest their wings right beside your door. (Irish blessing)

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!

The “Called and Gifted” program is a process that helps an individual discern the personal charisms they own, which bring energizing joy while accomplishing things for God. The At One With The Spirit group is seeking interested parishioners to go through the process this spring. We hope participation will eventually grow to encompass most of our parish family, and there are numerous ministries to use your unique gifts.

Mary’s Garden along the west edge of the Steinmetz House has been a little-used site of respite and prayer. Fr. Banka would like to move this special area closer to the main Church, enhance it and install a larger statue of Mary. Council members will be giving their thoughts on a better location, as well as designs to make it a truly contemplative space.

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
SATURDAY MARCH 14 ~ SUNDAY MARCH 22

Saturday 5:00 pm  Socorro Gandarilla
Bonnie Patania

Sunday 7:30 am  Aurora Andre
Dallas Baxter (Healing)

9:00 am  Deceased members of the YLI
Manuel & Elizabeth Rapoza

11:00 am  Herbert Rapoza
Patrick Wither

5:00 pm  Socorro Gandarilla
Jose Torrez Ramirez

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

Monday 8:00 am  Betty Mercado

Tuesday 8:00 am  Mike Schirmer
Kraig Clifton (Healing)

Wednesday Souls in Purgatory

Thursday  No Intentions

Friday  No Intentions

Saturday  Margarita Gomez
Marcos Balbuena

OLMC  Rolene Kiesling

Sunday  Trish Brissey
Carleton Penwell
Tete Arellano

OLMC  Rolene Kiesling
Clifford Woods
Jose Torrez Ramirez
Michael Johnston
Lizbeth Gutierrez


Although public Mass is suspended, Fr. Banka will still pray all Mass Intentions at his personal daily Mass.

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

Jackie Boling  Kathy Lopez
David Costa  Ashlie Lotz
Evan Dean  Lois Marzocchi
Aldo Diaz  Lee O’Shaughnessy
Eileen Hogan  Jan Opie
A.J. Holmes  Gloria & Nunci Patania
Jeanne Kiely  Juan Pulido
Bill Kiesling  Connie Scott
Rosemarie Lapan  Clay Sweeney

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday March 16 ~ Sunday March 22

Monday:  2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3, 43:3, 4;
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:  Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:  Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:  2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday:  Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:  Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday:  1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES
Sunday March 15 ~ Saturday March 21

Sunday:  Third Sunday of Lent

Tuesday:  St. Patrick

Wednesday:  St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Thursday:  St. Joseph, Spring begins

Friday:  Abstinence

Weekly Offerings

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| Maintenance Offering |                          |                          |                      |
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| St. Pat’s            | $790                     | $67                      | $857                 |
| OLMC                 | $125                     | $60                      | $185                 |
| Total                | $915                     | $127                     | $1,042               |

Black and Indian Missions:  St. Pat’s $692; OLMC $65
Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!