St. Patrick’s Catholic Parish
Sonora, California

The GOOD News
... in Our Parish

Pentecost
SUNDAY
June 9, 2019

There appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them.
Acts 2:3

“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. If you 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

Volume 8, Number 23
Father Sam's Message

This Sunday, 50 days after our Lord's Resurrection, we are celebrating the Solemnity of Pentecost. In this great feast marking the conclusion of the Easter season, we recognize and honor the Holy Spirit, the third Divine Person of the Most Holy Trinity. The Holy Spirit is co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son and is often described as the eternal love between Father and Son. I think we can sometimes “forget” about the importance of the Holy Spirit in our relationship with God because so much of the time we are talking about our Lord Jesus, what He said and did in His earthly ministry. However, we should remember the Holy Spirit was with our Lord Jesus in every instance of His mission of salvation. Actually, the Holy Spirit began the mission to save the world by bringing Jesus, the Eternal Word of God, to Mary when the Blessed Mother consented to be the Mother of God and “conceived by the Holy Spirit.” The eternal and perfect union of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is manifest throughout our Lord Jesus’ entire mission to reveal to us the fullness of God’s love and Mercy in His person. Jesus, always in union, never did anything apart from His Father and Holy Spirit. In John’s Gospel, our Lord tells us, “yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me.” The Holy Spirit’s role is to help us extend what Jesus did and said in our own place and time as the mystical Body of Christ, the Church, and individually as children of God.

The Holy Spirit is needed for us to be united to our Lord Jesus Christ, to share in His Divine Life. As the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit sanctifies us, making us ready and able to be in union with God by “grafting” or “fusing” each of us to our Lord Jesus. He animates and guides us to live the eternal life our Lord won for us in His death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit forms, shapes, each of us to be like our Lord Jesus. The transforming elements of fire and water are appropriate as symbols of the Holy Spirit. Like clay is shaped by water and hardened by fire, we, who are made from “clay” of the earth, are shaped by the Holy Spirit, the living water of God’s grace, into the image of Christ, and fused to remain in His image by the fire of Divine love. We receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to make each of us reflect more vividly the Christ’s image. Allowing and calling on the Holy Spirit to be active in us, we become more fruitful, effective witnesses of God’s love and plan. The Spirit helps us to effectively share the faith, fulfill our mission to preach and teach all nations. In the first reading for the Mass during the day on Pentecost Sunday, we hear, “. . . each one heard them speaking in his own language.” The Holy Spirit, who “appeared to them tongues as of fire,” enabled those who listened to the Apostles preach to understand the message of salvation, to know who Jesus is and what God has done to save us! The Spirit helps the Church to “speak the language” that can be understood. The Holy Spirit does the work of the conversion of heart and the evangelization of the world - to lead others to know God.

We ask the Holy Spirit to refresh us and give us an even greater desire for holiness, to better love God and others. So let us ask our Merciful Lord, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and our Patron, St. Patrick, for the grace to accept the gifts of the Holy Spirit and through Him dwelling in our hearts, bear His fruits for us and others.

Update on new Front entrance and door Project

Many of you are probably wondering what is happening with our long-awaited remodel of the front entrance and the replacement of the Church doors. Since the beginning of the year, we have made some great progress and soon are going to start the actual work, have a “ground-breaking.” During the construction, the St. Patrick’s Church building will not be accessible through the front doors, so we will not be able to have Masses in the Church. Starting July 1st, all weekend Masses will be in the parish hall and the daily Masses will be in classroom 3, downstairs in the hall. In next week’s bulletin, I will be able to offer more details on the plan to improve our access to the Church.

In Christ, Fr. Sam West

Adoration and Reconciliation
Every Wednesday, 6:30 pm
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

“The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease.”

(CCC #289)
June 9, 2019

This Week in our Parish

Saturday 6/8 ~ Pentecost Vigil Mass, St. Patrick’s
Sunday 6/9 ~ Meet & Greet: YLI
Monday 6/10 ~ Encounter! Adoration, Worship & Praise, 6:30 - 7:45 pm, St. Patrick’s
Thursday 6/13 ~ Religious Study, OLMC (Big Oak Flat) 4:00 - 5:30 pm, Parish House
Saturday 6/15 ~ Altar Duty: Pat Eaton
Saturday & Sunday, 6/15 & 6/16 ~ Baby Bottle Boomerang ends, Father’s Day weekend
Sunday 6/16 ~ Meet & Greet: Religious Ed

“In heaven, everyone’s in the choir.”
Why not join an earthly one?
St. Patrick’s choir needs you!
For more information, please contact
Sandra Betti, Music Director:
209-532-7139, ext.109 or sandra@stpatssonora.org

Why do we sing during Mass?
We are born to sing - just listen to a baby testing the full range of newly-discovered vocal abilities! Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone’s in the choir; why not start practicing now?
--James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

“The Holy Spirit renews all things: He renews our heart, our life, and makes us live differently, but in a way that takes up the whole of our life. You cannot be a Christian of “pieces,” a part-time Christian. Don’t be afraid of the newness that the Holy Spirit works in us!”
Pope Francis

Religious Study at OLMC
Discover the Roots of Our Catholic Faith
“Epic: The Early Church” will lead you on a powerful, fast-paced journey through the first 500 years of Church history. You’ll meet courageous saints, eloquent theologians, ruthless emperors and heroic martyrs. This dynamic 10-part program presents the origins of the Faith from a truly Catholic perspective! Understanding Church history is an important part of our faith journey as a Catholic. And yet, we might find it difficult to articulate those reasons to others. This study will give us information to more easily evangelize with confidence.
Thursday evenings, 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Parish House, OLMC (Big Oak Flat)
For more information, please contact Warren Belisle
bellale@msn.com

Are YOU prepared for Wildfire Season?
READY, SET, GO!
Your Personal Wildfire Action Plan
Presentation by Emily Kilgore, Fire Prevention Specialist from Cal Fire
6:30 pm ~ Tuesday June 11
St Patrick’s Church Parish Hall

Please invite your friends and neighbors.
Let’s all have a safe summer, and keep our beautiful forests and hillsides green!

Attention all Lectors, EMHC, Altar Servers, and Ushers:
If there are any dates you know you are NOT available to minister during the 3rd Quarter of 2019 (July, August, September), please let Sandra Betti know by Thursday, June 14th. Please call 532-7139, ext. 109, or email your information to sandra@stpatssonora.org, or leave a note in the office.
Thank you for your ministry!
Welcome to St. Patrick’s Catholic Church

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

Al Biedrzycki  Bill Kiesling
Jackie Boling  Kristine Kitamura
Jalen Bozzo  Judi Maguire
Mary Brown  Cindy Merritt
Anna Davison  Juan Pulido
Bernie Frost  Clay Sweeney
Ed Hall  Dan Ward
A. J. Holmes  Mitch & Trish Woods

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

The Power of Prayer
St. Patrick’s prayer chain shares names of those needing prayer for health or other healing. Our community is dedicated to asking the Lord and His Blessed Mother to hear our prayers for one another. The list of people comprising our prayer chain is being revised. If you are already listed on the Prayer Chain or want to join, please contact Debby Cushman at (209) 533-2756.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Worship and Praise Music
Monday evenings 6:30-7:45 pm
St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Sonora

Encounter
Into Your Hands, O Lord,
we commend the soul of
Angela Guissi Brown
May her soul and the souls of all
the faithful departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace.

Attn: St. Patrick’s kids - you are welcome to attend Vacation Bible Camp at All Saints Church, Twain Harte
Shipwrecked—Rescued by Jesus
Come sail away...
All Saints Church Vacation Bible Camp
New friends, creative games, tropical treats, incredible music, surprising adventures, amazing experiments!
Dates: July 15 – 19
Time: 8:45am to 1:00pm
For more information, call: 831-588-9223
or
All Saints Parish Office 209-586-3161.
Registrations are now available.
Contact DRE, Noli Farwell at nfarwell@sbcglobal.net

SB 360, the bill which threatens the seal of confession, is now headed to the State Assembly after passing out of the Senate. We must continue to work to protect confession for all as the bill moves to the State Assembly. Please urge your State Assembly Member to vote ‘no’ on SB 360 to protect the seal of confession. Please do your part in protecting the seal of confession. Take Action Now: Send an email to our Assembly Member Frank Bigelow (District 5) opposing SB 360. Go to: www.assembly.ca.gov/assemblymembers Scroll down to Frank Bigelow, click on Contact. Or go to: www.cqrcengage.com/cacatholic/app/write-a-letter?0&engagementId=498306

Sunday Mass at Pinecrest Lake
11:30 am,
Pinecrest Amphitheater
Every Sunday during the summer months.

Baby Bottle Boomerang!
Ends next weekend, June 15-16.
Keep filling up your baby bottle bank with coins and cash, and bring it back to church on Father's Day weekend, June 15-16.
All proceeds support the ministry of the Foothill Pregnancy Center.
Thank you for promoting the sanctity of human life!

Everyone is invited to join our celebration of the Feast of Corpus Christi with a Eucharistic Procession after the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday, June 23. We will walk from the Church to Courthouse Park, in a public proclamation of our adoration, praise, and thanksgiving to God for the great gift of the Holy Eucharistic.
Upcoming Events ~ Save the Date

Sunday 6/23 ~ Corpus Christi
Thursday 7/4 ~ Independence Day
Tuesday 7/16 ~ Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Friday 7/26 ~ Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne
Thursday 8/15 ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday 9/2 ~ Labor Day
Friday 11/1 ~ All Saints Day
Saturday 11/2 ~ All Souls Day

Weekly Offerings

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Maintenance Offering

|                  |                  |            |                 |
| St. Pat’s        | $40              | $1,202     | $870            |
| OLMC             | $45              | $175       | $100            |
| Total            | $85              | $1,377     | $970            |

Parish Services: $521 St. Pat’s; $113 OLMC
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Mass and Intentions for the Week

Saturday June 8 ~ Sunday June 16

Saturday 5:00 pm Mary Ann Widerman  
William Schrag  

Sunday 7:30 am Roy Volpetti  
Sandy Pallante  
9:00 am Tete Arellano  
Joan Holland  
11:00 am Sandy Pallante  
Fran Barberini (Healing)  
5:00 pm Alicia Sanchez  
Jose Lopez  

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

Monday 8:00 am Sandy Pallante  
Tuesday 8:00 am No Intentions  
Wednesday 8:00 am Alicia Diaz  
Ines Bandera  
Thursday 8:00 am Jeanne Kiely (Healing)  
Friday 8:00 am No Intentions  
Saturday 5:00 pm Jack McCoy  
Jack & LaVon Woodcock  
Sunday 7:30 am Roy Volpetti  
Joan Holland  
9:00 am Deceased members of the YLI  
Jeanne Kiely (Healing)  
11:00 am Ed Dunne  
Joaquin Andre  
5:00 pm Alicia Sanchez  
Lizbeth Gutierrez  

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday June 10 ~ Sunday June 16

Monday:  
Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14;  
Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday:  
Acts 11:21b-26; Ps 119:129-133, 135;  
Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday:  
2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday:  
2 Cor 3:15 -- 4:1, 3-6; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;  
Mt 5:20-26

Friday:  
2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116:10-11, 15-18;  
Mt 5:27-32

Saturday:  
2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday:  
Prv 8:22-31; Ps 8:4-9; Rom 5:1-5;  
Jn 16:12-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday June 9 ~ Saturday June 15

Sunday:  
Pentecost Sunday

Monday:  
Tenth Week in Ordinary Time;  
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Tuesday:  
St. Barnabas

Thursday:  
St. Anthony of Padua

Friday:  
Flag Day

Saturday:  
Blessed Virgin Mary

Weekly Goal: $10,000
5-26-19 Week 21 Participation: 28%
May Totals: $15,124
6-2-19 Week 22 Participation: 28%

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