St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News

Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.

LUKE 12:15

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
AUGUST 4, 2019

“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
“Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!” Tough words for anyone, especially those of us in the performing arts, to hear! Yet it’s so true, when you think of how many spend their short time here on Earth in labor, toil, and anxiety over things that are earthly. They try so hard to store up treasures for themselves, whether it’s money or fame, and end up in utter poverty, possessing none of the things which matter to God.

The readings this Sunday are full of good advice on how we should spend our earthly days. I would like to tell you about a man who spent his life using all his wisdom and talent in the service of God. History records him as “the man who saved church music.” Church music was never really in danger, but Palestrina did set the foundation for music in the Catholic Church while carefully following Catholic doctrine, and paved the way for the rich, glorious legacy of sacred music composers who followed after him.

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1514-1597), organist, singer, and composer, lived in Rome during the Renaissance. He held many important positions within the Church, most notably as choirmaster at the Basilica of St. Mary Major and at St. Peter’s Basilica, and was composer for the Papal Choir. His musical ability is well known, but more important was his spiritual formation under the guidance of Fr. Philip Neri, (now St. Philip Neri) through whom Palestrina gained insight into the spirit of the liturgy, and with God’s grace composed beautiful, lilting music for the church which was both reverent and joyful.

And then came the Protestant Reformation, virtually tearing Europe apart. The Catholic Church responded to this heresy with the Counter-Reformation, also called the Catholic Revival, and through the Council of Trent issued key statements which upheld the basic tenets of the Church, clarified her doctrines and teachings, established new standards of discipline, and firmly protected the Church from the earthly forces which threatened to pull her down. The Council of Trent met 25 times during the 18 years of 1545-1563. Toward the end of the Council, the issue of sacred music was addressed. For many decades prior there had been concerns within the Church that certain elements of secular music had made its way into sacred music – for example, music that was so ornamented and complex that the words were obscured and emotions brought forth were not conducive to worship. (The Protestant reformists went much further, using popular drinking songs as the basis for many of their hymns!) The Council decreed that, “Since the sacred mysteries should be celebrated with utmost reverence, with both deepest feeling toward God alone, and with external worship that is truly suitable and becoming, so that others may be filled with devotion and called to religion: Everything should be regulated so that the Masses, whether they be celebrated with the plain voice or in song, may reach the ears of the hearers and quietly penetrate their hearts. Nothing profane should be intermingled, but only hymns and divine praises. If something from the divine service is sung with the organ, let it first be recited in a simple, clear voice, lest the reading of the sacred words be imperceptible. But the entire manner of singing in musical modes should be calculated not to afford vain delight to the ear, but so that the words may be comprehensible to all; and thus may the hearts of the listeners be caught up into the desire for celestial harmonies and contemplation of the joys of the Blessed.” (1562, 22nd Session, Canon 8)

The laity’s interpretation of this decree at first struck terror throughout the choirs and organ lofts of Rome, with the alarmists claiming that all polyphonic music (literally “many voices”, i.e. music with harmony and accompaniment) was going to be eliminated in the Church. Actually, the Council did not state anything of the sort, but the rumors persisted. Palestrina calmed the fears of the alarmists and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit composed the Missa Papae Marcelli (“Mass for Pope Marcellus”), which the Papal Choir sang for the Council, in complete accord with the decree. Palestrina, using all his God-given skills, wrote this Mass of intense spiritual beauty, with moving melodic lines that interweave and cross over each other, music that delights the ear and fills the soul, and with text that is set within this glorious harmony in such a way that every word is clearly understood. Pope Pius VI declared, by Papal Brief, that Palestrina was to be the model for future generations of Catholic composers.

Palestrina, a brilliant and talented man, spent his life in service to God. His labors were for the Church and the liturgy, and he saw the Church through some of her darkest times in history. I highly encourage everyone to go to YouTube and listen to the music of Giovanni Palestrina. His thoughts were on what is above, not below; he put to death the parts of himself that were earthly, and was rich in those things that matter to God.

Pax Christi,
Sandra Betti
Music Director, St. Patrick’s Catholic Church
This Week in our Parish

Saturday 8/3 & Sunday 8/4 ~ All weekend Masses are in the Parish Hall; Parish Services Collection

Monday 8/5 ~ Encounter 6:30 - 7:45 pm
Parish Hall, Room 3

Wednesday 8/7 ~ 6:30 pm Adoration - Parish Hall, Room 3; Reconciliation - Parish Hall, Room 2

Saturday 8/10 & Sunday 8/11 ~ All weekend Masses are in the Parish Hall

IS GOD CALLING YOU?
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, also love 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.

In our Religious Education Program, we like to have two teaching partners in each class, kindergarten through 8th grade. Could one of those positions be your gift to our children? We are also in need of help with simple reorganization of closets and before-the-new-year set up, if teaching isn’t your ministry. Please contact Kathy Casas to volunteer and for more information. 770-5987

Religious Education classes will begin
Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 pm

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

"The Immaculate Mother of God, ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."
(Pope Pius XII, Dogma of the Assumption, 44)

Mass Times

OLMC (Vigil Mass) Wednesday, August 14th 5:00 pm
St. Patrick’s Thursday, August 15th 8:00 am and 6:30 pm

"Arm yourself with a PRAYER, rather than a sword; be clothed with HUMILITY, rather than fine raiment."
St. Dominic

Sunday, August 25th

♦ Mass at 11:30 am in the Movie Amphitheater.
♦ Picnic after Mass! We have reserved 2 picnic spots in the Day Use Area, “Fir” and “Pine”.
♦ Hamburgers & hot dogs, paper plates and plastic utensils will be provided by the Parish.
♦ Parking is not reserved—please park in the large lot and walk to the Day Use Area, or at the Commercial Center and take the shuttle to the lake.
♦ Please bring your own camping chairs, blankets, sunscreen, games, and beverages.
♦ Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you bring a salad, please keep it packed in ice.
♦ Pets are not allowed in the Day Use Area during the summer months.
♦ Please call the Parish Office to let us know you are attending, so we can have an accurate count.
♦ If you can bring an outdoor “pop-up” to provide shade, please call the Parish Office.

Don’t miss this wonderful day!
Enjoy God’s beautiful creation with your fellow parishioners.
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

Al Biedrzycki  Kristine Kitamura
Jackie Boling  Lois McLain
Jalen Bozzo  Lois Marzocchi
Mary Brown  Rebecca & Joe Nichols
Anna Davison  Angela Pinocchio
Ed Hall  Juan Pulido
Eileen Hogan  Clay Sweeney
A. J. Holmes  Dan Ward
Jeanne Kiely  Mitch & Trish Woods
Bill Kiesling

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

INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD, we commend the soul of Alice Clisham
May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Fall Retreat September 13 - 15, 2019
Old Oak Ranch
15250 Old Oak Ranch Road,
Sonora, CA 95370
The Sermon On The Mount
Registration
Visit us at www.CatholicMen.org for online registration and payment options. Or, mail registration form with $185 donation for lodging and meals to:
2019 CMF CA Fall Retreat
10905 Kelso Ct.
Sonora, CA 95370
Or
Email CMF: SonoraCMF@gmail.com
Or
Call (209) 264-2263

OLMC Parish Services
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Services is an organization within the parish which provides assistance to our community. We are guided by the wisdom of the Spirit to follow our Catholic tradition of caring for those in need by providing the physical and financial needs of our parishioners and the community. The phone number to call to request assistance or information is 209 532-7139 Ext 111 and is on the front page of the church bulletin. This phone number is monitored by our Core Group. We could use one or two more volunteers on our Core Group. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please call the number above and a member will return your call. If you would be available to prepare food for sick or funerals, light home repairs, light yard work or social visits, please fill out a form which are available at the Parish Service box at the back of the church and put it in the box. Thank you for your past support.

What: Invitation to a Religious Study of The Parables of Jesus
(6 sessions)
Where: OLMC Parish House
When: Wednesdays starting on August 7th
Time: 4:00 – 5:30 PM
DVD Speaker: Several Speakers

Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid, and engaging stories. Woven from the stuff of everyday life, the parables of Jesus made the Kingdom of God understandable and accessible to his listeners. Gain new insights into Jesus’ parables and their meanings that will help you to appreciate more fully their relevance in your own life.

This study will be based on a DVD presentation followed by a group discussion which will require minimal preparation. Each session is presented by a different instructor and consists of the following components:

♦ Historical and cultural background information
♦ An engaging, close look at the biblical text and its meaning
♦ Accurate, encouraging, and challenging applications of the Bible’s message to life today

Please sign up for this class as soon as possible. Contact Warren Belisle at 962-4309 or email: bellale@msn.com
**Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date**

**Wednesday 8/14** ~ Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 5:00 pm OLMC

**Thursday 8/15** ~ Masses for The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 8:00 am and 6:30 pm St. Pat’s

**Sunday 8/18** ~ Parish Picnic, Pinecrest Lake

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

**Saturday 9/7 & Sunday 9/8** ~ Second Collection for the Catholic University of America

**Sunday 9/22** ~ Catholic Charities Sunday

**Friday 9/13 - Sunday 9/15** ~ Catholic Men’s Fellowship Retreat

**Sunday 10/6** ~ Respect Life Sunday

**Friday 11/1** ~ All Saints Day

**Saturday 11/2** ~ All Souls Day

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday August 5 ~ Sunday August 11**

**Monday:** Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

**Tuesday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

**Wednesday:** Nm 13:1-2, 25 -- 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

**Thursday:** Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23

**Friday:** Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday:** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

**Sunday:** Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday August 4 ~ Saturday August 10**

**Sunday:** Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Monday:** Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

**Tuesday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord

**Wednesday:** St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan

**Thursday:** St. Dominic

**Friday:** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

**Saturday:** St. Lawrence

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**Weekly Offerings**

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**Feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim:** St. Anne’s $570

Thank you for your continued and generous offerings!